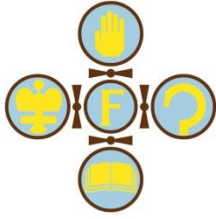


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## Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Jack and the Beanstalk



Thank you to everyone who has sent the requested payment for the pantomime in Eastwood Theatre on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 P4-7 group. We now have sufficient helpers for the P1-3 trip. We'll be in touch next week with all who have volunteered so far. Thank you.

### JRSO News

JRSO pupils from last session will be attending the STARS awards ceremony with the Lord Provost at the City Chambers on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. Congratulations to our current committee and last years committee for their fantastic work on Road Safety, and in particular, around the streets of our school.

### Cathcart Old Parish Church

A group of our P7 ambassadors attend the last ever ceremony at Cathcart Old Parish. 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

A further reminder that our next Celebrating Success assembly will take place on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. There was an error with the dates in last week's newsletter. If you would like to share your child's wider achievement (outside school) please complete this [form](#) before it closes on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

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### Parents/Carers Evening details

Parents/Carers evening will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November (5.00-7.00pm)** and **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November (3.30-5.30pm)**. Our online booking system opened on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm and closed on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm. Currently 94% of appointments have been booked. **If you have not booked an appointment, 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](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](mailto:lorsbooks1@gmail.com)*

### Scottish Water update

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

The works directly outside our school were completed today. The temporary traffic lights will move further along Crompton Ave 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. Thank you for your patience and your understanding. Please keep in mind that the [‘School Streets’ restrictions](#) continue to remain in place.

### Maths and Muffins

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

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### Thank you

There are a number of Parents/Carers who we would like to thank:

- Mrs Linda Warren, Mum of Ava in P3, who has taken considerable time to sort donated items of school clothing – our very own superhero of organisation!
- Mr. Chris O’Brien, dad of Daniel in P7, who very kindly donated high-quality folders for P6 and P7 iPads/Homework. Such a thoughtful gesture that will help protect pupils’ iPads.
- Mrs. Melissa Docherty, Mum of George in P1, who has kindly offered to paint garden furniture. Mrs. Docherty has so many creative and wonderful ideas to spruce up our outdoor spaces and has also enlisted her friends to help.
- The McHugh family (parents of Mikey in P5 and Rosie in our Nursery Class) who have very kindly offered to cover the cost of paint for our garden furniture. This exceptional kindness will help us ensure all the furniture is painted before the winter.
- Mrs Anita McDonald, Mum of Dylan in P2, who has organised her work colleagues to spend a ‘citizenship’ day in our school helping with much needed outdoors painting and gardening tasks. A fantastic gesture that we are most grateful for.
- The McLaughlin family (with Kaia in P4, Jax in P5 and Joseph in P7) who have most generously sponsored new A team strips. The team will look great in them! Thank you!
- To the P7 parents of Lucia, Cara, Kasey and Freya Grace who have accompanied their children’s classes to weekly swimming lessons. Huge thanks to Ms. O’Donnell, Mrs Hughes , Miss McCabe and Mrs Neil)
- Ms. Caroline Sweeney, Mum of Aoife in P4, who has taken time to organise a sizeable donation from The Bertie Auld Foundation that will support our Giving Gate. This will have a formidable impact on supporting some of our families this Christmas.

The generosity continually shown by Parents/Carers via roles within our PTA and Parent Council or through acts of kindness is one of the outstanding features of our school. We are truly blessed to work great Parents/Carers – and of course, great children too.

### **Bring & Buy Sale!**

- Our P7s and their teachers are absolutely delighted with the support given to their Bring & Buy enterprise today. We raised enough money to pay for the coach and ferry to and from Ardentinny! This couldn’t have been done without such wonderful community spirit. Thank you for all donations and for providing some cash for your children to shop.



### **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. You can contact our PTA via the Facebook account noted above or via the PTA X (formally known as Twitter) @PTAStFillansPS “.*

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Our PTA will give you the opportunity to order class calendars as you arrive for your appointment. They will also share their Christmas Hamper initiative with you. More information about this to next week in next week's newsletter.

**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.**

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 save the date.



Meet Santa -- Bouncy Castle

Raffle Draw -- Candy Floss

A range of stalls selling arts, crafts & Christmas gifts

Hot and Cold Drinks with a variety of Cakes

### 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.

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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.

### THE GIVING GATE

Three years ago our PTA, as well as 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

Many thanks to those have already handed in gifts.

### Fundraising



The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is still continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at £815.60 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!

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.*

<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening #1 <b>5-7pm</b>
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evening #2 <b>3.30-5.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup>-Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	P7 Residential to Ardentinny
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	P1 Height/weight checks – all consent forms should now be returned, thank you.
<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 <i>*No ticket cost for the above. Children are asked, if possible, to bring along a donation for the local food bank.</i>
<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

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<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
<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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