

## St. Roch's Primary and Deaf School

### November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Families,

As the Christmas celebrations are upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent celebrations and upcoming events.

#### ***Father Thaddeus***

Thank you to all our families who celebrated Education Sunday at St Roch's Parish. Father Thaddeus' last mass will be Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. Last week, we celebrated Father at a special school mass and assembly with staff and Primaries 3 to 7 children. We are grateful to Father for his wisdom, faith and service. We wish him a safe journey back to his homeland in Nigeria. Father will be our forever friend.

#### ***Happy News***

We welcomed 2 new baby girls to our school family. Both Mrs Katie Renfrew and Mrs Amy O'Brien welcomed their little girls Freya and Aria. More little people to love and cherish.

#### ***Absence Reporting Line***

It is especially important that if your child is sick or absent from school you call the Absence Reporting Line – **0141-287-0039**. If your child is late – this is recorded on our systems and they could miss selecting their choices for lunch.

#### ***Update Personal Details and Return Permission Slips***

Please can you return your children's permission slips promptly. We need your permission to take the children out of our building. Without this permission slip – children will need to remain in school.

#### ***Social Media and Photograph Permission***

It is particularly important that you return your paperwork and we are aware if you consent to your child being photographed. We need your permission to share your child images on social media and our school digital channel. Please return any school paperwork.

#### ***Physical Education***

Every week we have a PE specialist (David Weir) working with our children to enhance their physical education experiences. Celtic coaches have also been working with Primary 7s. We have our sports lunchtime clubs running every day. Football after school clubs run every Monday for Primary 7 and Tuesday for Primary 6. Our after-school clubs run from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

#### ***Swimming***

P6 and P7 swimming blocks have started at Springburn Leisure Centre. These sessions will run throughout Term 2 and 3. Primary 6 will go on a **Friday** and Primary 7 will go on a **Tuesday**.

#### ***Music Programme***

We currently have 4 music instructors working with our children and staff. The children are enjoying drumming, string instruments and singing lessons. Our school choir have been busy practicing and performed at Father Thaddeus' Celebration Mass. We have also created a music room and we are practising for our Christmas Show. We are looking forward to performing for our families and local community on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Library Visits**

All the classes have been visiting Royston Library. We will be sending home readers for all children and hope you enjoy reading for enjoyment with your child.

### **Author Visits**

We had 2 published authors visit our school to deliver storytelling sessions to the children. Micheal Kerins visited Primary 4 and 5. Craig Mooney visited Primary 7. This linked with our Scottish Book Week. Primaries 1,2 and 3 have been given their Book Bags home to enjoy!

### **Inclusion and Equalities**

Mrs Moir and the Equalities Pupil Group have been promoting Glasgow's Anti Racism Charter. This Charter links with our school improvement priority of celebrating diversity, equality and inclusion.

### **Sense Over Sectarianism**

Primary 7 children have been learning about fairness and equality through sessions delivered by SOS staff. This links with our Anti- Bullying week to stamp out bullying! Our key message- is 'tell someone'.

### **Upcoming Trips**

Primary 1 will visit The Owl Centre on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Senior Deaf Class will visit Polmadie Recycling Centre on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Parent Council**

Thank you to our Parent Volunteers who helped to raise £170 at the Halloween discos. We are grateful for their dedication and hard work. These funds will contribute to transports costs to the Pantomime.

### **Fundraising**

Thank you for your kind donations for Wear it Pink Day – we raised £100. This will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness charity. The Primary 6 chocolate fountain fundraising raised £170 and this will help towards the cost of school buses for class trips and visits.

### **Hotdog Days**

Our Parent Council will be selling hotdogs on the afternoons of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November for Primary 1-3 and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November for Primaries 4-7. All the funds raised will contribute to providing transport for class excursions.

### **Dates for Diary**

Christmas Jumper Day & School Lunch	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Christmas Show - 1:00- 2:45pm	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Christmas Show - 9:30- 11:00	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Very Important People – VIP Grandparents Performance	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December- 11am</b>
King's Theatre Pantomime <b>* permission slips MUST be returned.</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Class Parties 1pm	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>
Last Day School Finishes at 2:30pm	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>

**Golden Tea Parties**

Pupil of the Months are invited to Mrs Ward's Golden Tea Party on

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (October's POM)**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (November's POM)**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (December's POM)**

**Christmas Fair- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

We are looking forward to welcoming all our families and local community to our annual Christmas Fair. I have attached information and the times each class will be visiting the stalls. The Fair will be held in our gym hall and all families should enter via the back gate at Christopher Street. Come along and enjoy our tombola, café, raffles, stalls and early Christmas cheer!

Kind regards,

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