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Dear Parent/Carer

**End of Year Update**

**Christmas Masses Online**

Christmas masses will be live streamed from local parishes. More information can be found at <https://rcdop.org.uk/>

**Twitter**

We hope you have enjoyed our festive updates on twitter! Please remember to follow us at @SJOPaisley

**Parent/Carer Messages**

Thank you to everyone who sent in a Christmas message for the staff in the school. Your kind words are very much appreciated.

**£100 Winter Payment**

The Scottish government have confirmed that children in primary and secondary school who receive a free school meal on the basis of low income are eligible for an additional £100 winter hardship payment. We encourage parents whose child is eligible for a free school meal to apply this week so they can receive this payment - [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants)

Anyone who has previously applied for a free school meal for this school year (2020-21) will receive the payment directly into their bank account before Christmas. Anyone who applies between Monday 30 November and Friday 18 December will receive this payment by mid-January at the latest.

P1-P3 pupils are not automatically eligible for this payment as every child receives a free school meal regardless of their family's circumstances. We would urge all families on low incomes with a P1-P3 child to apply for free school meals by Friday 18 December.

Nursery children of low-income parents aren't entitled to the winter hardship payment, but are entitled to the £27 free school meal payment to cover the festive break. If you are eligible, please apply at [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants)

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Further information on the [COVID winter hardship payment \(£100 per child\)](#) can be found on Scottish Government's website.

### **Parent Partnership 100 Club winners:**

1. 13 Fay Murphy -£225
2. 79 Ensio Piironen - £112.50
3. 60 Vincent Gillon - £67.50

Well done everyone!

Thank you to the Parent Partnership for all their hard work and support this year. This week, the children and staff enjoyed the Virtual Panto that you provided! "Oh yes we did!"

### **Holiday**

As the school closes today for Christmas, a reminder that P1-3 finish at 2.20pm and P4-7 finish at 2.30pm. The school will reopen on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.50am for P1-3 and 9am for P4-7.

### **Thank you!**

*Thank you to everyone for all the support and kindness you have shown the school so far this year, especially in these very unusual circumstances.  
On behalf of all staff may we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!  
Take care and we look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.*

Yours,



Lorna Murray  
Head Teacher



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