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Our Vision

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our spring/summer term is now well underway and our children are enjoying the little pockets of sunshine that have been appearing from time to time. This is a term full of fun with many engaging learning experiences. There are so many exciting things to look forward to while our children complete their first full year at school in a while with no lockdown interruptions. It has been an absolute pleasure and a joy to be able to see everyone face to face each day. Thank you to all of you for continuing to support the work and life of the school. Onwards and upwards!

Nut, Mango and Kiwi Allergies

Recently we have had to replace several children's snacks due to ingredients that 'MAY CONTAIN NUTS'. Please remember that we have children in our school who have severe nut allergy and contact with someone who may have eaten nuts could be FATAL. Please always check the ingredients of your child's snack and lunch.



Transition

Early Learning and Child Care Centres (ELCC) to P1

We have recently added more dates for parents to join with our friends in Glencoats Primary for book bug sessions at the Tannahill Centre and we would love for you to attend.

Important Dates for Parents to attend with their child:

Day	Time	Venue	Session
Wed 8 th June	1:30pm	St. Fergus' Primary	Induction Session 1
Wed 15 th June	1:30pm	St. Fergus Primary	Induction Session 2
Mon 20 th June	9:30am	Tannahill Centre	Book Bug with Glencoats Primary
Tues 21 st June		Main Hall	
Wed 22 nd June	9:30am		Book Bug Breakfast with Glencoats Primary

Information on our transition programme can be found on our school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/?p=14239>

Last week our Primary 7 visited St Andrew's Academy and Castlehead High School our children were excited to share their positive experiences about their new schools.

St. Benedict's P7 Visit

These will take place on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th June and there will be a parent/ child information Evening on Wednesday 8th June at 6pm. Children should make their own way to St Benedict's. Should you have any questions regarding your child's transition in to P1 or S1 please contact Mrs Rowley.

Primary 7 Leaver's Celebrations

This week children will be presented with their Leaver's hoodies, thank you to the Parent Council who's fundraising has enabled us to cover the cost of these, £414, meaning that there is no charge to parents. The children can wear their hoodies to school for the remainder of the term.

As detailed in our Annual Diary, issued in August, the date for our Leaver's celebration will take place on Thursday 23rd June. On this day we will be attending St. Fergus' Church for our Leaver's Mass at 1:30pm

and Don Bosco Award presentation, parents are welcome to attend and the children will be dismissed from the Church. The Don Bosco Award is given to 2 children who have lived our School Values throughout their time in St. Fergus and they have been voted for by the whole staff team.

In the evening, a Leaver's Party will be held in the Knights of St. Columba in Renfrew and we would like to thank the Knights for giving our children the hall free of charge. The children will meet at the school at 6:15pm, staff will be there to escort them to Renfrew, the bus has been booked and will leave the school at 6:30pm. I am sure they will have a great night full of party food and dancing! They will arrive back at the school around 9:45pm.

The children are arranging some fundraising activities for the month of June and I hope that these will be successful. A reminder letter and Consent Form will be issued to the Primary 7 the week beginning 13th June.

Classes 2022/23

I am still waiting confirmation of staffing from Renfrewshire Council which means I am unable at this moment to allocate teachers to classes, with the exception of Primary 1 who's Class Teacher will be Miss Galvin. As soon as I know this information I will issue a further letter later in June.

Religious Life of the School

Sacraments

Well done to our Primary 4 children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 23 April, we had a lovely prayerful celebration and thankfully we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day.



Our children from Primary 7 received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 11 May, it was a beautiful Mass and our children showed that they had prepared well and were ready to embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to Mrs Coyle, Miss McAdam, Mrs Rowley and Father John for their support and guidance in preparing our children for both Sacraments.



Laudato Si Journey

We are well on our way with our Laudato Si journey and we now have our Laudato Si leadership group. Well done to Dominik P1, Josh P2, Diana P3, Cecilia P4, Siobhan P5, Ryan P6 and Morgan P7, we know they will do a fantastic job in helping our school to look after our school, community and the world!

Mini Vinnies

During Lent our Mini Vinnies group raised £58.11 for the St. Vincent De Paul, Father John was delighted to receive the cheque last week.

St Vincent De Paul St Fergus' Conference (SVDP)

Please remember, should you need support at any time you can contact the SVDP in confidence on 07775 280 939

God's Loving Plan Lessons

As we are well into the season of Spring our children will be helped to develop healthy and respectful attitudes to their bodies and to relationships with families and friends via the resource '**God's Loving Plan**'. This important resource connects children's learning about who they are and how they relate to others, to their learning about God and their relationship in faith. It helps children to understand how love can be at the heart of their lives. The detailed planning framework in **God's Loving Plan** connects learning in Religious Education to aspects of Health & Wellbeing taught from Primary 1 to Primary 7. More information can be found on our school website :

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/?p=310>

Should you wish more information regarding these lessons please contact either myself or Mrs Rowley.

Pupil Council Update

Thank you to Miss Galvin and the Pupil Council for organising fantastic Easter Activities in aid of SCIAF. The grand fundraising total was £99.50 this has been sent to SCIAF.



Health Week- Theme Self Esteem- Monday 23rd-26th May

This year's Health week theme is Self Esteem, as we know that following the periods of School Closure, we need a boost for everyone, staff included!!! We would like to invite parents/carers for our Sport's Day tomorrow, Tuesday 24th, P1-3- 9:15- 10:15am and P4-7 11-12 noon.

Summer Concert- Our World, Our Community, Our School Musical Extravaganza

We are delighted to let everyone know that we are planning for an end of term concert where we can invite families back into school to enjoy a musical performance from all our classes. This will take place on Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 23rd June at 1:30pm. This will be a ticketed event as only 80 seats will be accommodated within our hall. Should you wish tickets, they will be limited to 2 per family. To organise this fairly please complete the form (<https://forms.office.com/r/GDUyVMe98m>) to indicate your preference of day, which will be on a first come basis, this form will close on Wednesday 1st June at 3pm. All extra tickets after this date can be requested at the school office from Monday 13th June. Tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday 13th June.

School Summer Trip – Heads of Ayr Park Monday 27th June

We are delighted to inform everyone that we can go on a summer trip this year! This has been organised and will be paid for via School Funds and the Cost of the School Day budget (there will be no charge for this trip). The total cost for the buses is £1,090 and the entry fee is £1620, if you know in advance that your child will not be attending due to a holiday booked, please inform the office ASAP to allow us to plan for the payment of this. Due to the distance to the venue the staff have agreed to work later to allow the children to have a longer time in the park, buses will leave from school at 9:15am and return to school around 4pm. We are asking that the children wear suitable clothing for the weather that day. Mrs Ingram will be sending out consent forms and a form to indicated whether your child requires a school packed lunch. Please make sure that they are returned to the school office by Friday 17th June



Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme

The campaign website for the Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme, freebus.scot, is now live. The website contains lots of helpful information for families and young people about free bus travel, how it works, how to apply, the benefits and some tips for travelling safely too. It also features the [decision tool feature](#), to help make it easier to understand the different ways they can apply.

Home Link

Should anyone require support from our Home Link worker, Karen Fraser, she can be contacted in the following ways:

Mobile number: 07717275207
Email: karen.fraser@renfrewshire.gov.uk
OR: Leave a message for Karen with Mrs Ingram in our school office.

Spanish Day- Thursday 16th June

Thank you to our Spanish Ambassadors who are organising a day where we will be celebrating the great work of our children and staff in learning Spanish as an additional language. The children can wear red or yellow on that day and I am sure you will enjoy seeing all their hard work on our social media platforms.

Covid Update

While there are no self-isolation restrictions currently in place, we ask that you keep your child at home if they present with any of the following symptoms:

- A new, continuous cough
- High temperature
- Loss of smell or taste

There seem to be a lot of tummy bugs going around at the moment too. Please ensure that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they remain at home for at least 48 hours once they begin to feel well. This helps to reduce the transmission of these type of illnesses.

Free School Meal Entitlement

The Scottish Government introduced free school meals to all children in Primary 5 in January, which means that all children in Primary 1-5 now receive free school meals. Our new school lunch menus are available to view on our website by following this link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/2022/01/10/new-menu-january-2022/>

The plan is to introduce free meals to children in Primary 6 & 7 in August 2022. We are still encouraging all families to apply for free school meals (if they think they are entitled, see the information below) as currently there are additional payments being made by Renfrewshire Council to cover the cost of this entitlement over holidays.

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>

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>

Remaining Holidays and Non-Uniform days

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and the May Bank Holiday the school will be closed on the following days:

Friday 27th May

Thursday 2nd June

Friday 3rd June

As always we will be having our non-uniform days the day before each holiday, Thursday 26th May and Wednesday 1st June the funds collect on these days will go towards the Primary 7 fundraising for their end of year celebrations.

The school will close for the Summer on **Tuesday 28th June at 1pm**, this will be a non-uniform day and reopen for children on Tuesday 16th August.

Kind Regards,

Mhairi McDonald

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Head Teacher

St Fergus' School Calendar



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

Our Vision

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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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22	23	24 Sports Day	25 P5 to Mass	26 Non-Uniform Day £1 Whole School Mass-Ascension Thursday	27 Local Holiday	8
29	30 School Reopens	31	JUNE 1	2 Holiday Queen's Jubilee	3 Holiday Queen's Jubilee	4
5 Pentecost Sunday Primary Pentecost Day 2-6pm -St Fergus	6 School reopens P4 to Mass	7	8 P3 to Mass New P1 Entrants Induction Afternoon 1:30pm	9	10 P2 to Mass	11
12 Family Day 2-6pm TBA- Diocese	13 P1 to Mass	14	15 P7 to Mass New P1 Entrants Induction Afternoon 1:30pm	16 Spanish Day Parent Council Meeting -Time to be arranged	17 P6 to Mass Annual Reports to parents	18
19	20 P5 to Mass Book Bug with Glencoats Primary Concert- 1:30pm	21 Book Bug with Glencoats Primary Concert- 1:30pm	22 P4 to Mass Book Bug with Glencoats Primary Concert- 1:30pm	23 P7 Leaver's Mass 1:30pm Celebration 6:15pm	24 P3 to Mass St Fergus/Glencoats Day More info to follow	25
26	27 Whole School Trip to Heads of Ayr- Return 4pm	28 Last day of session Close at 1pm	29	30		