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## **Newsletter November / December 2022**

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the November / December Newsletter. As always, this time of year is a busy time in the school with preparation for Christmas shows etc but the children are working away well and as usual are rising to the occasion. This was very evident at our Feast Day last month when, once again our visitors were hugely impressed with their behaviour and participation.

This year I have reduced the newsletters to one every second month but would be interested to hear if you are happy with this or would prefer going back to a monthly newsletter.

### **Christmas Dates for your Diary**

Here are some important dates that you might want to take a note of as we start the runup to Christmas.

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| • Tuesday 13th December   | P7 visiting St Francis Nursing Home to perform |
| • Thursday 15th December  | P1 & 2 Breakfast with Santa                    |
| • Thursday 15th December  | Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch             |
| • Monday 19th December    | Visit from Santa                               |
| • Tuesday 20th December   | Christmas Shows 9.30 – 11am & 1.30 – 3pm       |
| • Wednesday 21st December | Christmas Class Parties                        |
| • Thursday 22nd December  | 2.30pm Finish for Christmas Holidays           |
| • Wednesday 4th January   | School starts back 9am.                        |

### **Christmas Fayre Wednesday 7th December**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our Fayre and to everyone who attended and bought something. It was great to see so many families manage along and it was a really successful morning. We raised @ £1500 for school funds which was fantastic. As you know this money is always used to directly benefit the children by reducing costs for trips or paying for buses etc etc.. Many thanks to the members of our parent council who ran the refreshments stall and to the school staff who gave up free time to help set up the fayre. We couldn't have done it without them.

A special thanks must go to our P7 class and teachers who resourced, organised and ran the stalls as part of an enterprise project. What a great job they did!

### **Christmas Charity**

The pupil council have chosen Mary's Meals to be our designated charity this year. There are daily collections of both money and prayers required and we hope that Father Bernard will say a special Mass for all of the prayers collected. This charity collection will run right up to Thursday 22nd December when all funds raised will be doubled by the Government.

### **School Choir**

Our school choir have been working along with Paul McAlindon from Glasgow Barons every Monday afternoon for the past few months. Mrs Macdonald has been taking charge of this. On Wednesday 7th December they took part in a Govan Schools Choir recital at the Fairfield Club singing two songs. As usual they were a credit to the school and their parents. Thanks to all the parents who made it along to support the children they really did appreciate it.

The choir will continue after the Christmas holidays and will be performing again in Spring although they will be without Mrs Macdonald who will be starting her Maternity Leave in January. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing about the new arrival.

### **Christmas Shows Tuesday 20th December 9.30 – 11am & 1.30 – 3pm**

We will be running a full school morning and an afternoon show in the dinner hall and entrance will be through the P1-3 side exit door. Tickets for the show will be £2 per head. As we are limited in capacity to 100 seats per show I would ask that you only purchase 2 tickets per family and only attend 1 of the shows. I know this limit in tickets is disappointing but in light of health and safety- restrictions it seems the fairest way to ensure as many families get the chance to attend as possible. (If spare tickets become available on that week I will send out a communication via group call.) All tickets need to be pre ordered and will be issued on a first come basis.

If you wish to order tickets please fill in the return slip at the bottom of this letter.

N.B. The afternoon show is now sold out but there are still tickets available for the Morning show.

### **Contact & Medical Information**

It is important that we have up to date contact details, permission slips and medical information for every child in the school. If you have not already done so please complete the information forms that were issued in August and return them with your child as soon as possible. It is vital that we have this information and that you alert us to any changes such as a new mobile number if required. If anyone didn't receive or have lost these contact detail forms please let us know and we will send them to you.

### **Parent Pay and Parent Portal**

If you haven't already done so please set up a parent pay account to order and pay for school meals. Mrs Quigley can help with this if you are having difficulties. This also goes for setting up a parent portal account.

### **Emotional Resilience**

Our Primary 4 class have been working with NSPCC staff over the last 6 weeks on a building emotional resilience programme and it has been going really well. All the children were recently issued with 'snuggle packs' which contained some very useful winter goodies. The staff are also taking part in training with the NSPCC staff and have found it very useful.

### **Play Together**

Starting in February we will be introducing a new initiative in partnership with Glasgow life called Play Together. This will give parents an opportunity to come along and enjoy some Family Play Time activities with their children whilst being supported by experienced Play Staff. This will be aimed at P1-3 families and more information will follow nearer the time.

### **Financial Inclusion Support Officer**

In addition to the support offered by Mrs Quigley on a Monday we now have a Financial Inclusion support Officer called Annmarie Magill (Citizens Advice) attached to the school. Annmarie is available to give advice and direct people towards possible benefits or financial assistance that might be available. You can contact Annmarie directly on 07790544817 or through Mrs Quigley. Annmarie will then make an appointment to see you and offer any support or advice that is available. This is an extremely useful scheme and I would urge anyone who feels they may need help to contact her. All contacts and referrals are totally confidential between Annmarie and the families.

### **Football Teams**

Our football teams continue to train on a Thursday after school under the watchful eye of Mrs Neilson and Mrs Gallacher. Numbers have stayed high and they have been taking part in some friendly fixtures with some of the other Govan Primary schools. This will continue after the New Year.

### **Maths Success**

Four of our P7 pupils took part in the Lourdes Secondary School Maths competition along with four other primaries. In what was a tough test of their maths skills they performed very well and came second overall. Well done Riley , Summer, Ryan and Beryl.

### **Calling Ex Pupils / staff of St Gerard's Secondary School**

We have been gifted a framed painting of the old St Gerard's Secondary School. (Picture displayed on Seesaw). If you are interested in owning this picture or know someone who is then we will be accepting bids up until Friday of this week. The highest bid will win. (This money will be added to the School Fayre funds and go directly to supporting the pupils.) bids can be lodged at the e mail

[Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

Please include a contact number when bidding so we can get in touch if you are successful.

Finally let me finish by wishing all the staff, families and friends of St Saviour's a very Merry and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope we can all relax and enjoy being with those closest to us and return refreshed and ready for the new term.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Everyone

*Best Regards*

*Brian S. Tracey*

Head Teacher

As always if there is anything that you wish to ask or inform me of please don't hesitate to get in touch by phone or e mail 0141 445 8904 or [Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

### **Term dates for this school year**

#### **December - Christmas and New Year**

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 22 December 2022
- Schools return on Wednesday 4 January 2022

#### **February Mid-term break**

- Monday 13 February 2023
- Tuesday 14 February 2023
- Wednesday 15 February 2023 (In-service day)

#### **April - Spring Holiday (Easter)**

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 31 March 2023
- Good Friday 7 April 2023 / Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Schools return on Monday 17 April 2023

#### **May**

- Monday 1 May 2023 (May Holiday)
- Monday 8 May (Coronation Holiday) NB This is a new Holiday
- Thursday 25 May 2023 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections)
- Friday 26 May 2023 & Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday)

#### **June**

- Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Friday 23 June 2023