



# St. Roch's Primary and Deaf School



## December 2023 Newsletter

Dear Families,

As this year draws to a close, I want to share our Term 2 successes and upcoming Christmas events.

### ***Christmas Fayre - Thank You***

We are incredibly grateful to all our families, local community, partners and Parent Council for their efforts, time and donations. The children had a wonderful time displaying their Christmas creations and enjoyed the special activities. The money raised will pay for the buses to take the children to the pantomime and class trips in Terms 3 and 4. Thank you to everyone for their time and generous donations.

### ***Determined to Dance***

We are delighted to announce that some of our Primary 6 and Senior Deaf Class pupils won an award at the Determined to Dance heats in November. Our outstanding performers won Most Creative Dance! These children gave up their lunch weekly to commit to rehearsals and their dedication and persistence paid off. We are extremely proud of what they have achieved and are thankful to the dance coach Daryl who believed in our children.

### ***Rights Respecting School***

We are going for Bronze! St Roch's are excited to begin our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors launched our campaign to becoming a Rights Respecting School this month. Our amazing team of children from Primaries 4 to 7 along with Miss Carroll and Miss McQuade led two assemblies, one for Infants (Primaries 1 to 3) and another for Juniors and Seniors (Primaries 4 to 7). The children explained about the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC (United Nations Convention of the Rights of a Child)) and launched a campaign to design a Rights Respecting Mascot for our school. We will be working throughout the year with various campaigns led by the children and will be inviting parents to come and hear all about our planned journey too. Look out for more exciting things to come!

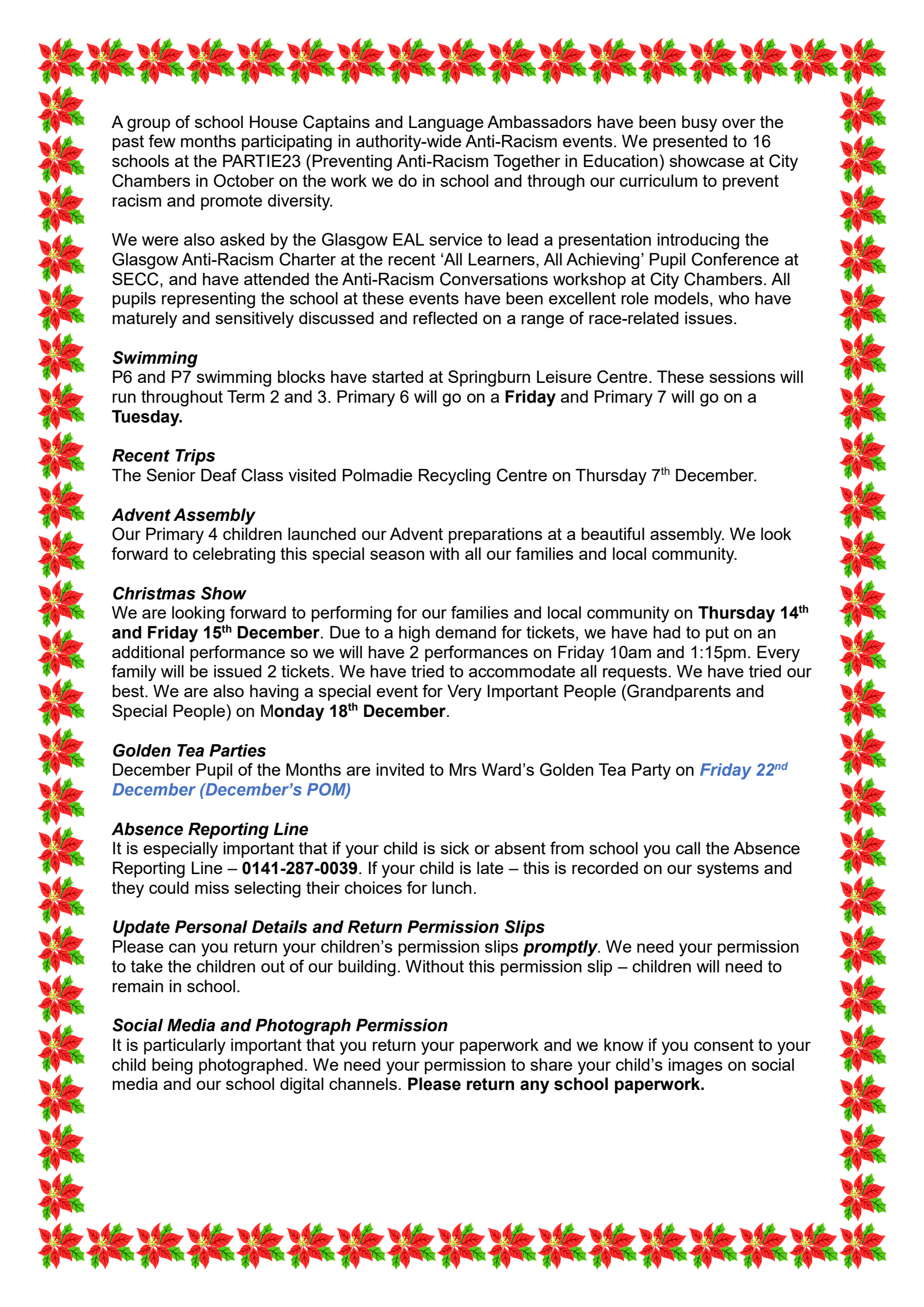
### ***Deaf Action/ British Deaf Association Scotland***

This session we are continuing to work closely with Charlotte from Deaf Action. Charlotte has been delivering tailored workshops to our Senior Deaf Class each month over the past year, and we are hoping to organise a visit to the Deaf Youth Club in the coming months for our pupils. We will continue to share regular news updates from Deaf Youth Action on Seesaw for our families.

We are also delighted to announce that Hafsah from our Senior Deaf Class won the Christmas Card design competition run by Deaf Action. This is an amazing achievement, well done Hafsah! These Christmas cards are available to purchase. £4 for a pack of 10 cards or £10 for 3 packs. Please contact the school office if you would like to order some.

Last month we were visited by BDA Scotland and Deaf wildlife conservatist John Denerley. John presented to our Senior Deaf Class and Junior Deaf Class 2 about his work in conservation. We continue to liaise with BDA to plan further activities with Deaf Role Models and through their Deaf Roots & Pride workshops.

### ***Anti-Racism***



A group of school House Captains and Language Ambassadors have been busy over the past few months participating in authority-wide Anti-Racism events. We presented to 16 schools at the PARTIE23 (Preventing Anti-Racism Together in Education) showcase at City Chambers in October on the work we do in school and through our curriculum to prevent racism and promote diversity.

We were also asked by the Glasgow EAL service to lead a presentation introducing the Glasgow Anti-Racism Charter at the recent 'All Learners, All Achieving' Pupil Conference at SECC, and have attended the Anti-Racism Conversations workshop at City Chambers. All pupils representing the school at these events have been excellent role models, who have maturely and sensitively discussed and reflected on a range of race-related issues.

### ***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**.

### ***Recent Trips***

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

### ***Advent Assembly***

Our Primary 4 children launched our Advent preparations at a beautiful assembly. We look forward to celebrating this special season with all our families and local community.

### ***Christmas Show***

We are looking forward to performing for our families and local community on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Due to a high demand for tickets, we have had to put on an additional performance so we will have 2 performances on Friday 10am and 1:15pm. Every family will be issued 2 tickets. We have tried to accommodate all requests. We have tried our best. We are also having a special event for Very Important People (Grandparents and Special People) on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

### ***Golden Tea Parties***

December Pupil of the Months are invited to Mrs Ward's Golden Tea Party on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (December's POM)**

### ***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 know if you consent to your child being photographed. We need your permission to share your child's images on social media and our school digital channels. **Please return any school paperwork.**

**Dates for Diary – please note some changes!**

Day and Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch (in school) <i>All children can wear Christmas jumpers (if they want to). If not – they will wear school uniform.</i>	Lunchtime
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>P3-P7 children to wear a Christmas jumper for their performance. Uniform to be worn to school and they can CHANGE into their Christmas jumper when performing.</i>	Christmas Show Performance at 1.15pm (Gym hall)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> <b>Performances at 10am and 1:15pm</b>	P3-P7 children to wear a Christmas jumper for their performance. <i>Uniform to be worn to school and they can CHANGE into their Christmas jumper when performing.</i>	Christmas Show Performance at 10am and 1:15pm (Gym Hall)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	P3-P7 children to wear a Christmas jumper for their performance. <i>Uniform to be worn to school and they can CHANGE into their Christmas jumper when performing.</i>	Christmas Show VIP Performance at 11am
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>This is an afternoon performance - children will return to school for 4pm (approximately) UNIFORM MUST BE WORN.</b>	PANTO at King's Theatre Glasgow
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Children can come in their own clothes or party clothes – class parties will be in the afternoon.	Class PARTIES
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School closes at 2:30pm.	Merry Christmas

**Office Staff and Telephone Calls**

Mrs Hoey continues to be our Office Manager. Her working hours are 9:30am to 2:30pm. We also have Miss Maguire (10:00am to 2:00pm) and Miss Wylie (8:30am- 4:00pm). Miss Wylie is deaf and works collaboratively with a Sign Language Interpreter. Over the next couple of weeks, we are introducing a new telephone headset system. This will enable all office staff to answer telephone calls. Please bear with us. I know it can be frustrating if your call is not being answered. I am working hard to resolve this. Please see important email addresses below. If you have any questions, please contact us.

**Thank you and Merry Christmas!**

I want to thank you for your support, kindness and patience. I wish you a peaceful and joyful Christmas. Together we are stronger. As this year draws to a close, I count my blessings for our wonderful children, families and community.

Kind regards

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