



April 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to Term 4. I hope you had a lovely Easter Break. The sun is starting to shine and Spring is in full bloom. We have an exciting term ahead and I wanted to update you on some events.

Baby News

We have a new addition to our St Roch's family – Miss Coyne welcomed a beautiful baby boy – Sean before the holidays. Mum and baby are happy and healthy. Miss Dunn will continue to be the Primary 2 class teacher for the remainder of the term.

Traffic and Parking

The local community will be aware of a road traffic accident before Easter between a taxi driver and a cyclist. This happened at the junction near the school. Fortunately, there were no injuries and no one from our school community was involved. This is always a reminder that we need to take great care to ensure our children are safe. I am asking again that parents/ families **do not park** at the gates around the school. It is extremely dangerous and blocks the traffic. Can I also ask that parents/ families **do not gather** blocking exit and entry routes at **9am and 3pm**.

End of Year Reports

Class teachers have been working hard on yearly reports. These will be issued on **Wednesday 31st May**.

Parents Night

Our Parent and Families reporting sessions will be held on **Thursday 1st June**. Please complete your return slips for your requested slot – **Session 1 – 3:15- 5:15pm and Session 2 – 6:00 – 8:00pm**.

City Wise Bounce Back Challenge

Throughout the month of May we will be taking part in the City Wise Bounce Back Challenge. The aim of the challenge is to encourage pupils to stay active by completing 30 minutes of physical exercise each day. Each pupil will receive a City Wise booklet in which they should record any activity they complete. As a reward for participating, pupils will receive a medal at the end of the month. Please help us in supporting your child to take part by encouraging them to be active. The challenge will take place from Tuesday 2nd May – Wednesday 31st May.

Healthy Eating School- Snacks and Drinks

Please support us and ensure your child does not bring a snack to school that contains nuts. Lollipops, chewing gum and multipacks are not allowed. Children can bring a water bottle to school with water or dilute juice. Energy drinks are not allowed- this includes PRIME and MONSTER drinks. We have children with medical conditions and if they were to be in contact with nuts and energy drinks, they could become seriously ill. I am sure I will have your support in keeping all our children happy and healthy.

Dinner School/Parent Pay

All Primary 1 to Primary 5 children are entitled to a free school meal. Just a reminder that you should still apply for Free Meal Entitlement and Clothing Grant in order to receive any additional payments/supports. More information can be found at <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>.

If you are entitled to a Free Meal, you can attend the breakfast club for free. Breakfast Club is available from 8.15am to 8.45am. Everyone is welcome.

Please use the pre-booking dinner school system – Parent Pay. Please contact us at the School Office – 0141 552 0010 for support. Lunches need to be ordered before 9.15am. If your child is late, they may not get their first choice of lunch. Please ensure you pre order your children's choices.

Uniform/Gym Days

Please can I ask that children wear school uniform with our school colours. For gym days children can continue to come to school in gym clothes. Please could I kindly ask that gym clothes are white, navy or black.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on **Saturday 20th May at 11am** at St. Roch's Parish Church. The children should arrive at 10:30 – 10:45am. The service will start at 11am. Families are welcome to attend the service.

Primary 1 Inductions and Transitions

We will be running Parent Information Events on the lead up to summer. These sessions will introduce you to our school and what you can expect when your child joins us in Primary 1.

- ◆ **Thursday 27th April: 9:30 – 10:30am**
- ◆ **Wednesday 31st May: 5:30 – 6:30pm**
- ◆ **Thursday 15th June: 1:30 – 2:30pm**

After School Family Learning Club- Tuesday 3:15 to 4:15

At this club, families and children are welcome to come, play games, complete homework, and interact with literacy and numeracy resources/games. This will be held in the dinner hall and we will offer snacks and soft drinks. Please enter via front door reception. This will be offered to P4 to P7 children. Siblings will be welcome as this is a family learning programme.

Family Arts and Crafts - Thursday 3:15 to 4:15

This club is hosted by North Glasgow Healthy Living Group. Spaces for this event are limited to only 12 families. The first block of sessions was very successful, and we hope the families who attended enjoyed them. The next block will begin on **Thursday 27th April**. Families who were previously on the waiting list will be informed of their place at the club by letter. Please let us know if you are unable to attend so that another family may be offered the space.

The Wee Shop and Chatter Café

Our family/ school run shop and café is available to all our families. Our free shop can provide clothing, toys, household items and personal care products. Please come along as it is open every Friday afternoon. Our Chatter café is open **every Thursday morning and Tuesday afternoon**. This café is free. Come along and enjoy some company with a cup of tea/ coffee.

Parent and Family Volunteer

Parents and families are always welcome to come and support us. If you would like to become a parent volunteer and support in any of the programme below, please call school office or email: headteacher@st-rochs-pri.glasgow.sch.uk. We welcome volunteers to support with the following:

- *playground games / football*
- *Lending library*
- *Wee Shop and Chatter Café*
- *Playground Plants / Gardening*

Primary 7 – Programme of Leavers Events

Exciting events are being planned for the children and families to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. Leavers Hoodies have been measured and ordered. The hoodies have been ordered. Families are asked for £10.00 towards the cost of the hoodie.

Important dates are:

Friday 16th June	Awards Ceremony (am)	<i>Gym Hall</i>
Friday 16th June	P7 Prom 6pm – 8pm	
Monday 19th June	P7 Leavers Mass	<i>St Roch's Church 10am - all families welcome</i>

Dates for Diaries

Date	Event	Additional Information
<i>Thursday 27th April:</i>	Primary 1 New Parent Induction	9:30 – 10:30am
<i>Friday 28th April</i>	Sibling Photographs	
<i>Monday 1st May</i>	School Closed	Public Holiday
<i>Tuesday 2nd May 4-6pm</i>	Parent Council Meeting	All families welcome.
<i>Monday 8th May</i>	Holiday	King's Coronation
<i>Saturday 20th May</i>	First Holy Communion	11am Mass at St Roch's Church
<i>Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th May</i>	P6 and P7 Visit to Blairvadach	
<i>Thursday 25th May</i>	INSET Day	School Closed for Children
<i>Wednesday 31st May</i>	Primary 1 New Parent Induction	5:30 – 6:30pm
<i>Thursday 1st June</i>	Parent / Families Reporting Session	Session 1 3.15- 5.15pm Session 2 6.00-8.00pm
<i>Friday 2nd June</i>	Cake and Candy	<i>Non-Uniform Day</i>
<i>Thursday 8th June</i>	School Sports Day	<i>Morning - all children to come in gym clothes.</i>
<i>Thursday 15th June</i>	Primary 1 New Parent Induction	1:30 – 2:30pm
<i>Friday 16th June</i>	Awards Ceremony (am) P7 Prom 6pm – 8pm	<i>Gym hall</i>
<i>Monday 19th June</i>	P7 Leavers Mass	<i>St Roch's Church 10:00 am All families welcome</i>
<i>Friday 23 June 2023</i>	Schools Close at 1.00 pm	

I look forward to all these exciting events. I am hopeful that together we can make our *wee Roch* a place of love, learning and laughter. Thank you for your continued support, loyalty and faith.

Kind regards,
Pauline Ward
Head Teacher