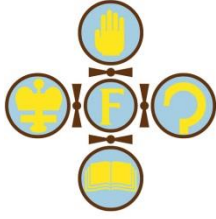


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ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we're already in September. The weeks are passing quickly with lots of exciting things happening. Please read the newsletter right through to the end where some very important dates are noted.

Celebrating Success

We staged our first Celebrating Success Assembly of the new school year today which was a wonderful way to kick off our Friday. It was brilliant to hear about all of the children's hard work in the classes since we returned after the summer break and also to learn about all of the children's wider achievements over the summer. A huge thanks to all the children for the confidence they have shown in relaying their achievements with their school friends. Please follow us on X (previously known as Twitter); photographs of our award winners for August will be posted later today. [@stfillansps](#)

Annual Flu Immunisations

A reminder that Flu immunisations are scheduled to take place on **Monday 21st October**. If you have not yet done so, please return the consent forms to the school urgently. These will be forwarded to the health department for processing so that the immunisations can be distributed on that date.

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.



**No dogs
allowed**

P1 Photographs



A huge thanks to Mark from the Glasgow Times who visited the school on Tuesday to take our P1A, P1B and P1C photographs. The children all looked very smart in their school uniforms. What is always a nice memory to have. We will inform you of the release date of these photographs once the Glasgow Times send us the notification so that you can purchase

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Fundraising

Brilliant news! We are now registered with Asda's 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative. If you download the 'Asda Rewards' App and select our school, we automatically receive £1. Please encourage friends, family, neighbours etc.(!) to do the same. If you shop in Asda, 0.5% from your total spend will also come our way – and this will not affect your personal 'cashpot'.

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!

Collection and dismissal arrangements

A last reminder of the arrangements for collection at the end of the school day:

3pm: P1 Parents/Carers to collect their child from the infant yard at 3pm. **Please exit the playground as soon as you collect your child.**

3.05pm: The trial of P2 pupils being collected from the infant playground has proven to be successful. We will continue with Parents/Carers collecting P2s at 3/05 daily in the front playground. Please do not enter the playground until 3.05pm and **exit the playground as soon as you collect your child.**

P3 Parents/Carers to collect from the area in front of the school. Please have a pre-agreed meeting place known to your child/children. This helps alleviate any anxiety a child may feel if they cannot find who is collecting them at dismissal time. All P1-3 pupils must be collected by a responsible adult.

P4-7 Parents/Carers of children from P4 upwards should arrange a mutually agreed safe arrangements.

Can we please ask that Parents/Carers don't congregate in large groups directly at the school gate especially at the end of the day as the children can find it difficult to see their parents/carers when they are being dismissed.

Please remind your child that if they cannot find the adult who is collecting them at the end of the day, they should return to the staff at the school gate or return to the school office. "If there is no one there, come in to the chair". We will reinforce this message at assemblies.

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Free school meals and uniforms

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](#).

Homework

Homework started this week using Showbie platform.

You may choose to download the Showbie App or access Showbie via <https://www.showbie.com/>

It is important that you **do not** select 'Get Started'. Instead, select, 'Sign in' as all accounts have been set up in school. Your child will have been given his/her sign-in details.

If you wish to view more than one account on your device, we suggest that you sign in using a different browser for each child e.g. Safari, Chrome, Firefox, Edge etc.



Many thanks to our Primary 1 Parents/Carers who have provided your children with small, rectangular tubs to be used as word boxes in class.

After School Clubs

We are delighted that our after-school clubs will resume this coming week with a range of activities before and after school for our P6 and P7 pupils. Clubs for pupils in P1-5 will follow over the course of the rest of the session.

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.sch.uk

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. 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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JRSO Committee

Congratulations to our new JRSO Committee who were elected to this very important committee this week. The Junior Road Safety Officers Sorcha and Maia . They will be promoting a variety of road safety campaigns across the year encouraging the continuation of our participation in the Safer Streets Campaign. Please continue to support us with this.



Parent Council

We had our first meetings with our PTA and Parent council this week. Our Parent Council has been looking at different ways to procure funding through grant applications and community schemes that would be of benefit to the school. If anyone is aware of any such funding grants that could be applied for please email the Parent Council at the following address:

parentcouncilstfillans@yahoo.com

if you are keen to become involved, please also make contact via this email address. All Parent Council Meetings are noted at the end of this newsletter.

PTA

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.

CASHPOT for Schools

If you shop in Ada and use the rewards app then you can now choose to have money donated to the school.

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](#).

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Communicating with the school

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 below and we will address it as soon as possible.

School Entrance guidance

Please do not access the school through the main car park gate at any point in the school day as 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. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this important health and safety request.

Allergies update and medicine

Please ensure the school has the most up to date information and medication with regard to your child/ren's allergies. Forms for this are available at the school office. We are aware that some children may have the status of their allergy or medical conditions amended since the start of the summer. Please send you child's inhaler and any other medication to the school immediately inside a small transparent tub with a lid.

Important information

We have been informed by Scottish Water of [significant works](#) due to be undertaken in Cathcart. *Each pupil has a note in his/her school bag today about the planed works.*

Work will begin on Monday 26th August, and is expected to last approximately 24 weeks.

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 restriction

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

An important message from our Active Schools Team:

Tennis at Queens Park starting this Saturday.

The website for more information, and to book, is <https://queensparkctc.org/Coaching/Junior>

Interval Snacks

We mentioned last week about the number of pupils arriving at school with numerous snacks for interval time. We would like to remind you that one small healthy snack is sufficient. We would like to reiterate however, that sweets such as 'Toxic Waste', 'Popping Candy', 'Slush Puppie', 'Squeeze Candy' etc. are highly inappropriate due to their high sugar content as well as the fact that some of these represent a choking hazard.

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Nut free School

Some pupils in St. Fillan's have a severe allergy to nuts. For those with a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. Just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties. 20% of severe allergic reactions to food happen whilst a child is at school. (Model Policy for Allergy at School.)

While we recognise that we cannot fully guarantee a nut-free zone, as staff cannot monitor all lunches and snacks brought in from home, we ask for full support from Parents/Carers to ensure products in lunch boxes or brought into the school as snacks do not contain nuts.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches

Chocolate spreads

Chocolate bars containing nuts e.g. Snickers, Reese's, Kinder
snacks Happy hippo / Bueno

Cereal bars

Some granola bars

Cakes that contain nuts

Biscuits / cookies that contain nuts

Peanut butter cakes

Sauces that contain nuts

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check but we know that you will recognise the importance of such a request.

Jack and the Beanstalk

We are delighted that our PTA 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. Our PTA have very kindly committed to

fundraising for the majority of that cost. They ask that £5 per child is sent to school in an **envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class** any time from Monday until the end of this term. In November they will ask for a £2 contribution towards transport costs. Thank you to those if you who have already done this.



Grateful thanks to our PTA for their kindness and thoughtfulness in ensuring that all of our pupils will yet again enjoy a trip to the panto!

Please follow our [PTA on Facebook](#) to find out about their fundraising endeavours.

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Makaton sign of the week

<p>Thank you</p> 		<p>Makaton with Lucinda – https://youtu.be/cjZVMj3B7XE?si=rYCyRf9OMdpQVi7o (please & thank you)</p>
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A local community event we have been asked to share with you:



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. I believe the sun plans to shine! ☺

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.

Monday 9th September Vocations Awareness Week

Wednesday 18th September 5pm Ardentinny meeting for P7 parents and pupils

Friday 27th September Holiday

Monday 30th September Holiday

Tuesday 1st October 9am Rosary on the pitch (weather permitting) all invited

Tuesday 8th October 6.30 Parent Council

Thursday 10th October PTA Fundraiser day (more details to follow)

Thursday 10th October Celebrating Success Assembly

Friday 11th October Inservice Day

Monday 14th-Friday 18th October October Week Holiday

Friday 25th October 9am Rosary on the Pitch (weather permitting) all invited

Friday 1st November PTA Halloween family fun event Christ the King Church Hall 6-10pm

Friday 8th November Celebrating Success Assembly

Wednesday 13th November Parents' Evening #1

Thursday 14th November Parents' Evening #2

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd November P7 Residential to Ardentinny

Saturday 23rd November at 10am Annual Catholic Football League Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Saturday 23rd November Christmas Fayre 10-1pm

Monday 25th November Catholic Education Week

Tuesday 26th November 6.30 Parent Council

Thursday 28th November Panto at Eastwood Theatre P1-3

Friday 29th November Panto at Eastwood Theatre P4-7

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

Monday 2nd December Christmas Parties P 1-2 Evening time TBC

P6-7 Evening time TBC

Tuesday 3rd December Christmas Parties P4-6 Evening time TBC

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

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

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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 PM P5 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers

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

Tuesday 10th December AM P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers

Wednesday 11th December PM P1 Nativity for Parents/Carers

Thursday 12th December PM P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers

Friday 13th December PM P6 and P7 Christmas Performance for Parents/Carers

Friday 13th December 8.30am Community Mass in gym hall 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 PM P2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 18th December PM 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 Christ the King Church

Monday 17th February Holiday

Tuesday 18th February Holiday

Wednesday 19th 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

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Tuesday 22nd April Return to school

Saturday 26th April 10am and 12 noon Masses First Holy Communion for P4

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