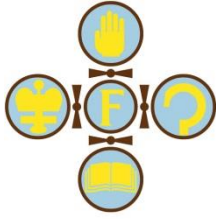


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## Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,


Thank you so much for your attendance at our Parents'/Carers' evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. It was great to have such a good turn out and a huge thank you for all the positive feedback you gave us  and for the suggestions you made.

Thanks also to our wonderful P7 helpers who did an excellent job collecting feedback and showing Parents/Carers to the classes.

Thanks to Lorraine Gaffney for providing the Book Fayre for the children and families to enjoy and to help our children further develop their love of reading. We are delighted to have received £360 to spend on books as commission from purchases made.

### Ardentinny

Our P7 pupils leave for Ardentinny on Monday at 9.30am. We're confident many happy memories will be made – and, as an added bonus, the weather forecast looks great for them.

Please remember to label EVERYTHING! 

### Messages from our PTA and Parent Council

#### 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. **At this stage, we are still waiting on 25% of Parents/Carers to make payment.**

Over this week and next, please make a final £2 contribution towards transport costs (in an envelope with your child's name and class). Thank you.

If you have not already done so, please take time to complete this form over the weekend to give consent for your child to travel by coach and visit Eastwood Theatre. We are currently waiting on 182 responses. Please also indicate if you are available to accompany the P4-7 group. We now have sufficient helpers for the P1-3 trip. We'll be in touch on Monday with all who have volunteered so far. Thank you.

*"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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Thank you to all who ordered class calendars and signed up for our Christmas Hamper initiative at Parents Night.

**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/or 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.



St Fillan's Primary  
**Christmas Fayre**  
23rd November 2024 10am – 1pm  
£3 entry fee per adult – £1 per Child

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

The poster features a row of colorful wrapped gifts in various colors (green, blue, red, purple, orange, yellow) with bows, set against a background of snowflakes and bokeh lights.

### JRSO News

Our wonderful JRSO pupils from last session attended the film awards ceremony with the Lord Provost at the City Chambers yesterday to celebrate their wonderful movie creativity . Despite the challenges with the current traffic issues, our current JRSOs continue to dedicate themselves to their role as both officers and committee members. Keep up the fantastic work on the streets around the school. You can see their submission on our school X page : @stfillansps

### **Makaton Sign of the Week – ‘sit’**

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are working toward being a LCFE (Language & Communication Friendly Environment). A fabulous group of P7s are helping to promote the use of Makaton in school, ably assisted by Ms. Fullerton. Please take time to watch click this video for the ‘sign of the week’.

<https://youtu.be/30ZhcgOSuHw?feature=shared>



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### Celebrating Success Assembly

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

### Scottish Water update

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

The works being undertaken have continued this week. The temporary traffic lights have now moved further along Crompton Ave with parking restrictions being lifted on Carmunnock Rd but now there is further impact on Crompton Avenue and Elmore Avenue. 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 around the school and we implore all our community to remain extra vigilant as these works continue. Please continue to respect our school neighbours and do not park across their driveways at any point during the day, particularly before and after school.

### Maths and Muffins

A big thank you to the group of P1-3 Parents/Carers/Grandparents who are continuing to engage in the Maths & Muffins Parents' Workshop on Monday afternoons. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for week 4. As always, the kettle will be on!

### Thank you

Continuing with our theme of thanking those who are going above and beyond for our pupils...

We would like to thank David Marsden, Dad of Fay in P5, Michael McGovern, Dad of Anthony in P1, and Tony McGrory, Dad of Anthony in P6. Thanks also, to Greig Kirk and Anne Martin whose children have moved onto Holyrood Secondary. A final word of thanks to one of our past pupils, John Dick who completes the adult group behind the A Team and the Development Team. This formidable group go above and beyond in rain, hail or shine for our P3-P7 pupils ensuring that over 70 pupils each week enjoy football training.



This week, we received a very generous cash donation for our Giving Gate from Mr Martin McHugh, chairman of the Bertie Auld foundation, who also provided some very special items to raffle over the next few months. Thank you Martin.

### Bring & Buy Sale!

Our P7s and their teachers are absolutely delighted with the support given to their Bring & Buy enterprise last week. The total raised was £1,187 as of Tuesday's calculations. Thanks again for all the wonderful generosity and kindness shown to our P7s.

### 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](#).

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### Social Media Update

Please remind your child of the importance of remaining safe and vigilant when using their devices. Please also ensure your child is on age-appropriate Social Media platforms and are accessing age-appropriate content. Please also remind them of the importance of sending appropriate messages when with their peers in group chats as there have been instances in the past of children experiencing messages of a hurtful kind that could be construed as bullying and could lead to police involvement should it require. Please see the reminder for the age restrictions for social media applications



### Catholic Education week 2024

Catholic Education week will take place between 25<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December when Advent will be commencing.

### 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 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.

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.

### Fundraising

The 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' initiative is continuing to grow. It is currently sitting at **£882.74** 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 15 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!



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## Congratulations

Many congratulations to Charlie Topper, Jay McCarthy and Joseph McLaughlin who have been selected to represent our school in the Glasgow Schools Football Team. This is an impressive achievement. We wish the boys all the very best for the tournaments that lie ahead.

## 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. Your kindness is truly above and beyond! 😊

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>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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