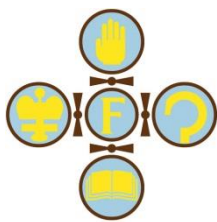


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## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all been enjoying the fine weather this week as a hint of summer returned. We have had another busy week in St Fillan's.

### **Start and Finish time**

Here is a reminder again of the start finish times of the school day for our children. Can I also remind parents that the breakfast club is available for all children from 8.00am and can be paid for through Parent Pay. There is no playground supervision at this time of the morning so we would recommend that if you drop your child off at school early, your child attends breakfast club to keep safe, warm and dry before school begins.

A reminder of our start and finish times for the school day:

9am start and 3.05pm end for P1-P2/3

9am start and 3.10pm end for P3-7

For our collection at the end of the day can we please ask that parents keep back from the gate as there can be some difficulty with children seeing the person who is collecting them when there are large crowds gathered so closely to the fence and gate. Many thanks for your support

### **Congregation at the school gates**

**A reminder that once your child has been dropped off at school there is no need for parents/carers to remain at either the school gate where they were dropped off, or at the fence outside the school grounds. Please be assured that your child is perfectly safe once they are in our care. It can be particularly unsettling for our younger children when there are large crowds of adults outside the fence on Crompton avenue as they try to walk back over to the fence where the adults have gathered.**

### **Health and Safety Notice**

#### **Earrings and Jewellery**

Once again it has come to my attention that a small minority of children have been wearing acrylic nails, jewellery and earrings to school. Please note that it is Glasgow City Council policy to not permit these items in schools for health and safety reasons. Children have been asked to remove all jewellery, rings, earrings etc on PE days. Children cannot partake in PE wearing

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jewellery of any kind. Bracelets or earrings cannot be taped up so please ensure they are removed for school.

**Please also remember that only earring studs are permitted in school during non-PE times.**

### **No Dogs permitted on School Grounds**

Please remember that dogs are not permitted on school grounds as per GCC policy. It is also helpful if you are collecting your child from the school gates that you could please not stand directly at the entrance gate as it can be create congestion when people stop to pet the dog and can be overwhelming for the animals themselves. Thank you.

### **Access to the School Car Park**

Please remember that the school car park is for staff and GCC employees, delivery drivers, Education Facilities and catering etc and should not be accessed by members of the public. I also kindly ask that when dropping off and collecting children that this is done within the permitted areas of parking and not within the School Car Free Zone. I have also met with our crossing patrollers who have described large numbers of cars driving through the Car Free Zone area when not permitted. These restrictions are in place to keep our children safe and we would appreciate that they are adhered to by those in our school community.

### **iPad Chargers**



Over the past few years we have given P5-7 pupils their own iPad to use in school and at home. However, our stock of chargers has run out due to them being lost, not returned or broken. We are currently not in a position to purchase any more to replace the ones we distributed or provide chargers with the devices due to the cost of replacing them.

We kindly ask could all parents return any school chargers that have been given out last year. We require to have these returned to populate 'charging stations' in our school so pupils can charge their iPad in class. We would ask that from now on iPads are charged at home (where possible) and if you are unable to do so your child can charge it in school. We are grateful for your support in regard to this and apologise we are currently unable to provide replacement chargers.

*Many thanks to the owner of [MRK Electrical](#), Dad of Aaron in P6 and Rose in P2. He read the above post last week and has very generously donated ten new Apple chargers to our school.*



Should any other family wish to do the same, chargers must be certified Apple to conform to GCC user agreement. Donations such as these make such a difference in our classrooms.

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### **Free football tickets for P5-7 pupils**

Thank you to everyone who applied for tickets. All tickets have now been claimed with everyone who requested a ticket for their child being granted one. These 60 pupils will meet with a staff member and player from Queen's Park over the coming week. They will also receive a few Queen's Park goodies. Further communication will follow via text this week asking for contact details on the day of the match and also giving information about match day arrangements.

**More free tickets!** The good people at The Kano Foundation have kindly offered us 70 children's tickets for the Celtic v Kilmarnock game on Saturday 7th October. These will be offered to P6 and P7 pupils who will be accompanied by a team of volunteers. All details and application form here. This [link](#) will open at 6pm on Monday evening. Tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

Clubs starting from WB 11<sup>th</sup> September are listed below. If your child is interested, please click the link to complete a few details.

**P6 & P7 Dance Club 8-9am:** <https://forms.office.com/e/eLjaNFwS3v>

*This club is now full. All pupils who requested a place have been granted one.*

**P6 & P7 Basketball Club 8-9am:** <https://forms.office.com/e/ynCWHJAGLP>

*There are still places remaining in this club.*

**P4 Multi-sports 3.15 -4.15pm:** <https://forms.office.com/e/GdNjNj3rAH>

*This club is now full. All pupils who requested a place have been granted one.*

**P5 Football 3.15-4.15pm:** <https://forms.office.com/e/3we14vdeyM>

*There are still places remaining in this club.*

**\*\*New\*\***

**P5-7 Netball Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm**

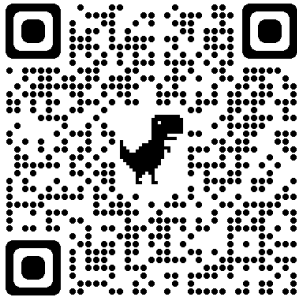
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### **Primary 1 snacks and lunches**

We would like to remind parents that all children in Primary 1-5 receive a free school meal. We also encourage parents who qualify for the Free Clothing Grant to apply for this as soon as possible. Please use ParentPay to discuss and select school lunches for your child prior to coming to school. You can order 4 weeks in advance and up to 8.30 on an individual morning. Should you choose to provide a packed lunch for your child, we remind you that we are a nut free and health promoting school. Please remember that fast food is not appropriate for a child's lunch. Please also only provide **one** snack for playtime. Fizzy Drinks are not permitted in schools as per Glasgow City Council

### Showbie

Please use the QR Code below to watch a short video on how to access the SHOWBIE platform at home.



A reminder that we began to issue homework this week. Please check your child's bag for reading books and work. All classes will be moving towards Showbie towards the end of the month. Please scan the QR code above on how to access.

### National Entitlement Card

A reminder as per last week's email that Primary 1 children are entitled to a National Entitlement Card. Instructions for this were sent by email last week. Please apply through Parent Portal App.

For those who require a replacement card please see below.

A leaflet for Glasgowlife. The top half features a photograph of a white double-decker bus with 'Glasgow Fort VIA PRISLEY ROAD WEST 10' on its destination sign. Overlaid on the top right of the photo is the text 'Get a Replacement National Entitlement Card' in yellow. A QR code is positioned on the right side of the leaflet. The bottom half of the leaflet has a white background with black text: 'To request a replacement card please visit our website: www.glasgowlife.org.uk/NEC'. Below this, it says 'Contact the Team' and provides contact details: 'Enquiries only—We can't accept Card Requests by Phone or Email', 'Telephone: 0141 287 4350, Option 6', and 'Email: youngglasgow@glasgowlife.org.uk'. There are two logos at the bottom: the Glasgow City Council logo on the left and the Young Glasgow logo on the right.

A leaflet for Glasgowlife. The top right corner features the Glasgowlife logo and the Young Glasgow logo. The main body of the leaflet contains the following text: 'If you've lost your card or it's not working any more then it's easy to request a replacement. Use the QR code on the front of this leaflet or visit our website to request one.'; 'If you've changed your name or address then you'll need to provide proof of that change and you can upload that using the form.'; 'Some photos can also become out of date as you change while you're growing up so you can upload a new one. You'll need to provide proof of identity or a photo referee if you change your photo.'; 'Details of proofs that are required for changes can be found at: https://www.entitlementcard.org.uk/proofs'; 'Remember that this form is only for replacement cards—if you're applying for the first time then you can't use this form. Speak to your school office or visit your local library for more information. You can find your nearest library by visiting our website: https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/libraries'; and 'If you have any questions about getting a replacement card we are here to help. You can contact the team using the details on the front of this leaflet.' At the bottom, there are two logos: the Glasgow City Council logo on the left and the Young Glasgow logo on the right.

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### **Allergies update and medicine**

Please ensure the school has the most up to date information with regard to your child/ren's allergies. Forms for this are available at the school office. We are aware that some children may have the status of their allergy or medical conditions amended since the start of the summer. Please send you child's inhaler and any other medication to the school immediately. It is imperative for any medication that requires to be administered in school has the correct paperwork completed before it can be given to your child/ren



### **Young People's Forum**

On Monday, 3 of our Primary 5 children attended the first Young Peoples Forum of 2023 at the City Chambers. At the forum they learned more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

### **Summary of their visit**

#### **Road Safety and Parking on Crompton Avenue/Safer Streets Campaign**

A reminder that it is not permitted to drive down or park 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.

### **Family Learning**

Many thanks to parents who were able to come along to our Primary 1 Family Learning sessions this week with Mrs Crompton and Mrs McAvoy, we hope you found the input useful. Next week's theme is Reading .

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### **Eco Committee News**

As you may have seen, the book trolley is back out at the front of the nursery. These books are available to buy for a donation, and all proceeds go to Mary's Meals. So far we have sent £40 to Mary's Meals. If you take a book, please give your donation to your child and the Eco rep will collect.

### **Nursery Open Night**

Our Nursery Open Night will be held a week on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 5pm-6pm. We are looking forward to meeting our new and returning families.

### **Health & Safety**

Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school aged children. They're largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Please check your child/children regularly for signs of head lice and treat accordingly. Further details and information can be found:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/skin-hair-and-nails/head-lice-and-nits>

### **Contacting the school**

#### **Reporting your child's absence**

The procedure for reporting your child's absence is through the absence line. The absence line for reporting is 0141 471 3710 or 0141 287 0039 Please provide the details requested by the operator. Details are found on <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18832>

#### **Communicating with the school**

We use a [Microsoft Office](#) forms system to facilitate communication with the Leadership Team. This system is effective in that all of the team can access the forms at any time, including out of the normal school hours, allowing us to address and issues that require a prompt response. If there is a matter that you wish to discuss please use the link below and we will address it as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKTDuSgv3IU1OgtjeJ-xiX7JUMFZHSjRRT0JWUjJINkpOVzhKMDc5TkxYRCQIQCN0PWcu>

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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bourke, Head Teacher

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