



Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Industrial Action Update

As we highlighted last week, there is further industrial action planned for this coming **Monday 16th January**. All schools across Glasgow will be closed to pupils as per directorate letter which we shared in last week's bulletin. Should any changes occur we will endeavour to inform you as soon as we can but please keep an eye on social media for details of any changes or updates.

St Fillan's Day Celebrations

Next Thursday, the 19th January we will celebrate the Feast of St Fillan in our school. Children can come to school in their own clothes (non-uniform) and there will be celebrations in the classes throughout the school day recognising the role of our Patron Saint. Father Peter will celebrate Mass on his return from annual leave on the following Thursday 26th of January in our school hall.

Burn's Day 2023

In recognition of the work the children have been learning about Robbie Burns, we will hold our annual Burns assembly on Wednesday 25th of January. The children will be allowed to dress down in Tartan and/or Blue and white (non-uniform).

A Team



We are exceptionally grateful to Mr and Mrs Cheney, parents of Caleb and Mya in Primary 7 who have very generously funded new football strips for our A Team. We are sure you will agree that they look great. The team are very excited to play their first game tomorrow in their new strips. We wish them all the very best for the rest of the season as they go forward looking the part.

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Sacramental update

Sacrament of Reconciliation

At this time of year pupils in Primary 3 begin their Sacramental preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession). Fr Peter has confirmed the date for this year's Primary 3 Confession for Monday 27th March at 7pm in Christ the King Parish Church. Pupils from St Mirin's will also make their First Confession that evening.

If your child is **currently in P3** and will be making this Sacrament, please follow the link [here](#) and complete this online form as soon as possible so we can gather all the necessary information.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Our Primary 7 pupils will make the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 28th February at Christ the King Parish Church. Further details will follow

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Our Primary 4 pupils will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 6th May at 10am and 12 noon Masses.**

Parking in and around the School

The weather has meant that we have had an increase in cars dropping children to school over the last two weeks. As I mentioned last week it is imperative to be mindful of the children crossing the road at the **back gate** at Kirkwell if parents/carers are dropping off your child. The back gate is not supervised by staff members in the morning and we are concerned that an accident could occur due to lack of awareness or care being taken. Also please **DO NOT PARK ACROSS DRIVEWAYS** near the school. It is imperative that we have good relations with our neighbours in the community and consideration of their necessity to access their properties would be much appreciated.

Road Safety and Parking on Crompton Avenue/Safe Streets Campaign Reminder

A reminder that it is not permitted to drive down Crompton Avenue between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm as the school is part of a school free car zone scheme run by GCC. This has been in place since session 2019-2020. Please note that the Community Police have been issuing tickets throughout last session and will continue to support the school by reminding the public of the restrictions that are still in place and must be obeyed.

Car Park

Please do not use the school car park at any time for dropping off your child including breakfast club and after school (Exemptions for blue badge holders). **Parents/carers and children must also use pedestrian areas only when accessing the school grounds.** As I highlighted on other Newsletters there are other City Building staff who drive through the main gate from 8am and will be unaware that parents have been incorrectly using this gate as a pedestrian walkway. This could have serious repercussions and result in an accident.

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Outdoor PE

Please ensure that on outdoor PE days children have appropriate clothing to keep them dry and warm. It would be advisable to provide a change of clothes in your child's bag in the event of them getting wet. We have a very limited supply in the school.

Health and safety

As I requested last week can you please ensure that your child does not bring electronic smart watches of any kind to school. A number of children have returned after Christmas with watches that can take pictures and/or record/film/facetime/video call etc. These devices are not appropriate for use in school. In addition we are not insured for any damages that may occur. Can we also request that no energy drinks, chewing gum or lollipops are brought in for snacks?

Thank you for your continuing support with this matter.

Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we are using the form system to facilitate communication. **If there is a matter of urgency** that you wish to discuss please use the link [here](#) and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. This form should not be used to report absences as this should be reported to the school office.

Nursery Class News

Lunches in the nursery have been going well. The children have been enjoying eating with their friends and staff are enjoying the social experience. A menu will follow. Next week we will be reintroducing bakery to the nursery; our toy fund contributions will go towards baking ingredients.

Children have been reviewing their learning and have been making changes to the playroom as a result. Through this we have created a hospital area which the children are enjoying.

Kind regards,

Mr Brian Bourke, Headteacher.

Dates for your diary

Please appreciate that dates and times may be subject to change. Additional dates may be added in subsequent newsletters.

16.1.23 School closed to pupils for industrial action

19.1.23 St Fillan's Day

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25.1.23 Burn's Day Celebrations

13.2.23 Holiday

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15.2.23 In-service

28.2.23 Confirmation for P7 7pm at Christ the King Parish Church

31.3.23 Close for Easter holidays 2.30pm

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