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# *R.S.M.P. School and Nursery Class Newsletter*

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## *Welcome Back Newsletter*

Dear Parent / Carer

It has been a really positive start to the year!

The new term has been the usual whirl of activity with busy, happy children settling into new routines. Children are looking very smart in new school uniforms - thank you for making an effort with this. Our high expectations of uniform standards will continue throughout the year. Our Primary 7 children have been helping our P1s with settling in. They are taking their responsibilities very seriously and rising to the challenge!

Below are some of the annual reminders of how we do things in Robert Smillie as well as school calendar dates that you will need across the year.

### **School Routines**

Please make sure your child knows who will be picking them up at the end of the day. Lunch time is from 12.15pm to 1pm. If your child is going home, please make sure they know the arrangements for this.

#### **PE, Shoes**

PE times are on the school app. On a PE day, children should wear a polo shirt. This helps children to get ready quickly for their PE slot!



Cheap black gym-shoes are perfect for PE and indoor use.

#### **Clothing**

We already have some lovely new items of un-named clothing in school lost property. Please can parents label ALL clothing! We will write names on labels if we can match an un-named item with a child!

#### **Drinks through the day**

All children are encouraged to take water with their lunch. You may also provide your child with juice for lunch if you prefer. In class we ask that children drink water (not juice). Milk is also available (ordered on parentpay) to drink. This is given to children just after their morning interval.

#### **Health, Safety and Hygiene Routines:**

As per last year, we will establish positive routines with the children around hand washing, and general hygiene, especially at key points of the day. Windows in classes will be open throughout the year to ensure that classrooms are fully ventilated to help reduce viral transmission. The school heating system will be on earlier in the year and will be boosted to keep classrooms warm. However, there may be occasions where classes are slightly cooler than normal. If your child is cold, please give them an extra layer of clothing that can be worn in the first instance.

#### **Attendance**

Good attendance is essential to children doing well at school, both socially and academically. Once again, we are looking for better school attendance this year. If your child is ill, you must let us know first thing by leaving a phone message stating your child's name, class and absence reason.

*Mr. Peck*

## Important dates for the year.

### Parental Involvement and Engagement

Weekly – Barnardos Blether – Tuesday 9am – 10am

Open Afternoon – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Snapshot of your child's learning (work taken home) – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October, Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### Reporting to Parent's Nights

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November (parents' afternoon and evening)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (parents' afternoon and evening)

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – School Reports

### Parent Council Dates (all 6pm meeting times)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – 6pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – 6pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – 6pm

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 6pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 6pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – 6pm

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – 6pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 6pm

### Fund Raising Calendar / Cost of the school day

At Robert Smillie, we do our best to keep costs of school to parents as small as we can. Fundraising is an important part of supporting the school in this so that some costs can be subsidised for all. This year's fund raising calendar to help parents see what is planned.

| <u>Month</u>  | <u>Week of</u>                    | <u>Event</u>                  | <u>Cost</u>               |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| August        | 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug              | Children's toy raffle         | £1                        |
| September     | 18 <sup>th</sup> September        | Lucky pound (adults)          | £1                        |
|               |                                   | Hamilton Races Raffle         | £1                        |
| October       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> | Harvest                       | Food Donation             |
| October       | 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | Halloween Disco (evening)     | to be decided             |
| November      | to be arranged                    | Parent Council Bingo          | £1 per strip + entry      |
| November      | 6 <sup>th</sup>                   | Poppies on sale               | Donation                  |
| November      | 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov              | School Fayre                  | £1 entry, cost of goods   |
| December      | 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Christmas Nativity Show       | £3* per ticket            |
| Feb           | 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb               | Children's Valentine raffle   | £1                        |
| March         | 25 <sup>th</sup>                  | Easter <i>EGGstravEGGanza</i> | £1                        |
| Mar/April/May | Various                           | School trips                  | Cost may vary this year   |
| May           | 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | School Healthy Sponsor        | £1 to take part (minimum) |

### In School Focus Weeks

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Enterprise Week

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> Scottish Focus Week

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Financial Week

May 20<sup>th</sup> Health Week

### Christmas – Shows and Parties

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> / Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Nativity / Christmas performances

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec P1s and P2s party

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec P3s and P4s party

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec P5s and P6s Party

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec P7 party