



St. Fillan's Primary School Newsletter

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Dear parent/ Carer,

Class structures and staffing

I am pleased to report that Mrs J Degnan was appointed to a permanent position in our school. We wish her every success in her role here. At present we are working on the structure of our classes. It is likely that we will have composite classes at every stage next year.

European Referendum –School Closure

As you will be aware, the European Referendum will take place on Thursday 23 June. 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.

Parent Council

The Parent Council Summer Fair will be held on the evening of Friday 17 June from 6.30pm -8.30pm. Please come along and help this to be a successful event.

Primary 1 intake

Our induction programme for our new Primary 1 entrants has now concluded. We will welcome our new boys and girls on Monday 15 August at 9.15am. There is a slightly later start on their first day. Thereafter, the children will come to school for 9am. They will be in school full time from their first day in August. Children should be brought to the drop off/collection zone at the end of the ramped entrance. Here they will be met by their class teacher Mrs McKay and escorted into school. Children should be collected from here by a parent/carer at the end of the school day at 3pm.

P7 residential trip

Our Primary 7 pupils had a great time on their residential trip to Lochgoilhead last month. The staff at the site commented on the excellent behaviour they demonstrated and their openness to the experiences offered. They were a credit to our school and to their families.

STEM

You may recall I wrote to you in a previous newsletter to inform you that we would be undertaking interdisciplinary learning over the course of term 3 where all children would be learning about Sciences, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics. Together, these are known as the STEM subjects. As part of this learning, some children were involved in the Scottish Engineering Special Leaders Award 2016 competition, where they had to design their own invention.

One of our pupils has been selected as one of the overall winners and we are delighted to congratulate Hannah in P5 for her winning invention. She will be attending a celebration at The Barony Hall Glasgow. A wonderful achievement.

A big thank you to Mrs Kaney for her hard work co-ordinating our entry to the competition.

FairTrade coffee morning

Our last coffee morning of the year will be held on Friday 3 June from 10-11.30am. Please come along and support Mrs McKay and her committee.

P7/S1 Induction arrangements – week beginning 13 June

Children who will be attending Gryffe HS transition week should arrive here at St Fillan's as usual each morning. They will then walk around with their teacher. Gryffe HS will arrange for children to be escorted safely back to our school at the end of each day.

End of term mass

We will celebrate the end of term with Mass in the church on Wednesday 22 June at 9.30am. All families are welcome.

Altar Servers

Children who have recently received the Sacrament of the Eucharist are now eligible to become altar servers. I would ask that you discuss this with your child and if they are interested, please contact the school. We will then pass this information on to Sr Mary Frances to allow training to be arranged. Please note, altar server training will begin after the summer break.

St Fillan's Church

The staff of St Fillan's Primary School would like to extend their thanks for the support we receive throughout the year from Canon Danny and Sister Mary Frances. Canon Danny has celebrated class masses and services across the school and they both support us in preparing our children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Sports Day

Our Sports afternoon was a huge success even though the weather was not that good. Thank you to all who managed to come along and cheer us on. Well done to all the pre school children who joined in our running race and to the Dads who took part in the flat races. It was a pity we ran out of time for us teachers to take part in a race!!!

Outdoor Learning

We are presently enjoying fine Summer weather! Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared with sunscreen, sunhats and sunglasses, where appropriate. It is helpful if pupils have sunscreen applied prior to coming to school. Also, any hats or glasses should be clearly identified by names or initials. All pupils should be bringing a bottle of water to school and re filling it at our water cooler. We do not have a large supply of cups to give out. Thank you for your support in this.

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 8.45am and 9.30am, at the latest, on the first morning of each absence. If we do not hear from you we will need to make contact with some other family member as we must know why a child is not at school. This is Renfrewshire Council Policy.

School lunches – last day of term

On Tuesday 28 June school lunches will be served at 12pm. There will be a selection of filled sandwiches available on this day. There will be no hot meals.

Pupil Council Talent Show

The Pupil Council are organising a talent show that will be held in school on the last full week of term. Each class will hold auditions in the coming weeks. Two best acts from each stage will be voted

through to the final. There will be a winning act and two runners up. This is a fun end of term activity for children.

Parent Helpers

This year we have enjoyed the support of many parents who have assisted in school trips, school events, escorting pupils to sports activities etc. Thank you. We couldn't do all these things without you!

End of term – 1pm on Tuesday 28 June

As we come to the end of another busy term and academic year, may I, on behalf of all here at St Fillan's, thank you for your continued support. School will close at 1pm on Tuesday 28 June.

We wish you all a happy and restful summer break. Kind regards Mrs M Ward

Diary dates

Tuesday 31 May	M +M Theatre Group performing The lion The Witch and The Wardrobe. £1 each
Wednesday 1 June	Be Keen to eat Green theatre show p 1-4
Thursday 2 June	2.15 -3 pm Sharing our Learning. Parents are welcome to come in to the school and talk to your child about what he/ she has been learning.
Friday 3 June	Non Uniform – please send in an item for a picnic hamper for the Summer Fair. FairTrade Coffee Morning.10am Primary 1 out at RSPB centre
Tuesday 7 June	P7 Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass 9.30 am. Parents welcome
Thursday 9 June	Primary 7 at Houston Primary am
Friday 10 June	Non Uniform - for Summer Fair P1-3 bring something chocolate please P4-7 bring a bottle please
Saturday 11 June	Some P7 boys are taking part in a football tournament in Houston Park as part of Bridge of Weir Gala Day
Monday 13 June	Information meeting for Parents of P7 going into S1at Gryffe- 7pm in Gryffe HS
Monday 13-17 June	P7 at transition week in Gryffe HS
Friday 17 June	Parent Council Summer Fair 6.30- 8.30 All welcome.
Wednesday 22 June	End of term school Mass 9.30 am. All welcome
Thursday 23 June	School closed for European Referendum. Primary 7 prom takes place tonight.
Friday 24 June	Talent Show
Tuesday 28 June	School Closes 1pm

Future dates

Thursday 11 and Fri 12 August	In-Service Day for teachers and Staff
Monday 15 August	Pupils Return to school 9am New Primary 1 children – 9.15am