

SCHOOL BULLETIN

ST. FILLAN'S PRIMARY

January 2020



I hope that everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holidays.

Christmas 2019 was a huge success in St. Fillan's Primary and I would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to every member of staff who worked so hard to bring our values of 'Team Work' and 'Success' alive!

The 'Advent Jesse Tree' initiative was also a great success and it was lovely to see visible kindness and faith permeate around the school as the hamper filled for the Johnstone Foodbank.

Many thanks for supporting the children with this venture.

The core value that we will be focussing on this month is: **Success** and as always, we will be working closely as a school to provide the children with every opportunity to experience success both in and out of school.

Clear communication is vital and I hope that you like our new style of simplified monthly bulletin for 2020.

Best wishes for 2020,
Stephen Collins (Acting Head teacher)

Register your infant for school session 2020/2021

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 inclusive should be registered for education in their catchment school as follows:

Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters A - L should be registered on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**

Pupils whose surnames begin with the letters M - Z should be registered on **Thursday 16 January 2020**

Registration will take place between 1pm - 3pm on those dates.

Parents should produce their child's birth certificate and **two proofs of residence**.

Dress for Excellence

At St. Fillan's we set high standards with regard to our children wearing school uniform and it is wonderful to receive lovely comments about how well our children appear when out and about in the local community. Many thanks to all our parents/carers for continuing to support and encourage this.

St. Fillan's Feast Day Mass

We will celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint during a special Mass on **Friday 17th January**, at 9.30am in the Church.

Everyone is welcome

St Fillan's Parish

If any pupil in P5, P6 or P7 wishes to become more involved with their parish as an alter server, reader etc. Please could they speak to their teacher, Msgr McFadden or Sister Frances.

Dates to Remember

NSPCC assembly/classroom talks	09-Jan
Strathgryffe Tennis Coaching P1	13&20-Jan
P1 Registrations	15/16 Jan
St Fillan's Fast Day mass 9.30am	17-Jan
Parent Council Meeting 7pm	22-Jan
Scottish Assembly 1.30pm	24-Jan
UWS - Emotions Workshops P5 & P6	27-Jan
Visual Screening P7	27-Jan
Burns Supper P5	30-Jan
In Service Day	07-Feb
Holiday School closed	10&11-Feb
In Service Day	12-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 11.30am	26-Feb
Football League	26-Feb
Sharing Our Learning 2.15 -3pm	26-Feb
Srathgryffe 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
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

Check your calendar!

Please remember that our two additional teacher in-service days will be on 12th February and the 6th May
The May holiday is on Friday 8th May 2020

Clubs (starts 20/1 – 20/02-Proposal goes live 14/01)

	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

St Fillan's Parent Council continues to work tirelessly raising over £800 at our annual Christmas Fayre alone.

Their efforts make a massive difference to our pupils and to the life of the school.

You may be aware that they will be seeking a new Chairperson for the Parent Council following the news that Mr Harvey has resigned from his post. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Harvey for all his enthusiasm and support for both school improvement and fundraising.

If you would like to become involved with the Parent Council please come along to the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 at 7.00pm in the school.

House News

Ogilvie were the worthy winners of last term's end of term treat. They have chosen a DVD afternoon with goodies planned for Friday 10th January. Pupils in the winning house may bring in a cushion for added comfort whilst watching the movie.

WEATHERWATCH

Please note, should there be any uncertainty about the school opening/closing due to adverse weather conditions, you can access up to date information through the school website main page.

News is also available from Renfrewshire Council's twitter and website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

Please ensure mobile numbers are also up to date as we will text you should an early closure be required. May we also remind you that we encourage pupils to go out to play as much as possible and they should therefore dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

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.



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Scottish Assembly

24th January 2020 1.30pm

As part of our celebrations of all things Scottish and Robert Burns birthday we will be enjoying a special Scottish themed assembly with poetry, song and performance. **Pupils may dress up as part of their class performance or wear something tartan on the day!**

Parents are welcome to attend.

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 HAPPENS WHEN I GET HURT?

If a child is injured at school, they will be attended to by Mrs Kelly where plasters and ice-packs can be administered if necessary. For a head knock, a standard "bump letter" is given home so that parents/carers are made aware and can keep an eye on the child. If more specialised treatment is required, the school will contact the parent/carer and if necessary an ambulance may be called. Please contact the school if you would like any further information.

Basketball League

The basketball team did us proud last term. This term coaching sessions will commence on Friday 24th January 2020 at The Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley from 4-5pm. Parents are responsible for their child attending these coaching sessions.



Lost Property

Sadly, the schools Lost Property box is filling up with jumpers, cardigans gloves and scarves. Please check that all items of your child's clothing are still clearly labelled.

If your child has lost any items please check our Lost Property Box in the central area.

HEADLICE

A reminder that head lice is a common problem in primary schools and the only way to battle the bug is to regularly check your child's hair. For further information, please see <http://www.healthscotland.com/documents/25.aspx>

P7 Transition

Mrs Nadia Gilmour is our allocated 'Transition Teacher' as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge and she will spend some time working with the Primary 7 children to help prepare them for High School.

E-mail

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by e-mailing- selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gov.uk