

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the December Newsletter and the end of Term 2. It has been a busy and successful end to 2023 and we are looking forward to what is in store in 2024. On behalf of all staff at Scotstoun Primary, I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2024.

With best wishes,

## Emma McGill

### **Christmas Events**

**Nativity**: Well done to everyone in Primary 1 supported by the children of Primary 2 and 3 for their fantastic performance of the Nativity Prickly Hay. The children were outstanding and performed so well with such confidence we were all very proud of them. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing them for their performances and also to the families who were able to come along to watch them perform.

**Christingle Service**: Thank you to Mr Crothers and the Adelphi Church for inviting us to their Church to celebrate the Christingle Service. It was lovely to see so many families there and the junior and senior choir were fabulous leading us in song.

**Scotstoun Living Advent:** Once again were invited to be a part of Scotstoun Living Advent calendar and had the pleasure of welcoming the community to the school to switch on the 6<sup>th</sup> December window. The window had been designed by Rosie in Primary 7 and had been created for the window by Rosie's classmates supported by the very talented Lorna Gallagher (a parent and artist). We are very grateful to Lorna for her help and congratulations to Rosie on her fantastic design.



Christmas Fayre: Thank you to everyone who was able come along to our Christmas Fayre at the start of December. The overnight snowfall added to the festive feel of the morning and didn't stop the school community turning out to support us. We raised an amazing £3,535.91 for school funds which will go a long way to providing a range of experiences for our children. Thank you to our PTA who have worked tirelessly all year putting on events such as discos, bingo and quizzes along with the Fayre. We really appreciate all your effort and support.

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to the FareShare Glasgow for their very kind donation of juice and crisps to the school which will use over the festive period!

#### **Culture Café Award**

Just in case you missed it – we picked up the award for Best School at the Glasgow Times' Community Champions Awards on the 5<sup>th</sup> December for our Café Culture project. We are delighted!!

#### **Staffing Update**

We are looking forward to welcoming two student teachers to Scotstoun Primary in the coming weeks. Ms Davidson will be working alongside the children and staff in Primary 3a and Ms Neville will be in Primary 5a. They will both be joining us for most of Term 3. Supporting Initial Teacher Education is an important part of school life as school placements are a key part of the training of the teachers of tomorrow. The student teachers receive an induction to life in Scotstoun, work closely with the class teacher and are mentored by the senior leadership team.

# **Health Guidance**

Unfortunately, we continue to have children and staff being unwell and there are still higher than average number of absences. As we come in to a period where everyone wants to be well and healthy, can we remind you of the following guidance?

The recommendations for vomiting and diarrhoea state:

"Stay off school or work until you've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days."

The recommendations for COVID/respiratory infections state:

"If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19, try to stay at home and avoid contact with others."

## **Dates for your Diary**

Date	Event
19.12.23	P4-P7 Christmas parties – children can wear their own clothes
20.12.12	Christmas Service (children only) P1-P3 Christmas parties – children can wear their own clothes
22.12.23	School closes at 2.30pm
08.01.24	School returns 8.45am
10.01.24	Soccer 4s start for P4s
19.01.24	Celtic Connections Chanter lessons starts for P7s
12.02.24	Holiday
13.02.24	Holiday
14.02.24	Inservice Day

