

ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 23rd August 2024

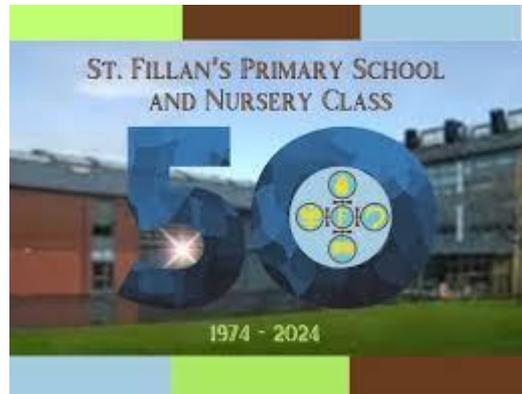
Dear Parents and Carers,

Today concludes the first full week of this school year. It's lovely to see all of our pupils well-settled and ready to enjoy learning.

Please take time to read this week's newsletter. It's a bumper edition!

Jubilee Ball

Tonight marks a very special occasion for us when we will be celebrating the school's Jubilee with our Dinner Dance at the Double Tree Hilton. This will be the final event to mark this occasion and we are delighted that so many friends, family, former colleagues, parents and former pupils will join us. Grateful thanks to all who have bought tickets and to the Parents who have helped with the organisation. We hope everyone has a wonderful evening creating many fun-filled memories.



P1 Photographs



In October every year, the Glasgow Times publishes P1 photographs from all schools across the city. The photographer is scheduled to visit St. Fillan's on Tuesday, 3rd September.

It is imperative that you let us know as soon as possible if you **do not** want your child to be in this year's class photographs.

P1B and P1c have PE timetabled for that day. For their photographs, all P1s should attend school on Tuesday 3rd September in full school uniform inc. school tie.

Collection and dismissal arrangements

A 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.**

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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.

Free school meals and uniforms

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](#).

No non-uniform items should be worn. PE kit is for PE days only.

Health and Safety

Please do not allow your child to wear jewellery or acrylic nails to school for obvious health and safety reasons. Children will be asked to remove all jewellery, rings, earrings etc on PE days. Children cannot partake in PE wearing jewellery of any kind.

Please also remember that only earring studs are permitted in school.

School Uniform

Please can we ask that all items are labelled clearly with your child's full name. We have already acquired a number of items in the last week that have no name or label on them and thereby cannot quickly reunite them with their owner.

Thank you for your continued support in the high quality of uniform that has been in evidence across the school since our return this week. Can we please ask that all children bring a change of shoes (plain black plimsoles) for wearing indoors? Can we also ensure children have appropriate shoes for outdoor use. Lightweight mesh, fabric and polyester trainers e.g. most Converse shoes do not provide adequate protection from the rain and children have wet feet when walking to school or in the playground due to the inclement weather we have experienced. If your child cannot tie his/her laces, laced shoes should not be worn to school. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket each day. A number of children came to school on Monday with no jackets and were caught out with the heavy rainfall at 3.10pm.

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PE DAYS 2024-2025			
MON	P4A	P2B	P1A
	P4B	P2A	P3B
TUES	P2A	P5B	P1B
	P5A	P3A/2C	P1C
WED	P6A	P3B	P7B
		P4A	P7A
THURS	P5B	P2B	P6 and P7 (on block 1 & 2)
	P6B	P5A	Swimming Block 1
			Swimming Block 2
			P3A/2C
			P1C
FRI	P1B	P4B	P6A
	P1A		P6B

Safer Streets



You will be aware that the school is part of Glasgow City Council’s Safer Streets campaign. This has the following traffic restrictions in place around the school Monday to Friday there is no traffic permitted between 8.30 and 9.15 and 2.45 -3.30. Our friends in the Community Police do 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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Meet the Teacher

We are delighted to have the return of our annual 'Meet the Teacher Evening' which will be held on Wednesday 28th August at 4.30pm – 5.30pm. The purpose of this event is to give you the opportunity to meet informally with your child's new class teacher.

On arrival at St Fillan's, P7 helpers will direct you to your child's classroom. In the classroom the teacher will give you information on how best to support your child throughout the year and there will be an opportunity to ask any general questions you might have. P1 Parents/Carers are asked to enter the building via the shelter in the infant playground.

Please appreciate that this is not the forum for individual conversations specific to your child. We will hold our first Parents'/Carers' evening in November for a more detailed one to one meeting with your child's class teacher. You can also contact us at any time throughout the year via our forms system.

It is recognised that a number of parents have more than one child at the school and obviously want to visit all classes therefore the teachers will repeat the messages given over the course of the sessions.

Please ensure that when arriving at school by car that you do not park across our neighbours' driveways.

Homework

Homework will commence week beginning 2nd September after Meet the Teacher. We will be using the Showbie platform for homework this session. More information to follow.

Primary 1 Parents- we would be very grateful if you could provide your child with a small, rectangular tub that will be used as a word box in class.



All Showbie accounts have now been set up. Many have been distributed this week. Our younger pupils' log ins will be given at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

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 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.

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School Entrance guidance

Please do not access the school through the main car park gate 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.



Social Value

Grateful thanks to the good folk at Mears FM (Glasgow) especially David McAinsh and Natalie Slowey who very kindly organised the building of a fence to enclose our Nursery play areas.

This work was completed through the company's commitment to social value, a group volunteering scheme that allows staff to offer their time to support local community projects and impact positive change.

If your workplace has a commitment to Social Value, Mrs. Gibb would love to have a chat with you. We have a number of outdoor projects needing work including painting of outdoor furniture and cutting back overgrown trees in our hidden garden.

A Team and Development Team

A message from our coaches: *Thank you to everyone who came along to this week's A Team trials. A special word of thanks to those who braved the terrible weather conditions on Wednesday evening. 48 pupils altogether took part. The coaches have selected 26 of these pupils to participate in a trial match at St Brigid's Toryglen on Saturday Morning (24th Aug) if available. The game will kick off at 10am and players are asked to arrive at 9. 30am. Pupils selected will be told in school today and contact will be made with Parents/Carers to confirm availability. From this game, the coaches will select the initial group of players we wish to attend A Team training on Thursdays throughout the season. However, we will continue to monitor all players that attend the Development team training and matches and players may be included in the A team based on performance. Therefore, we would encourage any players not selected for Saturday not to be disheartened but to attend the Development team training sessions on Wednesdays so we can stay aware of them for this season and beyond.*

We're blessed to have David, Tony, John and Anne who work tirelessly to provide this opportunity for our pupils. Thank you for everything you do.

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Development Team training sessions will begin this week coming on Wednesday 28th August. These sessions are open to every pupil from P3-P7 who wishes to attend.

P3-5: 6.30 – 7.30pm

P5-7: 7.30 - 8.30pm

P5s may choose which session they wish to attend. £2 per session payable on the evening.

Again, grateful thanks to Greig and Michael for everything you do.

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.

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

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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.

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Some important messages from our Active Schools Team:

United Karate

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

Venue: Various – See form for info
Days and Dates: Week beginning 2nd September for 4 weeks
Times: A number of classes listed on [Microsoft Form](#).
Cost: Free
Pupils must bring inhalers on any other medication they need.

To book a place then please complete the form link (above).

Should you require further information please get in touch with local After Schools Coordinator, Robbie Kelly gw22kellyrobbie@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 contact Robbie.

Tennis Coaching (Free)

Through the kind support of Newlands Park Tennis, Active Schools Coordinators are delighted to offer a free tennis programme for our pupils. These sessions are outdoors so please come prepared.

Venue: Newlands Park, Lubnaig Road, G43 2RY
Days and Dates: Wed 28th August to Wed 9th October (7 weeks)
Times and Ages: Red ball (P3-P5, ages 6-8) 3.45pm-4.30pm x 25 spaces
Orange ball (P6, ages 9-10) 4.30pm-5.15pm x 20 spaces
Green/yellow ball (P7+, ages 10+) 5.15pm-6.15pm x 20 spaces
Cost: Free
Who: This information has gone home to several local primaries.
Equipment: Racquets can be provided but if you have your own please bring!

Pupils must bring inhalers on any other medication they need. Transport is not provided from school so pupils to be escorted by family members.

[Booking link](#): all classes can be found on this page and are bookable completely free of charge. Users will need to create an LTA account (also for free) before they can book in. QR code below that also may be helpful.

School pupils will be under the supervision and insurance of Newlands Park Tennis club staff. For statistical purposes Active Schools Staff will ask Newlands Park to share data of pupil's attendances. Should you require and further information please get in touch with Steven Gilliard: 07785720791

Bouldering @ The Climbing Academy 8yrs +

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Through the kind support of The Climbing Academy, Active Schools Staff are delighted to offer the below partnership programme for our pupils. Bouldering is a form of climbing usually practised on small rock boulders, or at indoor walls. Bouldering is carried out at lower heights than roped climbing. The 'boulderer' is able to climb down or jump down (so no ropes and harnesses are required). All boulder walls have specially designed crash mats installed under the climbing surfaces. This partnership programme with Active Schools Glasgow offers not-for-profit session where the fee required covers costs. The course is aimed at those aged 8 years and over and is suitable for anyone who would like to try climbing for the first time. The class provides an opportunity for youngsters to develop their climbing in a fun yet structured fashion.

£60 for block of 6 classes

Running weekly on Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Dates: 4,11,18, 25 September, 2, 9 October

Venue: The Newsroom, 124 Portman Street, Kinning Park, G41 1EJ

Participants will be bouldering, climbing without ropes over soft mats

Participants will complete NICAS Level 1 award. The NICAS scheme tracks progress in bouldering

Please book using the below [link](#).

Should you require and further information please get in touch with Steven Gilliard:

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Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bourke

Head Teacher.

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