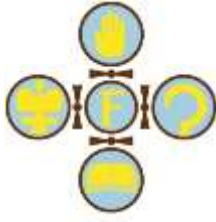


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ST. FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a bumper edition this week. Please take a few minutes to update yourself about current events in St. Fillan's and especially, to find out further details about the pantomime trip and Parents' Appointments.

School clothing

I seek your assistance in ensuring that your own child understands their responsibility for their own clothing. I have had numerous parents advise that their child has lost or misplaced an item of clothing. I'm sure you will appreciate that we cannot possibly keep tabs on every item of clothing a child wears to school. So, please ensure all clothing is marked clearly with your child's name. On a daily basis, we reinforce the importance of children taking responsibility for their own belongings including jackets and would appreciate this message being reinforced at home.

In addition, it is very important that all pupils have a change of clothing in schoolbags. In October, more than half of the pupils who required changing due to trips, falls or toilet accidents did not have another set of clothes. We ask that any clothing provided, including underwear, is washed and returned to school.

Makaton sign of the week – Boy

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are working toward being a LCFE (Language & Communication Friendly Environment). A fabulous group of P7s are helping to promote the use of Makaton in school, ably assisted by Ms. Fullerton.

Please take time to watch click this video for the 'sign of the week'.



Mass

Many thanks to Fr. Peter from the Parish of Christ the King who celebrated Mass for all staff and pupils this morning on the Solemnity of All Saints. Every Mass celebrated in school proves to be a highlight of that week. I never fail to feel a sense of pride as Head Teacher due to the wonderful sense of reverence and respect shown by all pupils.

JRSO News

The Scottish Water work being undertaken continues to have a significant impact on the Road Safety around the school grounds. I kindly request that parents park away from the school and walk to the school gate as much as possible in order to ensure that the traffic isn't impacted. **I also request that parents do not walk through the vehicle service entrance(car park gate) at the front of the school at any point during the day.** We are still seeing parents do this on a daily basis.

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Scottish Water update

A brief update regarding the work being undertaken in the area by Scottish Water

Works started this week on the area directly outside our school. There have been a series of different temporary traffic lights and parking restrictions in operation on Carmunnock Rd., Crompton Ave. and Elmore Ave. whilst the work is carried out. This traffic management will continue to require adaptations as different issues manifest. The section of road outside the school has been a particularly challenging but we implore everyone to continue to show the required patience to ensure the safety of all.

Access to properties and the school will be maintained at all times.

Children must take care around all working areas and to stay within pedestrian areas at all times when coming to and from school.

It is essential that Parents/Carers and visitors respect our neighbours and do not park across our neighbours' driveways. Thank you

Cathcart Old Parish Church

The last ever service for our friends at Cathcart Old Parish Church is scheduled to take place on Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am. A group of our P7 ambassadors will attend with staff representing our school. Over the years we have received nothing but kindness and goodwill from all at Cathcart Old. We wish them all the very best and thank them for everything they have done for the pupils of St. Fillan's over many years as they form a union with Cathcart Trinity.



Celebrating Success Assembly change of date

Our next Celebrating Success assembly will take place on **Friday 22nd December**. If you would like to share your child's wider achievement (outside school) please complete this [form](#) before it closes on Friday 15th December.

Evening Times Photos

Back at the start of September, a photographer from The Glasgow Times took 'First Day at School' photographs of our three P1 classes. These photos will be featured inside the Glasgow Times newspaper from Monday 4th - Friday 8th November.



Sacraments

The dates for Sacraments are now confirmed:

P3 Reconciliation

31st March - 7pm in the Parish of Christ the King

P4 First Communion

26th April- 10am and Midday Masses in the Parish of Christ the King

P7 Confirmation

6th February- 7pm in the Parish of Christ the King

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Parents/Carers Evening details


Parents/Carers evening will take place on **Wednesday 13th November** and **Thursday 14th November**. Our online booking system opened on **Wednesday 30th October** at 7pm and closes on **Wednesday 6th November** at 7pm. Currently 73% of appointments have been booked. **If you have not received an email, please contact our school office staff ASAP.** We are delighted that Lorraine Gaffney will return with an Usborne Book Fair on both days. A wee message from Lorraine:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on the 13th and 14th alongside our parents' evenings.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Lorraine Gaffney, and every book purchased will go towards brand new FREE books for our school. Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in

FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school! Books can be purchased on the day of the book fair and paid for by cash, card or sumup invoice.

You can pick a book on the day or you can place an order if there is something specific you would like. Orders placed will be delivered by the end of November Why not look at the website and sort out some Christmas gifts. Just bring in your wish list, pay for it and it will be delivered straight to your door. You can also request that they are wrapped 

https://usborne.com/gb/books/browse-by-category/special-offers?partnerCode=10009319&utm_campaign=LorrBooks&utm_source=partner-store&utm_medium=link-share

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information and for tailored book recommendations for your child, please contact: Lorraine Gaffney, 07468536254, lorsbooks1@gmail.com

Messages from our PTA and Parent Council

*“Please follow the PTA on the [PTA on Facebook](#) page to find out about other fundraising endeavours. Our PTA meet monthly on the first Monday of every month in Café Voni on Old Castle Road. **Our next meeting is on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm.** It would be lovely to see some new faces -the more, the merrier! You can also contact our PTA via the Facebook account noted above or via the PTA X (formally known as Twitter) @PTAStFillansPS “.*

Please save the date: Saturday, 1st February when we have organised a Race Night (7.30pm – midnight) to help towards the cost of new literacy resources. This initiative already has £2000 in the pot thanks to Mr.Chris McCall who applied for funding via his employer. Many employers offer similar support. Perhaps you could check to see if this applies to you?

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If you are keen to become involved in either the Parent Council or the PTA and have some ideas for community events then, please also make contact via the Parent Council X Account or the PTA Facebook Page.

Please keep an eye out for the Christmas Hamper sheets at Parents' Night. More information about this to next week in next week's newsletter.

All Parent Council Meetings are noted at the end of this newsletter.

Jack and the Beanstalk



Thank you to everyone who has sent the requested payment for the pantomime in Eastwood Theatre in late November. Although we have committed to fundraising for the majority of the cost for this event, a contribution is asked from Parents/Carers. If you have not yet made payment, please send £5 to school in an **envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class** as soon as possible. **Unfortunately, at this stage, we have received less than 50% of payments.** Thank you to those of you who have paid. On the week of the pantomime, we will ask for a £2 contribution towards transport costs to be paid before 28th November.

Please complete [this form](#) to give consent for your child to travel by coach and visit Eastwood Theatre. Please also indicate if you are available to accompany either the P1-3 group or the P4-7 group. Thank you.

Prayer Contact form for November

On every Friday in November all classes will gather on the pitch at 9am to pray for dearly departed pupils, staff and family members. All Parents/Carers are very welcome to join us. If you would like someone included in our prayers, please complete this short online [form](#).

Reporting your child's absence

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is via the absence line on 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 or [online](#). Please provide the details requested by the operator.

A pupil's sickness absence must be reported prior to 09.30 am on the day of the absence.

Communicating with us

We use [a Microsoft Office forms system](#) to facilitate communication with the Leadership Team. This system is effective in that all of the team can access the forms at any time, including out of the normal school hours, allowing us to address any issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss please use the link above.

Please appreciate that we will do our best to respond to you as soon as possible. Some messages will require a quicker response than others.

Maths and Muffins

A big thank you to the large group of P1-3 Parents/Carers/Grandparents who engaged in the first Maths & Muffins Parents' Workshop on Monday afternoon. It was a successful afternoon. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for week 2. The kettle will be on!

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P1 Enrolment

P1 Enrolment will take place between 4th November and 8th November. As with arrangements in previous years, Glasgow City Council wish all P1 enrolments to be conducted online. Should you have a child ready to enrol for August please click on the link [here](#) for GCC's Web page to access the online application. Parents/Carers and children due to start with us in August 2024 recently visited our school and had the opportunity to meet some of our staff and next year's P7 buddies. Thanks to everyone who came along to this event and for the current P6s who willingly helped



P1 Enrolment Week

4-8 November 2024

Is your child due to start school in August 2025?

Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between **1 March 2025 and 28 February 2025** is eligible to start school in August 2025.

To register you should now complete and submit an "Online" application no later than **8 November 2024.**

For "Online" applications visit **Glasgow City Council website - Schools and learning - Enrolment.**

If required Paper Applications can be requested by contacting Glasgow City Council - 0141 287 8000.



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Christmas Giving Gate

Now that Hallowe'e, is past, we feel it's a good time to launch our Giving Gate.

Three years ago our PTA, and indeed a number of our Parents and Grandparents, asked if they could support some of our families where children might otherwise go without at Christmas.

In conjunction with our PTA, we set up a 'Christmas Giving Gate' – an initiative that has made a huge difference to a number of our pupils.



How it works:

If you are in a position to do so, please help yourself to a tag/bauble from the Giving Gate. These will be hanging on our school gate from Monday morning.

Each one offers an insight into who is going to receive your gift, and as they're all pupils in our school, you'll be bringing joy to someone local.

Please do not wrap the gift. You may choose to include wrapping paper.

Once you've sorted their gift, pop it in a bag and take it back into the school office with the original tag, by the end of the school day on Friday 13th December.

We'll discreetly deliver the gifts the following week.

If you feel your family could benefit from 'The Giving Gate' please complete this [Form](#).

Hallowe'en

We were blown away with the effort taken yesterday.

Thanks for your support. Thanks also to the staff team for making the day extra special by planning lots of fun-filled learning experiences from the crime scenes in P7 to the Hallowe'en workouts and pumpkin analysis in many classes!

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Bring & Buy Sale!

Our P7s are off to Ardentiny on Monday 18th November. Each year, P7s become involved in enterprising efforts to fundraise towards the cost for the coach and ferry to/from the centre in. We have decided to move the 'Bring & Buy sale on **Friday, 8th November**. This is something we do annually as a school community to support P7 families with the cost of their week away. Pupils from P1-7 can still bring in any donations over the next week and we will leave them on the stage in the hall. On Friday, we kindly ask that pupils consider making a purchase or two. It's very helpful if any money brought to school is in a purse or wallet labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



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Fundraising



The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is still continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at £747.37 We are extremely grateful to all the families who have spread the word and to all those who have chosen our school to benefit from this.

We automatically receive £1 per registration on the 'Asda Rewards' App. All you need to do select our school by typing in the

Postcode G44 5AF.

Thank you to all who have encouraged friends, family, neighbours etc to register. Please keep this up as there are still 29 days left to help increase our school 'cashpot'.

In addition, if you shop in Asda, 0.5% from your total spend will also come our way – and this will not affect your personal 'cashpot'. Thank you!

Fireworks Safety

We were delighted to welcome a group from the fire service this afternoon who led a talk for our P6 and P7 pupils raising awareness of the serious dangers associated with fireworks and bonfires. There is a lot of great information [here](#) giving details of organised bonfire events across Scotland.



Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Brian Bourke,
Headteacher.

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Dates for your diary

Please appreciate that dates and times may be subject to change. Additional dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Friday 1st November Halloween family fun event (see PTA Facebook page for details)

Monday 4th November PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at Café Voni, Old Castle Road

Wednesday 13th November Parents' Evening #1 **Booking opened on 30.10.24 at 7pm**

Thursday 14th November Parents' Evening #2 **Booking opened on 30.10.24 at 7pm**

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd Nov P7 Residential to Ardentenny

Tuesday 19th November P1 Height/weight checks

Saturday 23rd November 10am Annual Catholic Football League Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral for all A team/Development Team participants

Saturday 23rd November Christmas Fayre 10-1pm

Monday 25th November Catholic Education Week

Tuesday 26th November 6.30pm Parent Council

Thursday 28th November Panto at Eastwood Theatre P1-3, 10am

Friday 29th November Panto at Eastwood Theatre P4-7, 10am

Monday 2nd December 8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited

Monday 2nd December No PTA Meeting due to Christmas Parties

Monday 2nd December Christmas Parties P 1-2 6.15-7.15pm in school hall *

Christmas Parties P6-7; 7.30-8.30pm in school hall *

Tuesday 3rd December Christmas Parties P3-5 Evening time 6.30-7.30pm

**No ticket cost for the above. Children are asked, if possible, to bring along a donation for the local food bank.*

Wednesday 4th December pm P4a and P4b Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers

Thursday 5th December 8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited

Every Friday in December Christmas jumper day (with school uniform) if pupils wish to opt in.

Friday 6th December Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 6th December 8.30am Community Mass in gym hall with Fr Peter all invited

Friday 6th December Celebrating Success Assembly

Friday 6th December Afternoon P5 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers

Monday 9th December 1.30pm Nativity Dress rehearsal for the whole school

Tuesday 10th December Morning P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers

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Wednesday 11th December	Afternoon P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
Thursday 12th December	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 13th December	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Friday 13th December	8.30am Community Advent Mass in gym with Fr Peter. All invited
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited.
Tuesday 17th December	Afternoon P2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18th December	Afternoon P3 and P3/2 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Thursday 19th December	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited
Friday 20th December	9.30am Advent Service in school for children and staff
Friday 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	2.30pm Close for Christmas
Monday 6th January	Return to school
Friday 31st January	Celebrating Success Assembly
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday
Wednesday 19th February	February Inservice Day
Friday 28th February	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 19th March	Parents' Night #1
Thursday 20th March	Parents' Night #2
Friday 28th March	Celebrating Success Assembly
Monday 31st March	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church
Friday 4th April	2.30pm Close for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	Return to school
Saturday 26th April	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4

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