

Welcome to St. Fergus' Primary School



New Entrants Induction
June 2024



Our Vision

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

Staff of St. Fergus'

Head Teacher

Mrs Mhairi McDonald

Depute Head Teacher

Mrs Jacqueline Rowley

Class Teacher

Mrs Louise McDougall
Wednesday- Friday
AN other- Monday-Wednesday

**Classroom Assistants/Additional
Support Needs Assistants**

Mrs Ann Moran
Mrs Jane Paterson
Mrs Dawn Rennie
Mr Greg Murphy

Nursery Officer
Inclusion Support Assistant
Family Wellbeing Worker

Mrs Lynn Ellis
Mr Ally Wilson
Karen Fraser

Janitor

Mr Scott Anderson
Mr John Scott

Office Staff
Canteen Staff

Mrs Anne Ingram
Margaret and Cheryl

Starting dates

First Day

Friday 16th August at 9:15 am

**Please enter the school from
the Playground**

**Children will be dismissed at
2:15 pm from this entrance**

**Monday 19th
August**

**Children will attend school for
the whole day.**

Settling In

- Be patient with your child if they say they don't want to come to school.
- Remember that it may not always be to do with school.
- Let us know if there are problems.
- We are always available to listen please come into the office if there are any concerns.
- Absences- Please telephone the school office before 9.15am
0300 300 1364
Please note this may be displayed as an unknown number
- Late coming after 9:15am- If your child is late please enter the school by the main door and report to the school office

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Ladder



5 minutes
late per day
3
school days



10 minutes
late per day
6.5
school days



15 minutes
late per day
10
school days



20 minutes
late per day
14
school days

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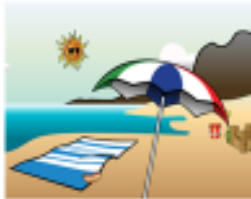
Why is attendance at school and punctuality important?

Because every second counts.

90% attendance may sound good. However, this is the equivalent of missing a **half day of schooling EACH WEEK.**

If this continues **over every five years** a child spends at school, a child with **90%** attendance will miss **HALF A YEAR'S** schooling.

A child with **80%** attendance will lose **A FULL YEAR** of schooling over the same period.



Did You Know?

A 2 week holiday during the school term means that the highest attendance your child can achieve is **94.7%**

Did You Know?

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of School in one year!!



Curriculum for Excellence

- Your child has already started on their journey in their pre-school placement
- Throughout their Primary and onto S2 they will study 8 main areas
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - Religious and Moral Education in The Catholic School
 - Expressive Arts
 - Sciences
 - Social Subjects
 - Technologies
- National Attainments
 - Early Level - End of P1
 - First Level -End of P4
 - Second Level - End of p7
 - Third/Fourth Level -Secondary 1-3 -

Literacy- Reading

- Big Cat Reading scheme (via on online platform – no books will be sent home), Reading Eggs and Real Books
- You will receive an individual user name and password at the start of term to access this.


Collins Big Cat ebook libraries
Parent Guide

Logging in
To access your child's Big Cat ebooks, go to:
<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/> (see right).

Enter the username and password located at the top of this page.

If you misplace your password, contact your school.

Library
Once logged in, you will land on the library. Here you will see any books that have been assigned to your child by their teacher. You can access a resource sheet for each book by clicking the three dots, then "Resources", as shown below.



The reader
To open one of the books, select either the cover or the "Read" button. You will see this screen.




Some key elements of the reader are highlighted in the above image:

Collins BIG CAT

- Use the arrows either side of the page to leaf through the book.
- Use the single and double page icons to switch between those two views. Many of the Big Cat books are best experienced using the double page view.
- Use the zoom function as required. The "Fit to width" option helps you to make best use of your screen
- For longer books, you can use the Table of Contents in the left hand menu to navigate.
- Don't worry about remembering where you left off. When you next open the book, you will start from where you left off.

Audio
Where audio is available, the audio icon will appear in the top right corner. Click this to launch the



audio toolbar (shown below).

The words will be highlighted as the audio plays. You can pause the audio at any time and adjust the volume. The finger icon in the toolbar allows you to point at any word, and the audio will begin playing from there. To dismiss the audio toolbar, simply click the cross icon.

Apps
The Collins eBooks app is available for iOS from the App Store. The app is free to download, and you can log in using the same details.

We are in the process of developing an app for Android, which will support users of Big Cat.

When using the app, you can download books to your device, after which you can then access them without needing to be connected to the internet.

Numeracy

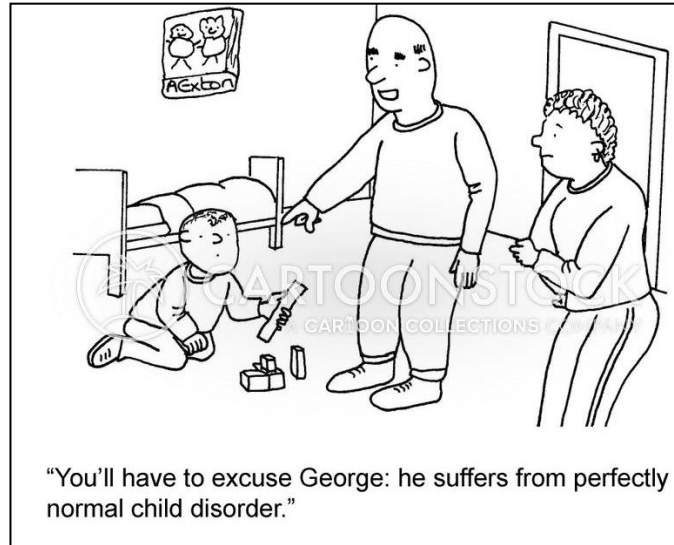
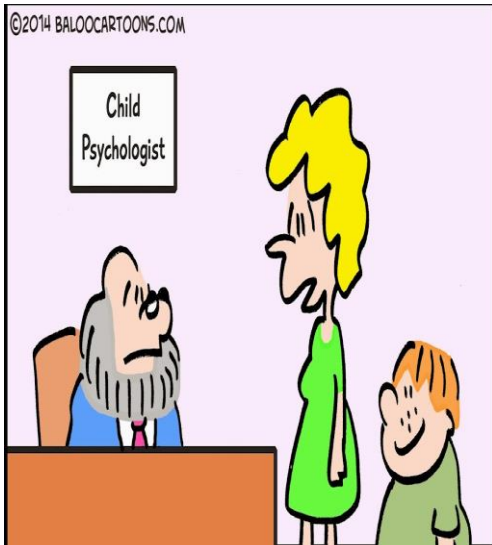
- **Recognition of numbers 1 – 30**
- **Count on and Back 1-20**
- **Doubles and halves**
- **What number is missing? 5 6 ? 8**
- **Addition and subtraction within 10**
- **Mathematical Language – above, below, in front of, behind, first, second, third**
- **Shapes, measuring, data handling, time (digital/analogue)**
Money (all coins to £2)
- **It is vital that all children have a good grasp of the basics as this will help them understand more complex number processes**

Parental Involvement

- **We hope to involve parents in supporting their child with their learning, this will be done through:**
- **Informal chats with the class teacher**
- **Family Learning events**
- **Class Showcases**
- **If your child requires additional support we will guide you through this.**

Vicky Greenwood

The role of an educational psychologist (EP)



Vicky Greenwood

Role of an educational psychologist



- Consultation
- Assessment
- Intervention
- Training
- Research

Our involvement is always

- Staged
- Acknowledges the environments children are in
- In partnership
- Highlights needs and strengths

Playtime

- **We have a number of adults to supervises the playground.**
- **Accidents can still happen.**
- **No hitting back. Tell an adult.**
- **If you have any worries speak to myself, Jacqueline or the class teacher**
- **Inhalers- named and taken into the playground.**

Playground rules

- ▶ Kind Hands
- ▶ Kind Feet
- ▶ Kind Words
- ▶ School Values



Uniform



Grey trousers/ skirt
White shirt /blouse
School tie
Grey sweater/Cardigan
Yellow polo shirts

Gym

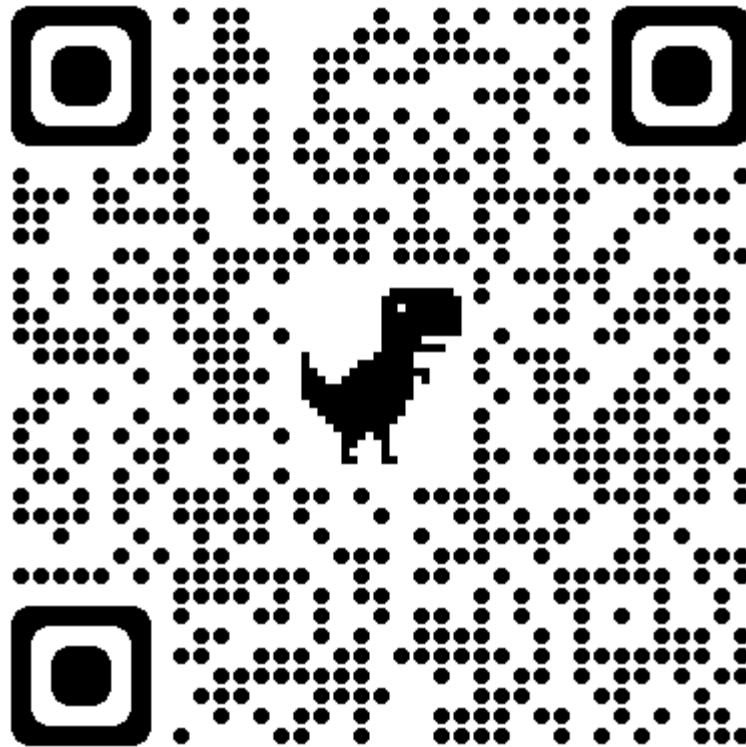
- **All children will get 2 hours of P.E. a week. Teacher will inform you of these days on Google Classroom and Seesaw.**
- **Gym will take place indoors and outdoors.**
- **Primary 1 wear polo shirts to school on gym days as it makes it easier in the beginning for them to get changed.**
- **Children need full kit.**
 - **T-shirt, shorts and soft shoes.**
 - **No jewellery at PE.**
 - **Names on all items.**
 - **Please take out earrings on a gym day**
- **Please provide your child with a water bottle.**

Lunch time

- **All children from P1-P5 are entitled to a free meal. Please still complete the online application forms as the school benefits from the number of children who are entitled.**
- **Packed lunches- names on boxes, lids, plastic bottles.**
- **Healthy Eating – No fizzy drinks**
- **Water Bottles- No Juice in these**
- **New Menus –Weekly Rota**
- **Parentpay- An information leaflet will be given to all parents in the first few weeks and joining sessions will be provided.**



Clothing Grant/ Free School Meals



Positive Behaviour

- ▶ We promote positive behaviour through our School Values
- ▶ Weekly recognition for going 'Above and Beyond', Classroom recognition boards, Dojo points.
- ▶ Hot Chocolate Friday
- ▶ Anti Bullying/Respect me Policy
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/public/stfergus/uploads/sites/2285/2019/05/St.-Fergus-Anti-Bullying-Respect-Me-Policy-.-.2019.pdf>
- ▶ Reporting and recording of incidents
- ▶ We look at:
 - ▶ What was the behaviour?
 - ▶ What impact did it have?
 - ▶ What do we need to do about it?
 - ▶ Restorative Dialogue focused around our school values
 - ▶ De-escalation



Child Protection

- ▶ **Renfrewshire Council stress that it is everyone's duty to keep Renfrewshire's children safe**
- ▶ **Should you feel that a child may be in some danger please contact the First Response Team**

0300 300 1199

Child Protection

- ▶ **Teachers or other staff may notice one or a combination of the following:**
- ▶ **Unexplained bruising or bruising in an unusual place**
- ▶ **Appear quiet or withdrawn**
- ▶ **Be afraid to go home**
- ▶ **Appear constantly hungry, tired or untidy**
- ▶ **Be left unattended or unsupervised**
- ▶ **Have too much responsibility for their age**
- ▶ **Be acting in an inappropriate way**
- ▶ **Be misusing drugs or alcohol**
- ▶ **Tell us something that suggests they have been hurt by someone.**

Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019

- ▶ It is no longer allowed in law to physically discipline a child or to use any physical form of chastisement. This includes, for example, slapping, smacking, skelping, spanking or any other form of discipline, all of which is now seen in law as assault. Physical punishment or physical discipline can take many forms, only some of which we have mentioned here.
- ▶ This change in the law means that if a parent/carer does use slapping, smacking any physical punishment or discipline on their child, they may be prosecuted.
- ▶ Local authorities and other services are responsible for making all families aware of the changes to the law and to promote public awareness and understanding of what is now different. More help in understanding the changes is available from **Children 1st** and can be found here:
- ▶ <https://www.children1st.org.uk/who-we-are/speaking-up-for-scotlands-children/equal-protection-information-for-families-about-changes-to-the-law/>
- ▶ **Scenario examples**

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New Entrants Induction Session 2
June 2024

Today's session- Visiting Services information

- ▶ Taster Session Next week
- ▶ How to access information
- ▶ Parent Pay
- ▶ Breakfast Club
- ▶ St Fergus' Families Together Group
- ▶ Out of School Care- Thomas
- ▶ Active Schools- Vic Collins
- ▶ Family Wellbeing Senior – Karen Fraser
- ▶ Class Visit

Taster Session- Tuesday 18th June

11:30am

2024/2025 Primary Week 1 Menu

Renfrewsh Council

v: Suitable for Vegetarian
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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Soup	Seasonal Veg & Rice Soup (ve) Optional: with Bread (v)	Leek & Potato Soup (ve) Optional: with Bread (v)	Seasonal Harvest Soup (ve) Optional: with Bread (v)	Tangy Tomato Soup (ve) Optional: with Bread (v)	Carrot & Coriander Soup (ve) Optional: with Bread (v)
Main Option 1	Classic Mac 'N' Cheese (v) with Garlic Bread (ve)	OMS J-Dog Roll with Diced Potato (ve)	Chilli Non-Carne (v) With Rice (ve)	Margherita Pizza Sub (v) with Diced Potato (ve)	QMS Shepherd's Pie
Main Option 2	Red Tractor Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges (ve)	Neatballs in Onion Gravy (ve) with Mashed Potato (ve)	Sau'sage Roll (ve) with Potato Wedges (ve)	Red Tractor Chicken Kebob With Warmed Chapati (ve)	MSC Fish Fillet With Chips/Smiles/Crinkle Fries (ve)
Main Option 3	Tuna Mayo Finger Roll with Potato Wedges (ve)	Baked Potato with Beans (ve)	Baked Potato with Chilli (v)	Baked Potato with Cheese (v)	Cheese Sandwich (v)
Dessert	Fruity Yoghurt (v) & Fresh Fruit (ve)	Jelly (ve) & Fresh Fruit (ve)	Cook's Choice of Home Baking (v) & Fresh Fruit (ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (v) & Fresh Fruit (ve)	Fruit Salad (ve) & Fresh Fruit (ve)

Menus

Menu for the first day is:

► WEEK 3

Friday

Carrot & Coriander Soup (ve)
Optional: with Bread (v)

QMS Traditional Mince in Gravy
With Mashed Potato (ve)

MSC Golden Fish Burger
with Diced Potato (ve)

Cheese Sandwich (v)

Fruit Salad (ve)
& Fresh Fruit (ve)

Menu for the week beginning 18th August is:

► WEEK 1

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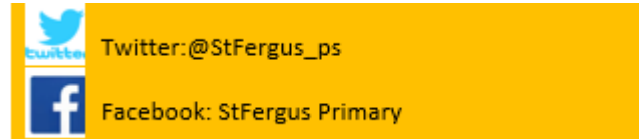
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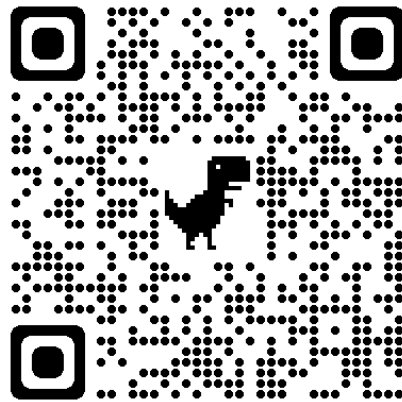
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How to access information

- ▶ Facebook and X accounts- Request Access



- ▶ School Website



Parent Pay- Lillian

Breakfast Club- Awaiting Confirmation that this is going ahead

- Our Breakfast club runs daily between 8:10am and 8:45am.
- Places are limited to 40 children daily which will be balloted for Monday 24th June, those unsuccessful will be placed on a waiting list.
- An email will be sent to all parents
- Please ensure this form is completed and submitted by 12 noon on Friday 21st June

Family Wellbeing Senior- Karen Fraser

Karen can be contacted in the following ways:

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

Out of School Care- Thomas

Thomas can be contacted in the following ways:

▶ Mobile number: 07483 361 156

▶ Email:

thomas.jones@renfrewshire.gov.uk

What our children want you to know.....

We have a good playground

It's a peaceful school

We get milk and water

Good classrooms

The dinners are good

We are all nice children

We say our prayers every day

St. Fergus' is fun

It's the best school

This is a happy school

We learn a lot and the mindfulness music keeps us calm

Failing makes you learn something new

You'll meet lots of new friends

We help in the playground if they feel sad

There's absolutely nothing to worry about

Our Buddies help us

We have the best teachers

You always have fun

We have fun games for playtime

It's a nice school, it's a kind school

We help each other, it's a safe place

What our Parents want you to know about our school....

My children are well looked after, I don't worry about them in school.

Providing the children with leadership opportunities.

Providing additional challenge when needed.

Always go above and for the children within the school.

Dealing with all the kids different needs on a daily basis

The support you give to children even outside the classroom is amazing.

Helpful and nice staff

Such an inclusive school with the hardest working teachers. Communication with parents is modern and up to date.

My child's teacher has been fantastic, she has helped him progress so much and has focused on his needs, very happy with Miss McAdam she is a fantastic teacher

What our Parents want you to know about our school....

I feel both our boys are supported well throughout the school year. If there had been any issues the teachers address these quickly with us so we can work on things at home if need be as well as in school. This has help both boys have a great school year and they've both thrived. We can't fault the school or staff.

You can tell the teachers are invested in the kids, the headteacher basically knows every child and it shows the passion and work put in by the teachers and head.

We've had a great experience in our first two years at St Fergus. When little problems have come up with other students, naturally as they will, I've felt strongly supported by his teacher, assistant head and head teacher. Issues have been handled well and I feel they have went above and beyond. For example on a day where I forgot to pack lunch (for a fussy eater) Miss McAdam took time to sit and help my son pick onions out of spaghetti bol! Wow! Thank you!! He also really enjoys going to the outdoors club with Ally!

I enjoy the atmosphere the school creates. There is a buzz in and around the school which I believe is key to the kids enjoying their time there. I like that the senior members of staff are always present, this goes from being around the school gates at 9am to each activity I have been present at.

What our Parents want you to know about our school....

The level of communication from all staff to home is vital and important in my child's learning. Building strong relationships is important not just for the children, but for families to be part of the wider school community. I believe all staff at St Fergus work hard to build and maintain these relationships with the children in their care and all parents/carers.

The school pays attention to children's learning needs, I like that children have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities

We love the Wellbeing days, Religious studies, they provide food and not leaving the less privileged outside.

My child loves school and loves being at school so to me the school is doing something right

Recognizing children's strengths and weaknesses and addressing these

The staff work as a team and they do it very well

Involving parents to be part of their child's learning

Communication, newsletters Facebook updates

**Please take time to complete
our online survey by scanning the
QR Code while you have a cup of tea.**

