



St Fergus' Primary
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Newsletter

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Our Vision

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well can you believe that we have reached our final newsletter of the year and we have had over 2 weeks of glorious hot and dry weather!

Congratulations

Our very own Miss Galvin will become Mrs Wilson over the summer, we hope that she has a fantastic wedding day, and we are praying for some beautiful weather.

Staffing

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the St Fergus' Staff Team who always strive to support, love and care for our children. It is that time of year where we have to say goodbye to a member of staff, fingers crossed, only for a short while, and I am sure that you will join with me in thanking Mrs Devine for her commitment and hard work with our children over the last 3 years.

Next year Miss McAdam will return to cover Mrs Gray's Maternity Leave and we will be welcoming Miss Hannah Fulton as our Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT). Miss Fulton has been in our school before as a teaching student and volunteering this year.

Classification for Next year

Next year the classification is as follows:

Primary 1	Mrs. Wilson/Mrs. McLean
Primary 2	Miss McAdam
Primary 3	Mrs. Hunter (Mon. to Wed. morning) /Mrs. McDougall (Wed. afternoon to Friday)
Primary 4	Miss Fulton (Mon. to Thurs.)/ Mr. Reid (Friday)
Primary 5	Mrs. Cryans
Primary 6	Mrs. Coyle
Primary 7	Mrs. Pirrie

Mr Reid will cover Class Teacher's Non-Class Contact time in Primaries 2,4,5,6 and 7.

Support Staff for each stage is as follows:

Mrs Ellis will continue to support children in Primaries 1 to 3, Ally will support through the school.

Primaries 1 and 2	Mrs Patterson	Primary 5	Mr Murphy
Primaries 3 and 4	Miss Bryan and Mrs Rennie	Primaries 6 & 7	Mrs Moran

Capacity of School

The capacity of our school is 175 children and next year (currently) we will only have 6 spaces across the whole school.

The capacity of each base is as follows:

Base 1: 50 children

Base 2: 75 children

Base 3: 50 children

Due to this and the size of some classes we are reconfiguring the classroom bases to create space.

Base 1 : Currently P6 & 7 will change to P1 & P2

Base 2: Currently P1, P2 & P3 will change to P7, P6 & P5

Base 3: Currently P4 & 5 will change to P3 & P4

As a result of this, unfortunately, Out of school Care (OSC) will be based in Glencoats Primary starting in August to allow us to free up teaching areas in the school. All children's parents who currently attend OSC have been notified of this change.

Pupil Groups Update

Spanish Day

After the success of last year's Spanish Day our Spanish Ambassadors have planned another fun Spanish Day for **Tuesday 20th June**. Each class will be focussing on an aspect of Spanish Culture and associated language in the morning. In the afternoon we would like to invite our parents and carers into class at 2pm to share our learning. We will also be enjoying some traditional Spanish snacks in class throughout the day. Gracias!



School Librarians



Despite achieving our Core Reading Schools Award, the School Librarians already have their sights set on Silver! They have revised the application plan and have agreed on the next steps for our school. Daniel and Chanel have even been to visit Primary 5 to encourage them to apply to be a School Librarian next year. They discussed the application and interview process and what their roles and responsibilities would be. We would also like to take this

opportunity to thank our School Librarians from Primary 7 for all their hard work and commitment this year!

Recommended Reads

Daniel- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Chanel- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Wellbeing Warriors

The Wellbeing Warriors have been working hard throughout our school to spread positivity and kindness as always. They have been working in the playground alongside the Happiness Heroes to ensure no one is left out and helping those who are upset or need a bit of cheering up!

On the 7th of June, we had our final Wellbeing Wednesday of the school year. Which had a focus on self-esteem/growth mindset. The children worked together to create words of affirmation for their class.

Relational Gestures continue to be important work of the Wellbeing Warriors and many children have earned hearts for their class jar - Well done everyone!

As we head towards Summer, the Wellbeing Warriors are already looking forward to the next school year to raise more awareness about our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.

Mrs Hunter and the whole staff team would like to thank the children for their commitment to their role this year. It has been a privilege to work alongside them to ensure wellbeing is a priority in our school.

Congratulations to our School Netball Team!

Our Netball Team have shown excellent progress with their netball skills and have qualified for the Renfrewshire Netball Finals Day which will take place on the 20th of June at Onyx Sports Centre from 10am until 2pm. They have all put in hard work, determination and shown great team spirit. We are all so proud of them. Good luck in the finals!



Thank You Primary 7 Leadership Group!

We are so proud of our Leadership Team this year and would like to say a huge thank you to Amelie, Hayden, Annie and Alan. They have been role models for their peers and have organised and participated in several key events this year, including the organisation of our Community Celebration Event and the launch of the St Mirren School Season Ticket. We look forward to meeting our new leadership team in the near future!

Digital Leaders

We would like to thank the school Digital Leader Team from Primaries 4, 5, 6, 7 and Mrs Coyle for their hard work in looking after and storing the digital equipment. They have also created great links with a

team of digital experts from J P Morgan who ran a series of Coding Sessions developing new skills and confidence to be rolled out to all the classes.

We look forward to recruiting a new team for next term to work on Cyber Resistance and Internet Safety and plan some fun digital afternoons exploring new iPad apps and software.

Laudato Si

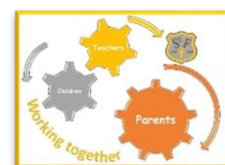
The Laudato Si Leadership group have all worked really hard this year to lead our school in our Laudato Si journey. This year we have focussed on our relationships with one another and making small changes to protect our planet. There is a long list of activities we took part in this year, but we are most proud of our Faith Fridays and Wrapper Free Wednesdays. We are sure that Pope Francis would be proud of these ideas too. Our Laudato Si Leadership group have already begun to think about our new school year. Our current members will be stepping down and have created the application questions for those who wish to join in August.

We have made a few goals for August too, mainly targeting waste and some more recycling projects. We are looking forward to another successful year as a Laudato Si School.



St Fergus Families Together

Thank you again for all the hard work of our parent group this year, we had our final meeting of the year and are already planning for exciting activities next year! On the last day of term, Tuesday 27th June, we will be having a fun day for all children free of charge including bouncy castles, ice cream van and hot dogs!



Uniform Reminder

As you are already thinking about Uniform for next session I would like to remind all parents/carers that our agreed school uniform is:

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

Please remember that Black or Tartan are not part of our uniform. Please let the school office know if any retailer is selling items of clothing with the school badge that is not on our agreed list. Thank you for your support with this.

Non-Uniform Day



Our next non uniform day will be **Tuesday 27th June**, there will be no charge for this day.

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.

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Thank You

On behalf of everyone at St Fergus', I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support throughout year.

For Primary 7 pupils this time of year is filled with hopes and dreams for the years ahead. However, there is always a little sadness when so many pupils and parents are moving on. Everyone at St Fergus' wishes the Primary 7 children and their family's good luck and success for the future.



I hope that all families have a wonderful summer holiday and that our pupils return to school, on Wednesday 16th August, excited and refreshed.

Yours sincerely,

Mhairi McDonald







Head Teacher

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 P6 to Mass	20 Spanish Day	21 P5 to Mass	22 Leavers Celebration Mass at 1:30pm	23 P4 to Mass	24
25	26	27 Non-Uniform Day – No Charge Fun Day School Closes at 1pm				

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.

