

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## ST. FILLAN'S PRIMARY

February 2020



### Head Teacher's February Message:

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful first month of 2020. It's been very busy in school as we celebrated success with our children both in their learning and in sports. We have so many pupils that achieve in the wider community. Please don't keep these achievements a secret. Let me know and I'd be honoured to share all our pupils successes (big or small) at our assemblies.

The core value that we will be focussing on in February is: **Respect** and as always, we will be working together as a school family to provide the children with every opportunity to grow and share in their **Respect** for one another and the environment.

Our school aim this month is to **Be Brave**. To help our children know when they see it and how it feels. Showing bravery can be as simple as attending a sleep over for the first time or standing up for what is right when it would be easier to do nothing.

Stephen Collins (Acting Head Teacher)

### Dates to Remember

Celebrating Catholic Education	06-Feb
<b>In Service Day</b>	07-Feb
Celebrating Catholic Education	09-Feb
<b>Holiday School closed</b>	10&11-Feb
<b>In Service Day</b>	12-Feb
P4 Sacramental Meeting	13-Feb
Strathgryffe Tennis Coaching P6	14-Feb
Random Acts of Kindness Day	17-Feb
Strathgryffe Tennis Coaching P6	21-Feb
Netball League(after school)	24-Feb
Fairtrade Fortnight	24 Feb-08 Mar
Ash Wednesday 9.30am	26-Feb
Football League	26-Feb
Sharing Our Learning 2.15 -3pm	26-Feb
Strathgryffe Tennis Coaching P.6	28-Feb
Strathgryffe Tennis Coaching P.6	06-Mar
Parent Council Meeting 7pm	04-Mar
World Book Day	05-Mar
First Friday Mass 9.30am	06-Mar
P4 Mass of Commitment 11am	08-Mar
British Science Week	09-Mar
P4 Reconciliation Mass at 6.30pm	12-Mar
Non Uniform Day (Item for Fairtrade)	13-Mar
Football League	18-Mar
Fairtrade Coffee Morning	20-Mar
P6 Maths Camp (St Anthony's)	23 Mar-25 Mar
Dress as your Dream Day	27-Mar
Eco - No Technology Day	30-Mar
Parent's Night 3.30pm-8.30pm	31-Mar
School closes 2.30pm	02-Apr
Spring Break school closed	03-17-Apr
Pupils Return	20-Apr

### Celebrating Catholic Education with Jesus Our Teacher

We will celebrate Catholic Education at a special Mass on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**, at 9.30am in the Church.

On **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** I have been given the opportunity to speak at the 11am Mass about the 'Importance of a Catholic Education' and how St Fillan's Primary school supports the children in their faith development.

Our cluster secondary school St Benedict's High School will also be represented at this mass.

**Everyone is welcome**

### Lent

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February marks the beginning of Lent with the distribution of ashes being held in St. Fillan's Church at 9.30am.

### Gryffe Camera Club Schools Photographic Club Winners 2019



1<sup>st</sup> - Ash Parker



3<sup>rd</sup> - Maya Gill

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Panel Winners**



2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis Coutts

### P4 Sacramental Preparation Meeting

In preparation for their Sacraments pupils in P4 who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist will soon be requested to submit their Baptismal certificate to the school for verification.

In addition, Monsignor McFadden is having an information meeting for the Primary 4 parents in the church on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm**

### Clubs (starts 20/1 - 20/02)

	Lunchtime	After School
Monday		P3-6 Soft Archery
Tuesday	P1-P5 Football	P6-P7 Football League
Wednesday	P1-P7 Dance	P5-P7 Netball League
Thursday	P4-P7 Dodgeball	P1-P3 Run Jump Throw



# Parent Council Update

The Parent Council have been busy planning for the remainder of the school year. One of our key focus areas is around fundraising to support the development of an outdoor classroom. At a cost of £10,000, these aren't cheap so we will be planning a series of fundraising events to reach our target.

## Gin Tasting Night

Our first event is a new one in the calendar with a Gin Tasting Night on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Houston Inn. Tickets are priced at £20 and include 4 gins & nibbles. Due to limited capacity this is a parent only event, tickets can be booked via our Facebook group or via the email below.

## Movie Night

Our first ever school movie night will be taking place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Save the date, details to follow.

Finally, we are keen to hear from any parents with ideas or suggestions to develop our school community and fundraising efforts on the Parent Council. Please contact me via our dedicated email address [stfillans@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk](mailto:stfillans@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk)

Warm regards

Pauline Kerr, Chair of Parent Council

## Staffing Update

Miss Caroline Fyfe has taken over from Miss Bell to support the teaching and learning in the school whilst Mrs McPherson is absent.

## Water Problems

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the staff and Father Andrew for their hard work to ensure that the school ran as normally as possible on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

On that day our water supply was interrupted for some time whilst a water meter was being replaced, causing us to have to escort the pupils to the church toilets and use their facilities in the interim. Our water supply was reinstated the following day.

Can I remind all parents/carers to ensure that their contact details are up to date, especially mobile phone numbers as it is a text alert system that is in place if a school is forced to close unexpectedly.

## Credit Union

The Credit Union runs every Tuesday morning and is a wonderful way for our pupils to have experience of saving pocket money.

January is the perfect time for children to start saving and joining is very easy to do.



Credit Union

24<sup>th</sup> February - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Look out for school events!

## St. Fillan's Warriors

This term our Basketball League sessions commenced on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at The Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley from 4-5pm.



Many thanks to all the parents and carers who are coordinating their efforts to ensure our pupils attend these vital sessions. In addition, our NBA schools team are benefiting from further coaching at Friday lunchtimes. Well done to Mrs Sim and all the Active School's Coaches

## Good News!

I'm delighted to announce that our new roof is finally complete and the builders have moved on. As we move closer to Spring I would hope to see all our pupils enjoying every opportunity to fully access our playground equipment and learning outdoors. Please dress appropriately!



We have children who are severely allergic to nuts

Please do not send your child to school with a snack or packed lunch which contains nuts.

If your child comes to school with a snack containing nuts, we are happy to provide an alternative and send the unopened snack home.

## Have Your Say

Currently underway is a public consultation with regards Admissions to Schools and Placing Request Policy.

Please use the link below to access further information.

<http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/9903/Consultation-on-Admissions-to-Schools-and-Placing-Request-Policy>

## What you think matters!

We want to know what you think.

Do you have any comments/suggestions?

If so please post them in our "I would like to say" box at the school office.

We will do our best to respond to your ideas and if we can't we will let you know why.

What you think matters/Achievements


E-mail

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by

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*Our shared vision - "We are all learning, growing and succeeding together"*