

ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Fundraising

As we mentioned last week, we are now registered with Asda's 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative.

If all our families download the 'Asda Rewards' App and select our school by typing in the Postcode G445AF, we automatically receive £1 per registration.

Please encourage friends, family, neighbours etc.(!) to do the same.

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!

Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow!

Shop. Scan. We donate!



**No dogs
allowed**

Safety in the Playground/School Gate

Glasgow City Council's policy on dogs stipulates that **dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any point**. We really appreciate that everyone adheres to this directive and keeps their dog(s) outside of our school grounds. Please do not stand directly at the gate with a dog. You'll appreciate this is a tight space; some pupils with a fear of dogs could become quite anxious trying to leave school with a dog in such close proximity. Best practice would be to arrange a collection point away from the main school gate.

Can you please help?

We are most grateful to everyone who has donated uniform items. However, we are seeking support from Parents/Carers/Grandparents to organise these items. We have quite the collection of plastic bags filled with a variety of uniform that need to be better organised. If you have a spare hour during the school day, we'd love to use your organisational skills.

Free Clothing and Footwear Grants

There are still a number of families who are entitled to free clothing and school meal grants have not yet applied. Information on how this can be obtained from this [link](#).

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Messages from our PTA and Parent Council

Hallowe'en Family Night P1-P7

A fun-filled evening which will include a DJ, Face Painting, traditional games and best dress prizes.

This event sold out in record time last year – and the feedback from pupils and families was excellent.

Please note, all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult with a maximum of four children per adult.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-fillans-pta>



Jack and the Beanstalk

We have planned a visit for all pupils to Eastwood Theatre in late November. P1-3 pupils will attend on the morning of 28th November and P4-7 on the morning of 29th November.

The cost of this outing will be approximately £20 per head. We have committed to fundraising for the majority of that cost. We ask that £5 per child is sent to school in an **envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class** any time before the end of this term. In November we will ask for a £2 contribution towards transport costs. Thank you to those of you who have already done this.



Please follow us 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 at 7.30pm. It would be lovely to see some new faces -the more, the merrier! Please follow our [PTA on Facebook](#). You can also contact our PTA via this account.

We need to update a variety of our Literacy resources that, over the course of time, have been well-loved and well-used but unfortunately, due to wear and tear, are now in need of replacement. To this end, we are looking for help with support for this through any funding opportunities that can be accessed through charitable grants. These would supplement our own resources to help fund this. If anyone is aware of any such funding grants or can access such through their own companies/employers please email the Parent Council at the following address: parentcouncilstfillans@yahoo.com

**** Save the Date: Race Night Fundraiser (for Literacy Resources) : Saturday 1st February 2025 ****

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.

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School Clubs

We are delighted that our after-school clubs resumed this week with a range of activities before and after school for our P6 and P7 pupils. Grateful thanks to Miss Fullerton for all of her hard work organising these opportunities.

Currently, on offer we have Basketball, Athletics, Football, Dance, and Team Games. We're delighted with the excellent uptake for these activities. There are currently only three spaces available; two at Basketball Club and one at Dance Club. Please contact Miss Fullerton directly if you would like to book one of these clubs for your child in P6/P7. As mentioned last week, additional clubs for pupils in P1-5 will follow over the course of the rest of the session. Details of these will follow in due course.

We are keen to explore opportunities for our pupils through after school clubs in a variety of areas, such as the arts, sports and technologies. If you have an interest or talent in a particular area, and would be willing to host a weekly afterschool club between 3.15-4.15 p.m., we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Ms Fullerton for further information/to discuss -

gw12fullertonmichell@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Thank you to two of our Parents who have already been in touch. 😊

JRSO Committee

Thank you to our JRSO Team have started their rota this week looking at traffic patterns around the streets at the school. They have also completed the Hands Up Travel Tally surveying the different ways that families come to school.



Safer Streets



We continue to promote our participation in Glasgow City Council's Safer Streets campaign. The following traffic restrictions are in place around the school Monday to Friday. There is no traffic permitted **between 8.30 and 9.15 and 2.45 -3.30**. We have contacted our friends in the Community Police to support us and issue tickets to vehicles passing through this area.

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The street outside the school has parking restrictions in place at these times also. We ask that Parents/Carers do not park on the pavement on Crompton Avenue outside the school. If a relative is collecting your child, please pass this important information onto them. This ensures that children can cross safely at the crossing point with the crossing patroller. Blue badge holders can park on school grounds. Please contact the school office if you wish to access.

School Improvement Plan



It has been a busy few weeks for our staff team who have received additional training on [The Promise](#) and [Attachment in Action](#). both of which are priorities in our School Improvement Plan for this session.

Free Bus Travel

Every young person in Scotland under the age of 22 is eligible for free nationwide bus travel. You can apply for this scheme at <https://freebus.scot/how-to-apply/>

Get Set Galactic

Our P3B class enjoyed a fabulous trip to the BBC Studios last week to see first-hand how the programme 'Get Set Galactic' is filmed. Four P3 pupils took part in the filming with their classmates in the audience. Many congratulations to Anna, Alex, Sinead and Nico who took part in the Science games. We'll let you know the broadcast date when, we are sure you will agree, they were outstanding participants.



We are delighted that our pupils in P3A are invited to attend the filming of the last 'Get Set Galactic' show of the series this Tuesday, 17th September. If your child is in P3A, please complete the form on this [link](#) over the weekend.

Reporting your child's absence

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is through the absence line. The absence line for reporting is 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 Please provide the details requested by the operator. Details are found [here](#).

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 and issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss please use the link above and we will address it as soon as possible.

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School Entrance guidance

Please do not use the school car park gate at any point in the school day. This is a service entrance for authorised vehicles only.

Pedestrians are **not** permitted to enter through this gateway (especially for breakfast club) and should use the other pedestrian gate near the main office to access the school when dropping off your child. We have had a number of close misses recently where staff have had to brake suddenly to avoid collisions with families walking through the car park gates to access breakfast club. Glasgow City Council vehicles also use this service entrance only. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this important health and safety request.

Allergies and medicine update

If you have informed us that your child may require medication, you must complete paperwork; forms are available at our school office. Completed paperwork should be accompanied with your child's medication e.g. inhalers, antihistamines etc. stored inside a small transparent tub with a lid.

We are aware that some children may have the status of their allergy or medical conditions amended over the summer break. Please ensure that we have the most up to date information and medication with regard to your child's/children's health.


Important information

Significant works are currently being undertaken by Scottish Water in Cathcart.

Roadworks will be in place in various phases as the project progresses, which will include the use of temporary traffic lights, road closures and some access and parking restrictions.

If you drive to school, please consider parking away from Crompton Avenue to help reduce congestion. Thank you.

Makaton sign of the week.

<p>Love</p> 	<p>Makaton with Lucinda</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hnhJTzOr-yY</p>
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The following two pages share community news:

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Cathcart Community Hub

Cathcart Old Parish Church & Community Hall
119 Carmunnock Road, Glasgow G44 5UW

Our Community – Our Future Together

Protecting our local Heritage

The Church of Scotland is somewhat along in discussions to unite **Cathcart Old Parish Church** with **Cathcart Trinity Church**, with the union set to be ratified in November 2024. As a result, **Cathcart Old Parish Church** will go on the market and be sold to the highest bidder. **However**, we believe the church and its adjoining community hall are too important to lose. That's why we've formed the **Cathcart Community Hub**, a new **Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) SC 053394**. Our goal is to seek funding and raise the resources needed to purchase the church and hall for our community, ensuring these vital spaces remain a part of local life for generations to come.

Our Aspiration: A Community-Led Future

The **Cathcart Community Hub SCIO** is dedicated to safeguarding and enhancing the church and community hall by putting them at the heart of our neighbourhood. We aim to:

- **Prevent the loss of the church to private interests**, ensuring it remains a community asset
- **Transform the church and hall** into vibrant, multi-purpose spaces that meet the needs of everyone in the community
- **Preserve our local heritage**, maintaining the historical significance of Cathcart Old Parish Church

Our Vision for the Church and Community Hall

We envision a future where the church and hall continue to serve our community as:

- A gathering place for local groups, clubs, and activities
- A venue for cultural, educational, and social events
- A community centre providing services and support for all ages and abilities from babies to seniors

By keeping these spaces in community ownership, we can ensure they remain accessible to everyone and continue to be used in ways that benefit our whole neighbourhood including ensuring we can continue to meet the needs of those who are most vulnerable in our community.

Why the SCIO Taking Over is Important:

Community Ownership: By purchasing the church and hall, we ensure they stay in the hands of local people.

Sustainability: As a SCIO, we can access grants and funding to maintain and improve the buildings.

Inclusivity: We are committed to creating spaces that are welcoming and accessible for everyone in our community.



To Stay Updated: contact us by scanning our QR code or emailing us at <mailto:cathcartcommunityhub@gmail.com>

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ST ANTHONY'S & ST MARK'S

Family Fun Day

SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER AFTER 11.30AM

MASS AT ST ANTHONY'S

HOME BAKING - TOMBOLA - FACE PAINTING - BRIC-A-BRAC - ARTS & CRAFTS & MORE.
SMALL/LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CAR BOOT SPACES AVAILABLE
(VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED)

**please contact Jenny on 07519831033
if you can help**



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bourke
Head Teacher

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Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 18th September	5pm Ardentinny meeting for P7 parents and pupils
Thursday 26th September	European Day of Languages
Friday 27th September	Holiday
Monday 30th September	Holiday
Tuesday 1st October	9am Rosary on the pitch (weather permitting) all invited
Monday 7th October	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at Café Voni, Old Castle Road.
Tuesday 8th October	6.30pm Parent Council
Thursday 10th October	PTA Fundraiser day (Break the Rules/Doughnut Sale)
Thursday 10th October	Celebrating Success Assembly
Friday 11th October	Inservice Day (School closed to pupils)
Monday 14th-Friday 18th Oct	October Week Holiday
Friday 25th October	9am Rosary on the Pitch (weather permitting) all invited
Friday 1st November	Halloween family fun event
Monday 4th November	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm at Café Voni, Old Castle Road
Friday 8th November	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 13th November	Parents' Evening #1
Thursday 14th November	Parents' Evening #2
Monday 18th-Friday 22nd Nov	P7 Residential to Ardentinny
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 *

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	Christmas Parties P6-7; 7.30-8.30pm in school hall *
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Parties P3-5 Evening time 6.30-7.30pm <i>*No ticket cost for the above. Children are asked, if possible, to bring along a donation for the local food bank.</i>
Wednesday 4th December PM	P4a and P4b Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers
Thursday 5th December	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>
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
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
Saturday 1st February	PTA Race Night
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday

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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
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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