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Our Vision

'Working together to promote, excellence in achievement and well-being for all.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

We Did It!!!



Well done to everyone in St Fergus' as we have been awarded **The Digital School's Scotland Award!** Thank you to Mr Reid and our Digital Leaders for leading us through the validation process. I am sure we will continue to work hard to ensure that the digitally enhanced teaching and learning in our school will help our children prepare for living and working in the 21st Century

Congratulations/Staffing Update

We are delighted to inform you that Mr Andrew Reid has been successful in obtaining an Acting Principal Teacher post at Barrgarran Primary school in Erskine. He will take up his post on the 18th October, we wish him lots of luck for this temporary post and look forward to him returning to St Fergus' once completed. Ms Danni Gaston will take over his teaching responsibilities and we are in the process of securing a new teacher to cover Mrs Hunter's Maternity leave. I will do my best to keep you updated.

Nut, Mango and Kiwi Allergies

We are a nut, mango, and kiwi free zone as we have children with severe allergies which, for these children, is life threatening. I would ask for your co-operation and ensure that no nuts, mangos or kiwis are brought in to school for snack or lunch. Please note that these ingredients can be found in flavoured water, chocolate spread, biscuits, cereal bars etc. Please always check the ingredients.

Parent Council

Thank you to the few parents who attended our AGM on Thursday 16 September. During this meeting we re-elected the office bearers for this school year, they are:

Chairperson	Laura Cardona	laura_monica@hotmail.com
Vice Chair	Sarah Jane Monaghan	
Treasurer	Gillian Graham	
Secretary	Father John Morrison	

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Terri Donnell for all her hard work, support and help during her time as Chairperson of our Parent Council.

Laura can be contacted via email should you wish to discuss issues with her or would like to offer your support to our Parent Council. Our next meeting will be held on Zoom on Thursday 18th November at 4:45pm.

Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to all families who contributed to our last "Non-Uniform Day", the total collected was £19. Our next 'Non-Uniform Day' will be on **Friday 8 October**. The cost of this is £1 all money should be donated via Parent Pay for this will be for the Pupil Council's Chosen Charities which are St. Fergus' Church, Missio and a Local Homeless Charity.

Flu Vaccination

Our date for the Annual Flu vaccination is Friday 2nd November.

Halloween

As we are still unable to have events, we will have Halloween activities in class on Friday 29 October. Children are welcome to come to school, if they wish, in their costume. Please ensure the costume your child wears does not include any props and is comfortable and manageable for them to wear all day.

Interim Reports

Interim reports are due to go home on **Friday 29 October**, please check your child's bag on this date. You and your child's feedback on their reports are important and I would ask that you discuss their report with them.

Pupil Leadership Team

Our Pupil Leadership Team have been very busy. They have elected Happiness Heroes for the playground and well done to Sara in Primary 6 for having the winning badge design! Their next event they have organised is a Wellbeing Day on the 5th November. During this day the children can wear their pyjamas or loungewear (comfy clothing).

Activities will include:

- Class Massage
- Dance Party session
- Class Meditation/Yoga
- Calm, instrumental music being played throughout the day
- Mindfulness Activities – Colouring, breathing exercises, class community walk and chat, juice, and chat etc

Parent's Evening

Teaching staff would really like to be able to talk with you and provide a progress update for your child but unfortunately it is still not possible to have face to face appointments. Our teachers would like to be able to contact you via telephone and have a conversation which will hopefully give you the opportunity to hear about how well your child is doing in particular areas while also discussing which aspects of the curriculum they should focus on developing.

This is important in continuing the partnership you share with your child's teacher and allows you to talk about ways in which you can work together to support your child/children.

We will require to use an appointment system as we always do so that we can be sure that you are available when we call. For this reason, you will be asked to select your preferred date from a list of options. We cannot guarantee that your appointment will be exactly what you request but we will do our very best. You will then be given an email which will provide you with the date and time of your appointment. Each appointment will last 10 minutes and will hopefully be a very pleasant experience. We would be happy for you to have your child with you during the conversation so that they feel included and are able to contribute their views as well as feel involved in setting their next steps and learning goals.

All appointments will take place between Monday 15 November and Thursday 18 November (3.30- 6pm).

You will receive your appointment date and time on Friday 5 November.

Please complete the following Questionnaire to allow us to compile the appointments.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VYtPBF2L>



Child Safety/Car Parking- Reminder

Please do not park on the yellow zigzags, the drop off bays or allow your children to exit your car at the entrance to the drop off zone. Could I please encourage both children and adults to use the school crossing to ensure that our children understand the importance of crossing the road safely.

School Office Times

Just a reminder of our office times, 8:30 -1:20pm and 2- 4pm. Please be patient out with these times as there may not always be a member of staff to answer the door. We now have an answer phone service to allow you to leave a message and Mrs Ingram will do her best to get back to you as soon as she can.

Outdoor Learning

Please remember that a lot of our learning takes place outside, in our ever-changing Scottish weather, we ask that your child comes to school every day with suitable outdoor wear including a waterproof jacket. If

any families are experiencing difficulties in providing a suitable jacket, please contact myself or Mrs Rowley as we are always here to help.

Pupil Achievements

We are always looking for reasons to celebrate pupils' successes here at St. Fergus' Primary and I have been overwhelmed by the amount of pupils who are keen to share information about their personal achievements. Please continue to share these with us by sending an email to the school, a Facebook/Twitter message, or via their SEESAW account. Please note that their achievements do not need to be something that they have won a medal or certificate for. Pupils who have worked hard at something and reached a target or goal will be very welcome. All the children will have their photograph taken for our Achievement Wall in the Gym Hall. I am sure we will soon have a fresh and plentiful display of Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens, Effective Contributors and Faith Disciples.

Laudato Si

Pope Francis has written a letter addressed to every person on the planet asking us to, love God, look after each other and protect the world. In his letter, Laudato Si, he tells us about the challenges we are facing in our world and asks us to make things better.

Scottish Schools are being invited to become Laudato Si Schools where we will work together with family, friends, Parish, and community to look after the Earth, our common home and form good habits to make a, "change for good". The children have watched the following video to learn more about his letter:

<https://youtu.be/PFKnZP7ldLk>

Our Pupil Leadership Team have started our journey by informing all classes of a survey that will be made available to everyone in our school community asking, "What are we doing already to care for each other and God's creation?" The Pupil Leadership Team will create a display of the survey results which will help us to explore what more we can do to live the way Pope Francis would like us to.

As part of our School Community, you will be asked to complete one of the Pupil Leadership Team's Survey. This will be available shortly through our Social Media channels and our School Website. We will keep you informed of further developments.

Device's survey

Last year we asked parents to respond to the survey below to ensure that we know which families need support with digital technology, we had 85 responses which allowed us to support families with mobile data, MIFI devices and access to Chrome Books. So far we have only had **5 responses**, this survey takes less than a minute to complete and we would appreciate if every family complete the survey by clicking on the link below or by scanning the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mMLf2HmDPF>



Parent Pay

We are now live and have become a cashless school. Should you need support in creating your Parent Pay account please speak with Elizabeth who can help you with this.

Are You Getting What You Are Entitled To?

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- Your child attends a Renfrewshire school or has been placed in an educational establishment outside Renfrewshire by Renfrewshire Council, or;
- You receive income support, any income-related element of employment and support allowance, maximum working tax credits (if you earn less than £6,420/year), child tax credit only (if you earn less than £16,190) or pension credit

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

Eligible parents who choose NOT to apply for free school meals will not get money back dated.

Clothing Grants

Parents or carers of children attending Renfrewshire primary, secondary or additional support needs schools during the school session who satisfy the financial conditions are eligible to apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants. A clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire council to

qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms. For session 2020-2021, the level of clothing grant is £100 per eligible pupil. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

October Holiday

The school will close at the end of the day on Friday 8 October for the October break. Monday 18 October is an in-service day for staff. We will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 19 October. Well done to all our children for a fantastic first term!

Kind Regards,



Mhairi McDonald
Head Teacher

October

2021

St. Fergus' School Calendar



PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO BE ADDED

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Our Aims

- ✚ To understand the value of God's Love in our school and local community.
- ✚ To promote a positive attitude and mindset to learning.
- ✚ To use our voices to promote positive changes for all.
- ✚ To provide a happy, safe and stimulating learning environment for all.
- ✚ To develop skills for learning, life and work in our curriculum.
- ✚ To support each child's needs in their unique learning journey.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 P5 to Mass- Missionary Children's Mass	2
3	4 P4 to Mass	5	6 P3 to Mass	7	8 P2 to Mass Non-Uniform Day £1	9
10	11 Holiday	12 Holiday	13 Holiday	14 Holiday	15 Holiday	16
17	18 Inservice Day 3 Closed to Pupils	19 School re-opens	20 P1 to Mass	21	22 P7 to Mass	23
	25 P6 to Mass	26	27 P5 to Mass	28	29 P4 to Mass Interim Reports Out	30
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