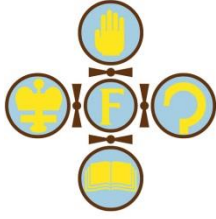


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Newsletter Friday 30th August 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Celebrating Success

We are looking forward to our first Celebrating Success Assembly of the new school year next Friday. If you wish to share your child's/children's wider achievements please complete the form on this [link](#). Please ensure all information is with us by Wednesday 4th September at 1 pm when the form will close. Thank you

Jubilee Ball

Well, what a night was had last Friday for all who were able to attend our Golden Jubilee Ball at the Doubletree by Hilton. We are delighted that so many friends, family, current and former colleagues, Parents/Carers and former pupils joined us to celebrate.

Our thanks to parents Maria McKinney, Nicola Marsden and Preet Dhillon and Siobhan Hughes for supporting our DHTs in the organisation of the event. Teamwork made the dream work!

We would also like to thank the following who very generously donated raffle prizes: [DoubleTree by Hilton](#), [Hilton Glasgow](#), The Fitzpatrick Family at [Sennit Construction](#), Maureen Neeson, The Forster Family at [Café Voni](#), [The Old Fruit Shop](#), [The Beechwood Bar & Restaurant](#), The McGovern family, the Philippakos Family at [The Glasgow Grooming Company](#), [Tophskis](#), The Nelms Family, [Velvet Sparrow](#) and [The Jam](#).

Sincere gratitude also to past pupils Fran Healy and Matthew Gibb who both delivered memorable performances. We hope everyone had a wonderful evening creating many fun-filled memories.

Interval Snacks

We are concerned about the number of pupils arriving at school with numerous snacks for interval time. One small healthy snack is sufficient. Sweets such as Toxic Waste, Popping Candy, Slush 'Puppie' Squeeze Candy etc. are very inappropriate due to the high sugar content.

Local Area Consent Forms & Photographic Consent Forms

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned these forms. If you have not yet done so, please return forms by Monday 2nd September

Annual Flu Immunisations

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

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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.**

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](#).

Homework

Homework will commence week beginning Monday 2nd September. We will be using the Showbie platform once again for homework this session.

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.



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After School Clubs

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



You will be aware that the school is part of 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.



Meet the Teacher

Thanks to all those who managed to attend our annual 'Meet the Teacher Evening' which was held this week. This informal event was arranged to give parents/carers the opportunity to meet with your child's new class teacher.

We hope that you found the information on how best to support your child throughout the year helpful and look forward to meeting you at other events throughout the school year.

Our first Parents'/Carers' evening will be scheduled 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

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.



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.

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.

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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.

This was a truly outstanding venture last year with very positive feedback from all pupils. 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.

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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Makaton sign of the week

<p>Please</p> 		<p>Makaton charity - https://youtu.be/Krw6xAFgyCc?si=j3UwNMdgaDpTmK3Q</p> <p>Makaton with Lucinda – https://youtu.be/cjZVMj3B7XE?si=rYCyRf9OMdpQVi7Q</p> <p>(please & thank you)</p>
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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.

Bouldering @ The Climbing Academy 8yrs +

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

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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: 07785720791

Have a lovely weekend. See you in September. 😊

Mr Bourke

Head Teacher

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