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Our Vision

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe that I am writing our April Newsletter and that after the Easter Break, we will be entering our final term. Our final term will have lots of opportunities to become involved with your child's Educational journey. Please take note of our Diary Dates at the end of our Newsletter.

Staffing

Welcome back to Mr Reid who returned to school early in March, he has now taken over from Miss McAdam in Primary 6.

Congratulations to Mrs Gray who is expecting her second child in September!!

We have interviewed for Elizabeth's replacement again this week, following our last candidate pulling out of the post in January, fingers crossed we will be able to introduce a new member of staff prior to the summer holidays.

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.



Wellbeing Wednesday



Our next Wellbeing Wednesday is on the 3rd of May we would like to invite parents/carers into the school to be part of our wellbeing journey for a coffee, breakfast, and chat. All welcome.

Following our successful Well-being Wednesday Groups, our parents have been working with RAMH and we would like to collate information on places that keep us well. We have a post box at the office for suggestions for our wellbeing map, or you can simply email RAMH with any to enquiries@ramh.org

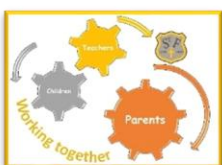
More Information can be found on our school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/?p=14967>

Parent Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who managed to meet with your children's teachers this week. If you were unable to meet at the appointment time given and would like an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office to arrange another date.

St Fergus Families Together



Thank you to our Parent Group for 2 great movie days in the Tannahill Centre we heard it was a great success!!

As well as this treat thanks for also providing Easter Eggs and a fun day for all our children this year.

Our next meeting is **Thursday 27th April at 2:15pm.**



Primary 7 Transition to Secondary School

Mrs Rennie, Transition Teacher, and some staff from St Andrew's will be in St Fergus' on several occasions which will give the children the opportunity to meet with them and ask questions about high school.

Primary 7 will be visiting St Andrew's Academy on **Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 May**. Pupils will be taken by bus from St Fergus' to St Andrew's Academy.

We are aware that some children are not attending St. Andrew's and Mrs Rowley has been in contact with all these schools. Transition days for Trinity and Castlehead High are

Castlehead High School: **Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June**

Trinity High School: **Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June**

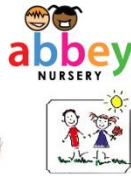
Children are required to make their own way to both Castlehead and Trinity High Schools.

Please note pupils should wear full school uniform (shirt and tie if available) for all visits and bring their school bag as normal. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, this will be provided.

Please remember that all children attending High Schools could be entitled to travel on a school bus and this must be applied for by parents prior to starting. You can do this by clicking on this link:

<https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3486/Home-to-school-transport>

Should you need support with this please contact our school office.



Primary 1 Transition

We have planned a fantastic programme of transition for our new Primary 1 children and parents who will become part of our St Fergus' family in August. This has been arranged alongside our Early Learning and Childcare Centres.

Miss Galvin will again be our Primary 1 teacher; she will be involved in this programme and our current Primary 1's will be able to be part of this!

We have a webpage for this Transition Programme which will be updated on a regular basis, please use this link to access it :

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/transitions/>

Below you will find the dates of the Transition Programme we can offer your children this year. Mrs Rowley will oversee this along with your child's nursery.

Date	Activity
18 th April	Meet the Teacher (1.00-1.30 pm) – introduction to Primary 1 and the Class Teacher with a shared story about starting school and a tour of the classroom.
26 th April	Emotion works (9.15-10.00 am) - Health and Well-being lesson around Emotion Works. Children will discuss, draw, dramatize emotions from a story stimulus. Children will be introduced to a different member of staff each week.
3 rd May	Teddy Bear Picnic (11-12noon) –Primary 1 children, Buddies and our School Librarians will showcase school library. The children can bring their own teddy and snack.
10 th May	Outdoor Learning (9.30-10.15 am) – Nursery children will visit the school and be introduced to their Buddies. Their outdoor adventure will involve the children being Bug Detectives and going on a Bug Hunt.

15th May	Buddy visits to Nurseries in the Ferguslie Area – Hillview ELCC- 9:30am Ferguslie ELCC- 10:15am (Rainbow Café) Glencoats Lodge – 1pm Douglas Street ELCC- 1:45pm Small group of Buddies will visit the children in Nursery with the P.1 Teacher during free play.
23rd May	Buddy School Tour (1.45-2.30 pm) – Nursery children will visit the school and will be given a tour with their Buddies followed by a snack and playground fun.
7th June	P.1 Parent Induction Day 1 (9.30-10.30 am) – Meet the Senior Leadership Team and school information provided while your child meets their Class Teacher.
12th June	P.1 Parent Induction Day 2 (1.30-2.30 pm) – Meet the school Community Staff while your child meets with their Class Teacher. Parent's tour of the school.

Should you have any questions regarding your child's transition in to P1 or S1 please contact Mrs Rowley.

Children's Safety

I would like to remind all parents that they should not approach another child on school premises or in the community regarding matters that happen within school hours. Could I ask that should you have any issues please come into the school and discuss these with either Mrs Rowley or myself.

Car Parking

Due to the new housing development on Bankfoot/Blackstoun Road can I please ask that all drivers collecting children be sensible in where they park. Please remember that there is no parking at any time on the zig zag lines and drop off bays in front of the school.

World Book Day

Thank you to Mrs McLean and the School Librarians for another fantastic World Book Day last month. The children had a great day sharing stories with each other and our Primary 6 even made a visit to Ferguslie Early Learning and Childcare Centre.



Stay and Play in Primary 1



Primary One had a fantastic time at their last Stay and Play. We created some beautiful artwork and enjoyed showing our visitors around our classroom. We are so excited for our next Stay and Play which is the 24th of April. Parents/carers are welcome to come into Primary 1 at 2pm and stay for some art activities and a chance to play with the Primary One's in all our different areas in the class.

Thank You Primary 3

Thank you also to our Primary 3 families who were entertained by their children to a spectacular drama and showcased their learning on their Topic.

Reminder - Primary 7's World War 2 Afternoon – CHANGE OF TIME

The children would like to invite their families after the school day on **Wednesday 19th April at 2pm** to showcase their learning. They will be sharing their artwork, learning through displays, drama, songs and even some war recipes for you to enjoy.

Religious Life of the School



As we are nearly at the end of Lent, and we are about to enter the most important Season in our Liturgical Year. I would like to remind all parents about Services and Mass during Holy Week.

Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer at St. Mary's 9.30am

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) 7pm at St. Mirin's Cathedral

Good Friday

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Fergus

12 Noon Children's Service at St. Mary's

3.00pm Solemn Veneration of the Cross at St. Fergus

7.00pm Evening Service at St. Mary's (followed by Confessions)

Holy Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

8.15pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

10.00am at St. Mary's

11.30am at St. Fergus

Family Mass and Refreshments

Thank you to the families who are attending our monthly Family Masses

and it has been lovely to welcome you into school afterwards for Tea, Coffee, and biscuits. Our next Mass is **Friday 5th May**.

Sacramental Classes



Well done to our Primary 4 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for the first time on the 16th of March. It was a lovely prayerful celebration. Thank you to Mrs Coyle, Mrs Rowley and Father John for your support and guidance in preparing our children. The next step on their Faith Journey will be to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 22nd April at 10am**. Our children from Primary 7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday **11th May at 5pm**. Please keep all our children preparing for their Sacraments in your prayers.

Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) and School Improvement Planning Consultation

Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Qualities for this current school year can be found on our school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/information-2/improvement-plan/>

It's that time of year again and I am asking for the views of Parents and Carers to allow us to create a plan for next year. The survey will remain open until Friday 21st April. Please click on the link or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKedfse5IFgRBmRH3cv3nuTFUMThUWkpXMUxRQINRNTk5MjJaQkhWWDg4NS4u>



School Uniform

This term we have noticed a deterioration in the wearing of full school uniform. Should anyone require support with this please contact the school office to speak with either myself or Mrs Rowley. Please remember that our agreed school uniform is:

- **Girls** **Grey Skirt/Trousers**
- **Boys** **Grey Trousers**
- **All Pupils** **Gold Polo Shirt or White Shirt and School Grey Jumper Sweatshirt or Cardigan**

The Cost of Going to School

There are several expenses connected with going to school: uniform, lunches, snacks, travel, PE kit, etc. In addition, from time to time, parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of school activities. At St Fergus' we try as much as possible to subsidise costs using school funds, however, the school recognises that families may still find it difficult to meet some of these expenses at times. I would ask that any parent concerned about expenses related to going to school, contact me. All such approaches will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and the school will always try to help.

Home Link Support

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.

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>

End of Term

School closes for the Spring Holiday on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm, **this is also a non-uniform day** and reopens on Monday 17th April at 9am.

Yours sincerely,









Head Teacher

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday	3 School closed	4 School closed	5 School closed	6 School closed	7 Good Friday School closed	8
9 Easter Sunday	10 School closed	11 School closed	12 School closed	13 School closed	14 School closed	15
16	17 Pupils return P5 to Mass + Confession P1-P4 Fluoride Varnish 9am P7 Young Scot Photographs	18	19 P4 to Mass + Confession P7 WW2 Open Afternoon	20	21 P3 to Mass	22 First Holy Communion 10am
23	24 P4 Thanksgiving Mass P1 Stay and Play 2pm	25	26 P2 to Mass	27 2:15pm – St Fergus' Families Together Meeting – All Welcome	28 Non-Uniform Day £1 P1 Mass	29
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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.

