



# St. Fillan's Primary School Newsletter

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### **REMINDER: Scottish Parliament Election –School Closure**

As you will be aware, the Scottish Parliament Election will take place on Thursday 5 May. St Fillan's Primary School will be a Polling Station and therefore the school will be closed to pupils. Staff will be decanted to another establishment to work on that day.

### **Sacramental Information**

**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday 15 May at 11am mass. There will also be a Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 24 May at 9.30am. Both of these will take place in St Fillan's Church.

**Confirmation** will be celebrated on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday 7 June at 9.30am in St Fillan's Church.

This is an extremely special time for our Primary 4 and 7 pupils and we ask that you keep them in your prayers.

### **Bishop John**

Bishop John will visit our school on Thursday 12 May. He will meet all children of Primary 7. If time allows, he may visit other classes too.

### **Primary 1 Induction**

There will be three induction afternoons for our new primary 1 children; Tuesdays 17, 24 and 31 May. Each visit will take place from 2.15pm – 2.45pm. Children will meet their new teacher whilst parents will have the opportunity to hear more about life in St Fillan's Primary school and also meet some of the agencies with whom we work.

### **P7 Enterprise**

Primary 7 are organising a 'fun-raiser' in aid of the Bishop's Charity prior to their Confirmation. There will be several activities provided that your child may wish to participate in – each costing 20p or 50p.

These will include nail painting, beat the goalie, score a basketball etc.

This will take place on Tuesday 10 May.

### **God's Loving Plan**

God's Loving Plan replaced Education for Love two years ago as the 'relationship education' programme for pupils P1-7. This programme will once again be taught during May and June.

### **Parent Council**

The next parent council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 May at 7pm in the school.

A date for your calendar! - the Parent Council Summer Fayre will be held on the evening of Friday 17 June 6.30 – 8.30pm. More information will follow but please keep this evening free to come along and support the tremendous work our committed Parent Council do to support our school.

### **May Holidays**

Thursday 26 May is an in-service day for teachers. The school is closed to pupils.

Friday 27 May and Monday 30 May are local holidays. School will be closed to staff and pupils and re-open on Tuesday 31 May.

### **Sports Day**

We are planning to hold our Sports Day on Friday 20 May at 1.10pm in Houston Park, weather permitting. Children are preparing for the races and activities involved. In the interests of safety, we would ask that families remain in the identified areas during Sports Day. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Should the weather prevent this event from taking place, we will inform families through a text message.

### **Outdoor Learning**

As we are moving into the summer months, we live in hope that the sun will come out in abundance! If this should happen, we would ask that pupils come to school prepared with sunscreen, sunhats etc. where appropriate. It is helpful if pupils have sunscreen applied prior to coming to school. Also, any hats or sunglasses should be clearly identified by names or initials. Thank you for your support in this.

### **School car park**

The school car park should not be used by any parents/carers to drop off or collect children from school, on foot or by car. There is one disabled parking space within the school car park. This is for the exclusive use of anyone with a registered disability.

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

It is important that parents/carers contact the school with regard to a child's absence. Parents are requested to telephone the school office between 8.40am and 9.30am, at the latest, on the first morning of each absence. This is Renfrewshire Council Policy and must be adhered to. If we do not hear from a parent about an unexplained absence then we will have to make contact with some other family member.

### **Playground Equipment**

As you know we were successful in our application to the Lotto fund for playground equipment. This is now being constructed at the front of the building. There will be a soft tarmac surface below the equipment to make it safer.

### **SCIAF**

Didn't we do well. Through our efforts we raised £444.15 during Lent and this was matched by Renfrewshire Council bringing our total to £888.30. This amount was then matched by the UK Government which means that SCIAF received a final total of £1776.60 A huge thank you to all.

### **Diary dates**

Monday 2 May                      School closed Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3 May                    School re-opens                  P7 residential trip to Lochgoilhead

Thursday 5 May	School closed – Scottish Election
Friday 6 May	P7 return from residential trip
Tuesday 10 May	P7 'fun – raiser' Activities will cost 20p and 50p
Wednesday 11 May	Parent Council meeting 7 pm in the school
Thursday 12 May	Bishop visits our P7
	NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) here to speak to P6 and P7 in the afternoon.
Sunday 15 May	First Holy Communion -11am Mass at St Fillan's Church
Tuesday 17 May	New P1 Induction afternoon 2.15pm
Wednesday 18 May	P7 Confirmation. 7pm in St Mirin's Cathedral
Friday 20 May	NSPCC here to run a workshop for P6 and P7 am SPORTS DAY at Houston Park from 1.10pm. Weather permitting
Tuesday 24 May	New P1 children - Induction 2.15pm
Wednesday 25 May	Primary 1 Class service 2.15pm in the school. P1 Parents please come along to the classroom.
Thursday 26 May	In service day for staff. School is closed to pupils
Friday 27 May	Holiday weekend
Monday 30 May	Holiday weekend
Tuesday 31 May	M+ M theatre show- Donation of £1 each or £3 per family of 3 or more (The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe)
Wednesday 1 June	Hopscotch Theatre show – price included in yesterdays charge. (Be Keen to eat Green)

### **Future dates**

Thursday 2 June	Parents invited to our Sharing our Learning afternoon 2.15pm
Friday 10 June	Non uniform day
Saturday 11 June	Bridge of Weir Gala Day. We will have a P7 boys football team taking part in this. Thank you to Mr Graham for volunteering to organise our team.
Monday 13 – 17June	Our P7 going to Gryffe will attend their S1 Induction at Gryffe High School. More information will be given to parents nearer the time.
Friday 17 June	Parent Council Summer Fayre (evening)
Wednesday 22 June	End of Term Mass 9.30am
Thursday 23 June	School closed to pupils as it is being used as a Polling Station
Tuesday 28 June	School Closes 1pm