

# SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



As the covid numbers are beginning to rise again, we would ask that you wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times.

This will help to ensure the safety of our school community.

## Another Busy Term

This term has flown in and we've managed to get lots done including our first ever School Strike for the Climate and our cinema first school trip since March 2020!

During November the children all learned about COP26 and were introduced to the Global Sustainable Goals. Learning for Sustainability will remain a key component of our curriculum and will be a focus for our Laudato Si work in the new year.

This months newsletter has a slightly different format from normal as there's so many important dates to pass on!



A reminder that we are doing our Reverse Advent Calendar for the Food Bank at St Gregory's again. We will be taking donations right up until Friday 17th December so please donate if you are able.

We are putting out a special request for Selection Boxes or chocolate treats that can be given to families to help make Christmas more special.

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### SANTA DASH

Our whole school sponsored Santa Dash will take place on Wednesday 8th.

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### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Please help us raise funds for Save the Children.

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### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The children will have their Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15th December.



## Leader in Me

“Win-win is a belief in the Third Alternative. It’s not your way or my way; it’s a better way, a higher way.” - Dr Stephen R. Covey

During December our Habit of the Month will be Habit 4: Think Win-Win.

Here is some of the language your child will be learning: Everyone Can Win. I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits in others’ Emotional Bank Accounts. When conflicts arise, I look for third alternatives.

To work on Habit 4 at home why not play a game with your child that has a definite winner. Talk about how competition is okay when you play a game, but it is not always helpful in relationships. Discuss how tense it would be in your home if every situation had to have a winner. A better way to think is win-win. This means we think of solutions that we all feel good about when there is a problem. The more we think win-win, the fewer problems there will be.

Encourage win-win solutions to sibling disputes. Don’t always be the mediator; let them work out a solution that allows both people to win.

## PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT – ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance is one of the key indicators of academic success. In October our attendance rate was **91.08%**, this rose to **93.39%** in November so well done everyone.

Reporting an absence via the **Pupils Absence Reporting Line** is now easier than ever as you can just call the school office on 0141 946 1391 and choose Option 1 or you can do this in advance online at [www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence).

Good attendance and punctuality are important skills children need for the world of work. Punctuality continues to be a problem for us with some children being late for school daily. School opens each day at 8.45 so that the children can have some social time and be ready for class when the bell rings at 9am.

## Sponsored Santa Dash - Wednesday 8th December

All Pupils will take part in a sponsored Santa Dash at the Botanic Gardens. The money raised will be helped to develop our school grounds. The children can dress up in Santa hats or Christmas outfits to take part but please remember that it's likely to be cold and children must be dressed warmly. The more layers they're wearing, the warmer they'll be.



## Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December

We will be taking part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day' again this year. Children wishing to take part can leave their uniform at home for the day and wear their Christmas jumper to school. We would ask that children taking bring £1 to school which will be sent off to Save the Children.



So that the children get full use of their Christmas jumpers we will allow them to wear them to school instead of their school jumper for the remainder of the term. They should continue to wear their school uniforms until the end of term except for the Christmas party day.



We have some Christmas jumpers in school that have been donated in previous years so if you would like one for your child please contact us and we can sort this out.

## Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 15th December

Our Christmas Lunch will take place on the 15th. The children have picked their lunch from the menu already as Mrs Spratt put a link to this in their Seesaw journals. Children are still welcome to bring a packed lunch if they'd prefer.



## Virtual Pantomime - Thursday 16th December

We have bought in a virtual pantomime 'MacDougalls in Toyland' that the children will watch in their classes. We will send home the link so that you can watch it again at home. The link will be available to rewatch over the weekend so please share it with any friends or family who might not get the chance to view a pantomime this year.



## Christmas Parties - Friday 17th December

Our class Christmas parties will take place on the 17th, children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. Treats for the party will be provided for the children so they don't need to bring anything with them.



## Nativity and Christmas Extravaganza - Friday 17th December

Unfortunately we're still not able to invite you all back into school but building on the success of last year's virtual Nativity we're bringing you another online performance. We're busy filming now and will release the link on the evening of the 17th.



# School Closes for Christmas - Wednesday 22nd December

We close for our Christmas break on Wednesday 22nd December at 2.30pm. School will reopen for Term 3 on Wednesday 5th January at 9am.

## November Highlights

