

SCHOOL BULLETIN

ST. FILLAN'S PRIMARY

October 2020



Head Teacher's Message:

What a busy month September has been. All the classes have been working hard to establish new routines that help keep everyone safe. It's great to have the pupils in school and learning and over the coming weeks and months, we hope as a school to begin to find new ways to 'build back – better' with opportunities and activities that our pupils have at every stage, in respect of current COVID guidance and restrictions.

In September we were able to restart our awards assemblies, (virtually), elect our House Captains and Vice House Captains, and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our previous Primary 7 pupils.

This bulletin hopes to update you on more areas we hope to 'build back' in school but due to the current pace of change with regards COVID guidance please feel free to contact the school if you require clarification on any items mentioned.

Now that the weather has turned colder, I would ask that the children come to school prepared with outdoor jackets.

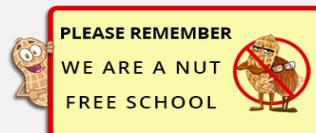
Wishing everyone a lovely month ahead as we embrace the colours and fruits of the Autumn season. Please remember in your prayers all our pupils that have received or are about to receive a Sacrament, as well as those who have lost loved ones during the lockdown.

Keep safe everyone.

Stephen Collins (Acting Headteacher)

Dates to Remember

First Friday Mass at 9.30am TBC	02-Oct
P4/P5 First Communion 10am	03-Oct
Tempest Photographs	08-Oct
October week	12-16-Oct
Inservice Day	19-Oct
Pupils Returns	20-Oct



All Saints Feast Day Mass 11.30am	30-Oct
Parents info evening (Virtual)	10-Nov
Anti Bullying/Celebrating Diversity Week	16-Nov
Sharing our Learning 2.15-3pm TBC	25-Nov
St Andrews Day school closed	30-Nov
Nativity - Dress Rehearsal TBC	09-Dec
Nativity - Community Rehearsal TBC	10-Dec
Nativity - Parents/Carers TBC	11-Dec
Christmas Jumper Day	14-Dec
Christmas Parties - P1-P3	15-Dec
Christmas Parties - P4-P5	16-Dec
End of term Mass 9.30am	18-Dec
School Closes 2.30pm	18-Dec

Sacramental Meetings & Parent Evening (Postponed)

Due to current guidance, we will be unable to host any meetings either in the church or in school. Fr. Andrew and I hope to organise sacramental meetings for our P.7 and P.4 pupils when it is safe to do so. Please be assured your children's spiritual development is important to us in school and that we look forward to when we work in full partnership with our families and share the Sacramental developments of your child with you.

Parents evening has also had to be postponed however your child's class teachers will be evaluating your child's progress in their targets and this written feedback will be electronically sent to your child's Glow email account after the October holidays.

School Vision, Values and Aims:

Our school vision, values and aims are the beating heart of our school and the core beliefs of what we are aiming to achieve. As a Catholic School, we also follow the 'Charter for Catholic Schools' and our core values echo the values contained in the Gospels.

This month, we will focus on our core value of 'Team work' and the Gospel Value of 'Gentleness.' Over the coming months Mrs McPherson will be presenting (virtual) assemblies that will explore these values and how we can live them.

The school aim that we will focus on is: 'Demonstrate Excellence' and this will be a focus in learning opportunities that are provided in the classroom.

Remember FACTS for a safer Scotland

F	Face coverings	
A	Avoid crowded places	
C	Clean your hands regularly	
T	Two metre distance	
S	Self isolate and book a test if you have symptoms	



PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council AGM takes place on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm via a virtual zoom meeting.

All parents are welcome to attend and new volunteers are actively encouraged. For further information please contact stfillans@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk



Hygiene



Hygiene protocols will be maintained at all times. Handwashing facilities and hand sanitisers are available around the school and pupils will wash their hands throughout the day. They will also be encouraged to continue to follow the good practice around **Catch It, Bin It, Kill It**. Day cleaners work to clean frequently touched surfaces throughout the day. Pupils will be encouraged to keep their own space clean and tidy. Bags will remain on the floor at all times and pupil jackets will be kept in the classrooms.

Informal Uniform

Until such times as it is safe to do so we continue to have a 'less formal' uniform of a polo shirt, sweatshirt, outdoor appropriate bottoms, and footwear as well as a waterproof outer layer. There is no requirement for pupils to change their shoes. As P.E continues to be delivered outdoors, and classes are encouraged to have frequent outdoor learning opportunities, all pupils should come dressed appropriately for the Scottish weather **Please ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket and hood.**

Scotland's weather can be very unpredictable and to ensure full ventilation all classroom windows will continue to remain open during the school day, so layers are advisable. Please label all items with your child's name and class. We are not able to store any lost property so any unnamed items that cannot be identified may need to be disposed of.

If parents wish their child to wear more 'formal' school uniform they can do so but please be aware that there will not be any opportunity for pupils to change in school and teachers are currently unable to assist pupils with their clothing or any face coverings.

'Dressing for Excellence' will return as soon as it's safe to do so.

Start & end of day

To avoid congestion at the start and end of the day and allow for Social Distancing between adults and children, the school entrance doors open at 8.50 am for pupils to enter and practice good hand hygiene. I appreciate the efforts that all our families are making to ensure that only one adult enters the playground (if required). Staff continue to be available to support the children and ensure they enter safely via the correct entrance. Please do not drop your child before 8.50 am as there is no supervision.

P2/1 and P3/2 will continue to be dismissed by their teachers at 2.55 pm, once again to allow for social distancing between adults and children/adults. All other classes will be escorted by their class teacher and dismissed at 3 pm.

Pupils that use school transport continue to be supervised to and from their buses. Pupils that travel by bus must wear a face-covering whilst travelling.

Can I also request that dogs are not brought into the playground as we have several children who are frightened of dogs of any size

Glow/Google Classroom

Keep up the good work!

We have had an excellent response from our pupils and their parents to our pupil homework being delivered online via Google Classroom, which is accessed through our pupil Glow accounts.

If your child has any issues accessing their homework please could you contact our school office who are happy to help reset passwords etc?

Additional information on accessing our online Google Classrooms via Glow can be found at

<https://youtu.be/15lpHTthRRFg>

<https://youtu.be/DLM4bB5T3OA>

Halloween Parade and Disco

Due to current COVID restrictions, we will be unable to have our annual Halloween Parade and Disco. However, the teachers hope to organise a virtual parade via their Google Classroom, as well as Halloween crafting afternoons for their classes



Nurturing Learning

We are all learners in our St. Fillan's family. Already this session our teaching staff have participated in 'Seasons for Growth' training, which is designed to support pupils and their families with sudden loss or bereavement. Also, teachers have enjoyed weekly outdoor P.E. coaching sessions with our Active Schools' Co-ordinator – Lynsey Dawson.

This session the nurture principle that St. Fillan's will focus on this session is:

'The Classroom offers a safe place' the staff will receive specialist training in this principle during the October in-service day from Wendy O' Neill (Renfrewshire Ed. Psychologist)

In addition this session teaching staff continue to progress their 'Building the Learning Power' modules and 'The Write Stuff' writing programme training as part of their Continuous Learning and Professional Development.

School Communication

Our school communicates in a variety of ways with parents, via our website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfillans/> and also via Facebook and Twitter.

Our Facebook link is

<https://www.facebook.com/fillan.bear>

Our Twitter link is

https://twitter.com/Fillan_Bear



School Photographs

Tempest Photography will attend the school on

Thursday 8th October.

To comply with all risk assessments and distancing measures only individual and sibling photographs will be taken. Families can choose to send their child in either formal or less formal uniform for the photographs.



Active Schools lunchtime and afterschool clubs will resume on Thursday 22nd October, classes must be registered for on the Class 4 Kids system as before but will now be paid for through Parent Pay. Lunchtime clubs will cost £1 and afterschool clubs will cost £2.

**Monday(Lunchtime) P5/4 12.30-1pm & P4/3 1pm – 1.30pm Monday(afterschool) P.6 3-4pm
Thursday(Lunchtime) P3/2 12.30 -1pm & P2/1 1 – 1.30pm Thursday(afterschool) P7/6 3-4pm**

<https://rl-stfillans.class4kids.co.uk>

P1-P3

This fun based lunch club will allow children to participate and learn the basics of a physical activity & sports based session. They will be delivered using fun games and inclusive sessions. We will cover a range of games, activities and elements of athletics including run, jump and throw.

P4-P7

This club will cover skills, drills and small sides games. All of the Current SFA and Education Guideline's will be followed and delivered by a highly qualified football coach. Please take the time to read the key points below;

1. Equipment will be kept to a minimum and cleaned including bibs that will be washed before and after each session
2. Children will be put into teams of no more than 4 and remain in the teams
3. Children will not get changed so please ensure they have appropriate footwear for the club and a polo shirt if possible.
4. Please also provide an extra water bottle for the club.

The clubs will be delivered within all current education and cleaning guidelines. The children's safety will be at forefront of the sessions and all hygiene cleaning and FACTS guidelines will be followed.