



ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

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## Newsletter Thursday 22<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder we are closed on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> for September weekend.

### Strictly Kids Hill Head

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting a Danceathon for Hillhead Charity. Angelina C in P7 has been selected for the final of the Strictly Kids Danceathon in October and we are supporting her charity work as a school. We ask that all the pupils come dressed in their own clothes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September as they participate in a Danceathon with their class in the dining hall. If it would be possible, please could your child bring a donation that will be given to the Hillhead charity.

Hillhead provide support to families, children and communities in Scotland. Thanks to their volunteers and fundraisers they are able to offer support to families and children offering food packages, baby packages, personal and learning support and so much more. They also strive to support any local groups who are in need of anything to ensure they can keep providing their fantastic services to our local communities in Scotland. We are looking forward to supporting Angelina in this great achievement and to be able to share in her success at school. Good luck for the final Angelina!

### Book Amnesty

We love to read with our pupils and encourage them to take books home. Unfortunately, these don't always make their way back to school. Over time, class libraries, school library, reading books and group novels get depleted so we're launching a book amnesty over the next few weeks. We don't mind how long you've been in possession of a school book; we'd just love to have it back. Please look under the bed, behind the sofa etc. and dig out any books which belong to school. No one will be counting how many you return - we'll just be delighted to get them back! If you have any children's books, in good condition, which your family no longer require, we'd also be delighted to offer them a new home. Books can be returned to the shelf outside Mr. Bourke's office. Thank you for your donations and returns so far!



### Can you help?

If you are clearing out during the days off over the next few weeks, we would be delighted to take any toys/games off your hands.

We are looking for any unwanted but usable dolls (e.g. Barbie/LOL style dolls), action figures, children's tea sets, plastic fruit/veg, toy 'shop' item etc. Thanks for the amazing donations so far!

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### STEM

STEM is one of our school priorities this year. We are very keen to utilise all skills and expertise within our local community so are asking for all those with STEM related jobs (Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths) to fill out the attached questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKXE4R3y9qYtMuZZEJ7I1lkJUQzBDNzZJOUhVVVNxVUI3WIFVNzgzRzJMVC4u>

Our P7 pupils will attend Holyrood next Wednesday for a STEM event with pupils from the cluster primaries as well as pupils and staff from Holyrood. More details have been sent to parents/carers of P7 pupils.

### Cathcart Old Parish Church

We are led to believe that a very small number of our pupils have not been showing respect when in the grounds and gardens of Cathcart Old Parish Church. Sections of these grounds are memorials where ashes have been interred. If your child tends to go to this area after school please speak to them about this.

### Homework / Google Classroom

Please use this link for any assistance you may need using [Google Classroom](#)

Some families have informed us that they have experienced difficulties assessing Google Classroom.

We kindly ask that you complete this [form](#) for each child you have in school. It will only take a few seconds (honest!)

### Communicating with the school

Please remember that we are using a [form system](#) to facilitate communication. If there is a matter of urgency that you wish to discuss please use the link below and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. Please do not contact us via email.

**You may not always receive a direct response from the SLT if your query has already been answered through either a previous communication or could be answered by your child.**

We will continue to keep you informed and updated on any significant changes through our usual communication channels. Once again thank you for all your continued support.

Thank you, as always, for all your continuing support of the school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Bourke,

Head Teacher.

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