



St. Fillan's Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Carer, Boys and Girls,

Welcome back to school! It is lovely to see everyone back and looking so smart in new uniforms. We extend a very special welcome to our new children and their families and to our Primary 1 children. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Primary 1

Primary 1 pupils will attend between 9:00am and 3:00pm from the first day back at school. Parents please let us know by calling the school if your end of day pick up arrangements change.

School Office opening hours

The open times for the office are as follows:

Monday - Friday: 8:45am – 12noon and 12:30pm - 3.45pm.

The office will be closed between 12noon and 12.30pm each day. During the times the office is unstaffed, the answer machine will be in operation. Please note, there may be no access to the school for visitors during these times.

Parking

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

Parents/carers should not park on the pavement or zig-zag lines adjacent to the school in order to ensure the school crossing patrollers have unobstructed views of oncoming traffic to ensure the safety of children and families.

The Church car park should not be used by any parents/carers to drop off or collect children from school. This is in the interests of the safety of our community.

Staffing

Miss Emma Young has joined us at St Fillan's Primary school. Mrs MacFarlane will work in her class on a Tuesday of each week.

Welcome back Mrs Steele (formerly Mrs Cleary). Mrs Steele has returned to work after her injury to her back.

Miss Katie Dyer has joined us and will be working in the school office as our new Senior Clerical Officer.

Mrs Marie Richardson is an additional support needs assistant and will be working here for a period of time.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 19 August to take individual, family and class photographs.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to invite you to meet with your child's / children's teachers on Wednesday 24 August from 3:00pm – 3:45pm in the school hall. This is a very informal opportunity to meet school staff for a chat over a cup of tea. We look forward to seeing you there.

School website

Please remember to check the website regularly for newsletters and diary dates.

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.

Positive Behaviour Policy

We have updated this policy and have introduced a House Reward token system. Children can earn tokens in various ways e.g. keeping the school values, being kind, displaying effort in class, being a good listener, etc. The winning house each week will have an extra playtime. Each term the winning house will have a treat e.g. a non uniform day just for that house.

Sanctions – In class if a child does not keep to the school values of; faith, trust, responsibility, respect, teamwork, he/she will be given a verbal warning. If this continues a yellow card will be given. This is a 2nd warning as well as a visual reminder that they should change their behaviour. Children can have the yellow card taken back by demonstrating an improvement. If there is no improvement and inappropriate behaviour continues a red card will be issued. This means the child will stay behind at playtime for a talk with the teacher. You will be informed if your child is issued with a red card so that you can talk to him/her about keeping the school values.

Contact with school office

Prior to setting off for school in the morning, children must always know their travel arrangements for the end of each day

If you plan for your child to arrive late/leave early to attend a medical appointment, please telephone the school in advance, if possible the day before. This will allow us to deal with the request, ensure children and teachers are informed and to maintain accurate attendance registers.

Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, please remember to complete the appropriate paperwork at the school office.

If your child has any health issues which you think we should know about please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water (with a sports cap) to drink during the day. Fresh water is available throughout the day for all pupils. Diluting/fizzy juice is not permitted within the classroom.

Lost Property

Please ensure you have put your child's name on every item of clothing as we had numerous pieces of clothing left over each week last year.

Staff endeavour to remind pupils to take all of their belongings home at the end of each school day. If your child is missing any item please send him/her to look through the lost property box. If your child brings home any item which does not belong to him/her, please return it to the school as quickly as possible. **Please note, the lost property box is located in the main reception area of the school.**

Mobile Phones

Please note that pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on and in use during the school day. Phones must be stored in school bags at all times.

Contact Details

Annual data check forms will be sent home shortly. It is very important the school holds all current emergency contact details. Please complete and return these to school as soon as possible.

If your contact details change throughout the school year, please inform the school in writing to ensure your details are updated accordingly.

Outdoor Learning

Our commitment to outdoor learning continues. In order that pupils benefit from this, we would ask that they come 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.

August Diary Dates

Friday 19 August: Tempest Photography in school. Individual, family and class photos will be taken

Wednesday 24 August: Meet the teacher, school hall, 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Mass for beginning of term: A date for this has still to be agreed with Father Danny who is holiday at present. I will text you with this date.



Feedback

As a school, your thoughts and opinions are very important to us and we welcome feedback. If there is anything you like about this newsletter, anything you would like to see improved on or any other general comments, please do let us know either through the attached pro forma or through email to the school enquiries address.

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Please tell us what you like about this newsletter.

Please tell us anything you would like to see in our newsletter/ how we can improve.

Any other comments.

Please return to the school office or school enquiries email account.