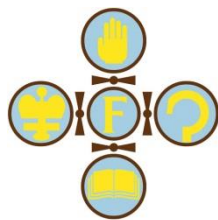


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ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

### Newsletter

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a nice break and have settled back into the new term

With the darker mornings and evenings closing in upon us I would like to remind everyone that during our new term, it is imperative that all pupils should have a sensible jacket and appropriate footwear for the winter season. It is very important, to ensure that **all** pupils have a change of clothing **-including underwear** - in their school bag. A spare polo shirt and tracksuit trousers/leggings are ideal for this.

Please ensure all clothing is marked clearly with your child's name as we have had a number of queries from parents/carers asking about the location of their children's belongings. We reinforce on a daily basis the importance of children taking responsibility for their own belongings including jackets and would appreciate this message being reinforced at home.

Stocks of underwear , (particularly girls), are very low. We have purchased a limited number but if you happen to be doing a clearout in the coming days or weeks, we would happily take donations of clean replacements that we can use in the event of any children requiring them.

#### Scottish Water update

**Please see the message below from Scottish Water regarding works in the area**

#### Parents and carers of St Fillan's Primary & Nursery School

We are upgrading water pipes in your community to ensure you continue to enjoy clear, fresh, drinking water and reduce the chance of pipes bursting. Work on Carmunnock Road and Crompton Ave started on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. The section of work outside the school will last approx. 2 weeks before progressing further along Crompton Ave.

#### What does this mean:

- Temporary traffic lights and parking restrictions will be in place on Carmunnock Rd, Crompton Ave and a section of Elmore Ave whilst the work is carried out. This traffic management will operate on a rolling programme as the works moves down Crompton Ave towards Old Castle Road. This complete section of work will be completed within approx. 6 weeks.
- Access to properties and the school will be maintained at all times.
- Children will need to take care around all working areas and to stay within pedestrian areas at all times when coming to and from school.

Scottish Water would like to thank parents, guardians and pupils for their patience and understanding while we carry out these essential works.

#### JRSO News

The Scottish Water work being undertaken will have a significant impact on the Road Safety around the school grounds over the period they have indicated. I kindly request that parents park away from

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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 at the front of the school at any point during the day.**

### Hallowe'en Arrangements

As we mentioned in our last bulletin, we will have Halloween dress up/dress down day on Thursday 31st October.

**Please remember that pupils should not wear scary masks or bring additional accessories such as swords or guns to school on that day.** It is important that pupils wear costumes that they can sit in comfortably and manage themselves independently. It is not essential that your child dresses up on this day; they can dress down too.

Thanks for your understanding and support.

### Author Visit

What a wonderful visit we had from our children's author, Joseph Coelho (OBE FRSL), the famous British poet and children's book author. As highlighted Joe was Children's Laureate from 2022 to 2024) visited St. Fillan's PS yesterday, Thursday, 24th October 2024. We would like to thank Joseph for taking the time with us to share his love of reading, for inspiring our children to continue their love of reading



and for entertaining us with his own story. We would also like to thank the staff at Waterstones for their continuing support of us as we promote reading across the school.

### Celebrating Success

Our next Celebrating Success assembly will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to share your child's wider achievement (outside school) please complete this [form](#) before it closes on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm.

### Parents/Carers Evening

Parents/Carers evening will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Our online booking system opens on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm and closes on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Please look out for a text from the school office with details next week.

### Messages from our PTA

*"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 4<sup>th</sup> 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."*

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**Please save the date: Saturday, 1st February when the PTA have organised a Race Night (7.30pm – midnight) to help towards the cost of new literacy resources.**

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 above email address.

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

### 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.**

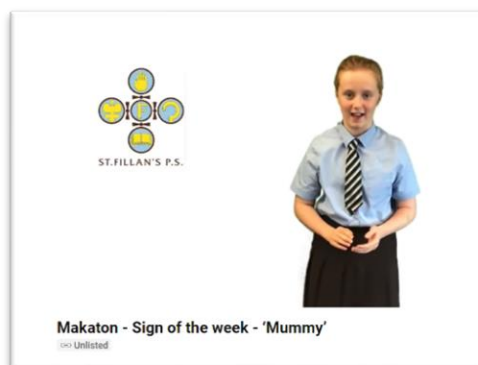
### Communicating with us

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.

### Makaton sign of the week – Mummy

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 these videos for the 'sign of the week'.



### Maths and Muffins

A reminder that 21 P1-3 Parents Carers have signed up to engage in the Maths & Muffins Parents' Workshop beginning on Monday 28th October 2024 for 6 weeks. Everyone who has signed up has a confirmed place.

The positive feedback from previous workshops is very welcome and we hope something similar will be in store for the next set of workshops:

*'I now understand certain things my child shows me with their homework that I didn't get before'.  
'That's not the way I was taught it, so it's good to learn the way they do it in the classroom these days.'*

*'I feel I can help my children more as I understand it better'.*

*'It's good to meet with other parents every week so we can chat and learn together'.*

*'Hopefully this will continue as I'm enjoying it and learning new things, I didn't know before'.*

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### Sacraments

The dates for Sacraments are now confirmed:

<b>P3 Reconciliation</b>	7pm in the Parish of Christ the King
<b>P4 First Communion</b>	10am and 12 midday Masses in the Parish of Christ the King
<b>P7 Confirmation</b>	7pm in the Parish of Christ the King

### Fundraising



The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is still continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at £547.61. 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.

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!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Brian Bourke,  
Headteacher.

### A message from our Active Schools Coordinator about United Karate

Through PEPASS Active Schools, in partnership with United Karate, we are delighted to be able to offer a 4-week trial at United Karate's current sessions.

<b>Venue:</b>	Various – See form for info
<b>Days and Dates:</b>	Week beginning 21st October for 4 weeks
<b>Times:</b>	Classes listed on Microsoft form.
<b>Cost:</b>	Free



Pupils must bring inhalers on any other medication they need.

In order to book a place then please scan the QR code at the bottom of this letter. If the QR code does not

scan then you can access the page by going to - <https://forms.office.com/e/53UgZr5RkC>

Any issues with the online form, please email: [gw24adamsduncanad1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw24adamsduncanad1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Please note there will be pictures / videos taken for social media purposes if you DO NOT want your child shown in these then please let me know.

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Should you require and further information please feel free to get in touch with me or David Campbell at [Unitedkaratescotland@gmail.com](mailto:Unitedkaratescotland@gmail.com)

Yours faithfully,

Duncan Adams  
Active Schools Coordinator (07887444242)

Dates for your diary



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

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup>-Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	October Week Holiday
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Flu immunisations
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.45am Author Visit ( <a href="#">Joseph Coelho</a> ) for P3-7 Open evening (3.30-4.30pm) for new P1s for session 2025-25
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am Rosary on the Pitch (weather permitting) All invited Fun Run in Kings Park for all P6 & P7 pupils 9.50am-12.30pm
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Halloween family fun event (see poster on newsletter for details)
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at Café Voni, Old Castle Road
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Celebrating Success Assembly
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening #1 <b>Booking opens on 30.10.24 at 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening #2 <b>Booking opens on 30.10.24 at 7pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	P7 Residential to Ardentenny
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	10am Annual Catholic Football League Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral for all A team/Development Team participants
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Christmas Fayre 10-1pm
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Catholic Education Week
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	6.30pm Parent Council
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Panto at Eastwood Theatre P1-3, 10am
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Panto at Eastwood Theatre P4-7, 10am
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	No PTA Meeting due to Christmas Parties
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Christmas Parties P 1-2 6.15-7.15pm in school hall * Christmas Parties P6-7; 7.30-8.30pm in school hall *
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	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.*

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<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December pm</b>	P4a and P4b Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall all invited
<i>Every Friday in December Christmas jumper day (with school uniform) if pupils wish to opt in.</i>	
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 8.30am</b>	Community Mass in gym hall with Fr Peter all invited
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Celebrating Success Assembly
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P5 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.30pm Nativity Dress rehearsal for the whole school
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Morning P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.30am Community Advent Mass in gym with Fr Peter. All invited
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P2 Christmas Performance
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Afternoon P3 and P3/2 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	8.50am Advent Prayers in gym hall. All invited
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	9.30am Advent Service in school for children and staff
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	2.30pm Close for Christmas
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Return to school
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Celebrating Success Assembly
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	February Holiday
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	February Holiday
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	February Inservice Day
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Celebrating Success Assembly
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Night #1
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents' Night #2
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Celebrating Success Assembly

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<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Reconciliation for P3 pupils; 7pm Christ the King Parish Church
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	2.30pm Close for Easter
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Return to school
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4

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