



ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

## Newsletter Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderfully busy week as we continue through the summer term. We have lots of news to share with you this week. This morning we had a beautiful start to the day. We came together for the first time in over a year with whole school prayers on the pitch.

### **Prayerful intentions**

We are very keen to support one another in our whole school community through the power of collective prayer. If you have a private intention which you wish to share in confidence with us please find access to the link [here](#) and we will pray for your intentions.

### **First Holy Communion**

Next week we will have our children from Primary 4 celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### **Bank Holiday /Polling Day School In-service information**

As you know the school will be closed for the Bank holiday on Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May. There will be staff in-service on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of May as the school will also be closed to pupils due to the Scottish Government Elections being held.

### **Outdoor Learning**

Everyone's involvement in improving our school grounds has had a huge impact on outdoor learning and pupils' playground experiences. When our whole school community came together last Friday we felt a tremendous energy around the school and the children learned a lot about sustainability and the environment. It was lovely to see the children come to school dressed in bright colours carrying tools, seeds, plants, pots, shrubs and flowers.

I want to extend our thanks to the parents who continue to support to the school and our outdoor project. In particular I would like to thank Debi Emslie Hair and Sennit Construction Ltd for their very generous donations this week.

The difference our group of PTA members, Parents, Staff and Pupils made to the school grounds over the Easter Break is so good we want you to watch it again. If you haven't, please take a few minutes to watch this video: <https://twitter.com/StFillansPS/status/1383130899089350663?s=20>

If you work with a business/company who are in a position to offer donations that can help us further improve our school grounds, we'd really love to hear from you.

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### **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Parent Support Group**

A number of parents have voiced an interest in re-establishing our ASD Parent Support Group. This group is aimed at parents who have a child/ren with a diagnosis of ASD. The group is run by parents to support parents, and is facilitated within the school. If you are interested and feel you would like to contribute, or benefit from the ASD Parent Support Group please complete the usual Parent/Carer contact form, leaving your details, so we can begin planning an initial meeting.

### **Latecomings**

There have been a number of late comings to the school since returning from the Easter Holidays. Parents can drop their child off at the school gate from 8.50 am. This allows children to take part in socialising with their friends and helps them prepare for the school day. Late coming for children can be disruptive for the class and can have a detrimental impact on the start to a child's day. 10 mins missed from the start of each day equates to 50 minutes of learning missed each week.

Please ensure your child is on time for school each morning.

### **Jackets**

We are very grateful to the good people at Glasgow the Caring city for the very kind donation of new jackets for some of our pupils which are perfect for this time of year. We received approximately 200 jackets which were given out this week to pupils mostly suitable for children from P3-5. We have heard that one of our pupils told his parents that it is the latest 'Gucci' he was given. If your child received a jacket please ensure their name is on it. Many thanks to our support staff for organising this and being wonderful fitting room attendants.

### **Tidy up Friday**

We are looking for parent volunteers on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> 3.30-4.30ish weather permitting to help maintain our new grounds. Please complete this [form](#) if you think you can help.

### **School Car free Zone update**

Our Community Police were present during the week following concerns expressed to them from parents and residents about the number of vehicles not observing the School Car Free Zone. They have asked us to remind parents that driving through the SCFZ during the restricted periods can lead to a fine. This SCFZ pilot been in place since last year and GCC would like to get feedback about the scheme from parents and carers. The survey is online and started on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April and run for 4 weeks until the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.

The Parent/Carer Link is found at : <https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/glasgow-school-streets-parent-survey>

Glasgow City Council will be delivering survey postcards to the local residents to get feedback from them w/c 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

### **COVID Health and Safety notice**

Our local authority is now in Level three since Monday which has meant a subtle change in the restrictions. Please remember to comply with the guidance to continue to help keep the community safe.

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Thank you to everyone who has helped support our full reopening by maintaining social distancing with members outside of your own family. Please continue to wear masks on school grounds and when dropping off or collecting your child/children. Please also remember only one adult should accompany children when dropping off or collecting from school.

Please ensure your child has a change of clothes in school each day. As the children will be outdoors a lot more often children require to change into a change of clothes. This currently does not have to be school uniform attire.

### **Test and Protect link and guidelines**

**If your child has any of the symptoms of COVID 19 (High temperature, new and continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of taste or smell) then you must get a test. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS. If anyone in your household has tested positive then all household members must get a coronavirus test** . Even if a negative result is returned for those family members, they **must still isolate**.

Full guidance can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/who-needs-to-self-isolate/>

### **Contacting the school**

Please continue to get in touch with the school [here](#) via the form system. The form is also available on the school website.

Thank you for all your continued support of the school and of all our staff. We hope you have a relaxing holiday weekend.

Mr Bourke

Head Teacher.

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