

ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed this lovely week. A reminder that September weekend is approaching so school is closed next Friday and the following Monday.

Fundraising

The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is still continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at £332.96. 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 G445AF.

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!

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. All classes are enjoying Spanish lessons as we aim to extend Modern Languages used in our school.



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools

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- 1**
Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app
Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.
- 2**
Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com
Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.
- 3**
Asda does the rest
The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.
Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Registering your school

A school, PTA or parent council can register on behalf of their school. To register, they must sign up with our charity partner, Parentkind, via their [website](#). There is a free option for those unable to sign up for the yearly membership. If a school isn't registered by 30th November, the money earned will be transferred to the Schools in Need Cashpot, where it will be distributed to schools in disadvantaged areas.

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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/>

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](#).

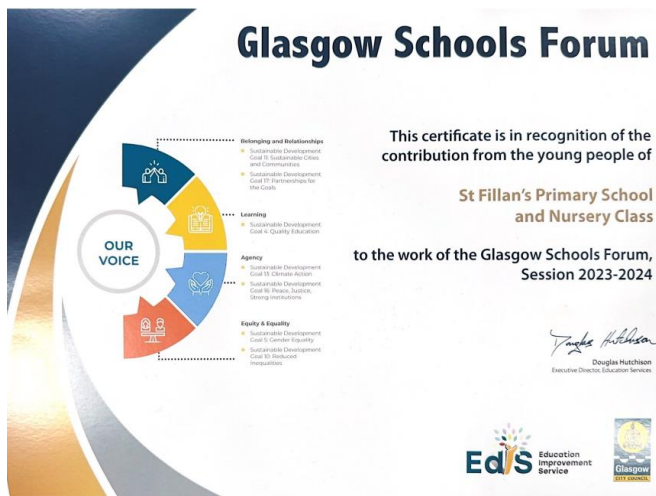
Can you please help?

Following a request seeking support from Parents/Carers/Grandparents to organise donated uniform items, we are delighted and grateful to two of our P3 Parents who have offered to help us.



In addition, we have two Parents who have generously offered to paint outdoor furniture. However, this is quite a job. We're seeking anyone who would be available to help with this project. In addition, if you have any paint brushes or outdoor paint (in any colour!) that you would be happy to donate, we can promise that they will be well-used.

Glasgow School Forum



We received recognition this week of the contribution from the young people of our school for their participation in the Glasgow Schools' Forum. Current P6 pupils Grace, Rosie and Harry took part in a series of meetings at the City Chambers over the past year where they used their voice to share their views including those on climate change and sustainable development to Glasgow City Council and the Education Improvement Service.

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.

Messages from our PTA and Parent Council

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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 at 7.30pm in Café Voni on Old Castle Road. 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 Facebook account or via the PTA X (formally known as Twitter) @PTAStFillansPS .

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

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 school clubs continue to grow. Pupils in P5-7 have been informed of the new Glee Club starting this Tuesday after school organised by Miss Duffy and Ms Fullerton.

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. 😊



**No dogs
allowed**

Safety in the Playground/School Gate

Can I please remind parents, grandparents and other carers that Glasgow City Council's policy on dogs stipulates that **dogs are not permitted in the school grounds at any point? Despite this being mentioned in the last couple of newsletters, there have still been instances of people bringing their dogs to the playground.** We really appreciate that everyone adheres to this directive and keeps their dog(s) outside of our school grounds. We would also appreciate if adults 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.

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.

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.

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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 at any time. Families walking through the car park gates to access breakfast club/After School Care should use the other pedestrian gate near the main office when dropping off/collecting your child/children. We have continued to see Parents/Carers using this despite repeatedly requesting people not to do so. 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. To help:

<p>help</p> 	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VawNRu5gmTM&list=PLI9Vwf4A9R2SWL4cbnWjloHy92tjxXmU9&index=2</p>
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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>

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
Thursday 6th February	P7 Confirmation; 7pm in Christ the King Church.
Monday 17th February	February Holiday
Tuesday 18th February	February Holiday

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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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