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Our Vision

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and take this opportunity to thank you for the kind cards and gifts received prior to Christmas. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas with your families.

Christmas Fundraising



Thank you again for your support during our festive calendar, the amount raised from the St Fergus' Families Together Christmas Fayre and raffle was a fantastic £1136.41! Thank you to all our parents who gave up their time to organise and help at these events. All of these funds will provide your children with treats and activities throughout the school year.



During our School Christmas Concert and Nativity our pupil council were collecting for two charities, Who Cares? Scotland and Teenage Cancer trust. We raised a total of £280.30, each charity will receive a cheque of £140.15.



Well done to Primary 4 who raised

£247.55 from their Christmas shop, the children have asked that this is donated to the Renfrewshire Foodbank.

Paisley Christmas Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Foodbank drive last month.



Religious Life of the School

Our first Family Mass of 2023 is on Friday 6th January, we would delighted to welcome parents and carers at St Fergus' Church at 9:30am and join with your children in the school afterwards for Tea, Coffee and biscuits.

Just a reminder of Mass times at St Fergus' every weekend:

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 11:30am

Should you wish to get your child Baptised please contact Father John on 0141 889 5056 or by email stfergus@rcdop.org.uk

Wellbeing Wednesday

Our next Wellbeing Wednesday is on the 11th January, this is not only for our children as we would like to invite parents/carers into the school to be part of our wellbeing journey for a coffee, breakfast and chat.



Nut Allergies



We are a nut free zone as we have children with a severe nut allergy which, for these children contact with someone who may have eaten nuts could be **FATAL**. Please always check the ingredients of your child's snack and lunch. I would ask for your co-operation and ensure that there are no nuts brought into school for snack or lunch. Please note that these ingredients can be found in chocolate spread, biscuits, cereal bars etc. Please always check the ingredients.

Homework Clubs

Thank you to those parents who came along to our Monday Homework Clubs last year. Please remember our staff are giving up their valuable time to help you.

Clubs will begin on Monday 9th January until Monday 20th March.
P1-3 Middle Base P4-5 Top Base P6-7 First Base
These clubs are for all children and their parents/carers. Everyone is welcome even their little brothers and sisters who are not in school yet.



Family Learning Event

Our Next Family Learning Event will take place on Tuesday 31st January the Focus will be Health and Wellbeing. Should you wish to attend please complete the online form to allow us to arrange pizza and drinks on the night. Please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sXc1Fm33p2>

This link will close on Friday 27th January.

Interim Reports

Interim Reports are due to go home on **Friday 24 February**, 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.

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.

School Access / Inclement Weather

Please be aware that during the winter months, pavements around the school may be slippery. The playground areas could also be icy. Everyone is asked to take extra care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. The council policy is that main walking routes/pathways (1 metre in width) in and out of the building will be treated with grit.

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.

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Yours sincerely,

Mhairi McDonald

Head Teacher



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 School closed	2 School closed	3 School closed	4 School closed	5 School Re- opens Flu Vaccinations- Those who missed in Dec.	6 Family Mass 9.30am St. Fergus Church- All Welcome	7
8	9 P2 to Mass	10	11 P1 to Mass Wellbeing Wednesday	12	13 P7 to Mass	14
15	16 P6 to Mass	17	18 P5 to Mass	19	20 P4 to Mass	21
22	23 P3 to Mass	24	25 P2 to Mass	26	27 P1 to Mass	28
29	30	31 Family Learning Night 6-8pm				

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.

