



## November 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and recovering from Hallowe'en and Fireworks!

This newsletter will focus on some of the recent and upcoming events in the school and provide details of important dates for your diary prior to the end of term.

### Hallowe'en Discos

Thank you to our Parent Council for organising Hallowe'en Discos for the children and to our wider parent/carer forum for your support in bringing and collecting your children, not to mention the fabulous costumes! Both Discos were a huge success, enabling the children to have fun and raise funds to support the activities of the Parent Council.

### Christmas Toy Collection

The response to our Christmas Toy Collection was overwhelming and I would like to thank all those who so generously donated to this. P5/6 and P6 have taken charge of organising the toys and identifying new homes for them, as part of their Social Enterprise work this term. They will be working with external partners on this, including our Parent Council.



### Assemblies

Recent Assemblies have focused on "life lessons" (e.g. the tortoise and the hare), Diwali and the story of Guy Fawkes. In addition, we were pleased to welcome Officer Fleming (a parent of current and former pupils) and other members of the local Fire Service to speak to all children about Firework Safety; they then, very kindly, allowed P1 and P1/2 to look at their fire engine and fire-fighting equipment.

## **Snapshot Jotters & Parent/Carer Consultations**

Snapshot Jotters were issued on Friday and are designed to give you a flavour of the work your child is doing in class and the progress they are making. Please review these, discuss them with your child, complete the feedback section and return the jotter to us at your Parent/Carer Consultation. These consultations will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November; appointment times were also issued on Friday and we look forward to reporting to you on your child's progress.

## **Parent Council Winter Fayre**

In addition to the Parent/Carer Consultations on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Parent Council will also be hosting their Winter Fayre. There will be a range of stalls for you to browse and, if you wish, purchase items from and these will be based in the school's gym halls, with access via the entrance corridor in the school.

## **Cooking Kitchen**

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated either money or food supplies to support our Cooking Kitchen Classroom. I am delighted to advise that the first classes of children have been able to use this resource; judging by initial feedback from the children and class teachers, the wonderful smells emanating from the classroom and the samples that have made their way to me, the return has been a success!



## **Trips**

P7 are visiting Stirling Castle on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, where they will be attending a workshop and enjoying a tour of the Castle. On 17<sup>th</sup> November, the classes in the Senior Area will be attending the Into Film Festival at Vue Glasgow Fort for a showing of "The Railway Children Return". P5 and P6 parents/carers should also have recently received further information about the Titanic Trip in April and, likewise, P7 parents/carers should recently have received further information about the Camping Trip in June. Trips for other classes and year groups will be organised in the new year.

## **Children in Need**

We are having a Dress Down day for Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. P2 are taking the lead on this and will also be hosting their families at their Class Assembly that day. All children should dress down and can wear or bring something spotty if they wish; donations to Children in Need would also be welcomed on that day but, please, only if you are able to.

## **Social Enterprise Academy**

As previously advised, we are working with the Social Enterprise Academy (“SEA”) this year. Following a pilot session with P5/6 and P6, we are pleased to advise that the SEA will be visiting the school on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November to work with the remaining classes in the school. This will allow each class to then plan a Social Enterprise for the new year.

## **Sports**

We have been pleased to welcome students from New College Lanarkshire to the school to work with the children in P5/6. They will also be running a “Fundamentals” after school sports club with our P3 children. Our partnership with Greenfaulds High School P.E. Department (“GHS”) also continues, with the P6/P7 after school Multisports Club now being based at GHS, our P7 boys football team being able to use the GHS pitches for recent matches (including an excellent result against a GHS S1 team) and our P7 Cross Country teams having the opportunity to participate in the Inter-Schools event at GHS. In the Cross Country, I am delighted to report that the boys team won the competition and Liam placed first in the individual race; these are both outstanding performances!



## **Parent Council Meetings**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this meeting, which take place in the school between 6.30pm and 8pm.

## **Amendments to School Calendar**

Please note there will not be a P7b Assembly on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (this will now take place later in the school year) and that P1/2 and P3a have swapped Assembly Dates. Therefore, P1/2’s Class Assembly will now take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and P3a’s Class Assembly will now take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

I hope you have found the information in this newsletter useful and it helps you to feel an important part of our school community. As you will see, it has been and will continue to be a busy term and I am grateful to all children, staff, parents/carers, professional partners and others who support all that we are trying to do. I look forward to seeing many of you later this week!

Kind regards  
Mr Miller  
(Acting Depute Head Teacher)

## Dates for the Diary

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Snapshot Jotters to Parents/Carers;  
Parent/Carer Consultation Appointment Times issued;
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November: P7 trip to Stirling Castle;
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Active Schools Cross Country Qualifier (P5 – P7 teams);
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November: P2 & P6 “Page-turners” after school club starts;  
P3 “Fundamentals” after school club starts;
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Parent/Carer Consultations (3.30pm to 9pm);  
Parent Council Winter Fayre;  
Childsmile (P1-P4);
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November: In-service Day;
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Girls Football v Holy Cross PS;
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Class Photographs;
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Senior Area Film Trip (Into Film Festival);
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: P2 Assembly (11am to 12pm for Parents/Carers);  
Dress Down Day – Children in Need;
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: Parent Council Meeting;
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Active Schools Football Festival (Boys & Girls);  
Social Enterprise Academy visit;
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Social Enterprise Academy visit;
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December: P5/6 & P6 Christmas Toy event;
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Week;  
Christmas Concert (Afternoon and Evening);
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Concert (Morning and Afternoon);
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Dress Down Day – Christmas Fun Day; and
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: School closes at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays.

As always at the present time, all of our plans are dependent on the availability of supporting adults and other guidance then in place continuing to permit these.