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

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### *Autumn Newsletter*

Dear Parent / Carer

Please see our latest news from school and classes below.

#### **News from classes**

P1 Children are settling into their class well and getting better with normal routines.

P1/2 Are looking forward to having a 'vets' play area in their class this term to link with Dogs Trust coming to visit.

P3 Have been doing great maths (with big numbers) and they love their 'lollypop pals' for including everyone at playtime.

P3/4 Are all very excited about their topic and theatre trip (great fundraising going on – see date below)

P4/5 Mr Kettlewell has the keyboard set up in class and the children are enjoying being creative together. They are also looking forward to trips to Sky Academy and the Science Centre!

P5 Are our school Junior Road Safety Officers and Sustainable Champions organising WoW (badges will follow)!

P6 Loved their trip to the Sky Academy (where they made movies).

P7 Have been buddying with P1s once per week, playing games and reading together.

#### **Executive Director of Education**

SLC has a new Director of Education – Carole McKenzie. She came to visit Jigsaw House recently and spent time with a group of our P4 to P7 children who have had nurture interventions previously. She loved her time here and was extremely complimentary about our children and the way they worked together. For pupils and staff, recognition and praise is very meaningful and encouraging! Well done to the children!

#### **Open Afternoon**

It was great to see all the parents support for this event in Sept. We raised £300 for the school fund and £95 for MacMillan Cancer! Very many thanks!

#### **School of Football**

Girls and boys have represented the school at football festivals this term excellently. They have been a credit to their peers and to their school. Well done!

#### **WoW – Active travel to school**

To encourage us all to take more sustainable action, Children have been recording their journeys to school with Living Streets (online tracker). They record their active mode of transport (walk, bike, scoot, run) and will receive badges to mark their achievements.

### **Reading schools**

We are working towards gaining the Scottish Book trust's Reading School's award. Each class will have a book wizard, a book of the story/month and some best reading work awards at assembly each week.

### **Hallowe'en**

Costume recycle – Thank you to those who provided us with costumes to recycle. We can take costume for next year at any point!

### **Skylark Food Market:**

Thank you for Harvest donations to help us replenish Skylark Food Market.

### **Clubs**

Drama and Badminton club are up and running and children are really enjoying these. Netball will be starting soon! Multi-Sports for P4s and P5s will be running for 4 weeks at Larkhall Academy

### **Children in Need**

Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> is Children in Need. This fundraising event is one that parents from RSMP have always wanted us to support as a school.

This year we will be having a 'FUNKY HAIR' day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### **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. We would like to reduce the amount of late coming first thing also. Please make this a priority.

### **Jigsaw House:**

After many years of delivering the highest quality of Nurture support for children from across SLC, The Local Authority is changing the way that supports are to be delivered for this group of children, from January 2024.

As a result, Jigsaw House will close at the end of this term.

Whilst we always recognise the need to change and to move forward, this will be a big loss for our school.

### **Staffing:**

Over the course of this academic year, we have had to make some staffing changes. Please see below. Mrs Scott has now retired. At present we are unlikely to have a replacement due to SLC budget constraints.

Mrs McCollum and Mrs Glen (Jigsaw House) will be moving base with the new SLC model for supporting children. Mrs McCollum has worked at RSMP for 20 years, supporting many children and families. She will be a big loss for our school and community.

P5 – Mrs. Kelly is now teaching this class on a Monday and Tuesday. Ms McNeil continues as class teacher Wed-Fri.

P4/5 – Mr. Kettlewell has secured a promotion to Principal Teacher (Braehead PS, South Ayrshire). Congratulations Mr. Kettlewell. From Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, P4/5 will have a new class teacher (more will follow on this).

### **Parent Council:**

We would love more parents to come to our monthly parent council meetings. Most of the meeting time is spent on planning and organising parental events and events for the children (Bingo, Discos etc).

The Parent Council is also a great place to get a monthly update on school issues and hear the views of other parents on these. Please come along to the next meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov.

*Mr. Peck*

**Upcoming dates (on the app too).**

Weekly – Barnardos Blether – Tuesday 9am – 10am (open to all parents)  
Parent's Nights - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November (parents' afternoon and evening)  
Parent Council - Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov, Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec (both 6pm)  
Poppies on sale from Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November  
P3/4 Fundraiser 3pm-4pm Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Anti-Bullying Week - Nov 13<sup>th</sup>  
Enterprise Week - Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

**School Fayre – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec**

Christmas Nativity Show - December 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec P1s and P2s party  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec P3s and P3/4s party  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec P4/5s and P5s Party  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec P6 & P7 party