

### Dates for Your Diary

### 3 October - Hamilton Grammar Treasure Hunt for P7s

5 October - P7/S1 Open Afternoon in Hamilton Grammar

10 October - World of Work Week

14 October - Interim Reports issued

17-21 October - October holiday

## 27 October - Halloween Disco

28 October - Theatre performance - Jack and the Beanstalk

10 November - Parent Open Evening

15 December - P6 and P7 Ceilidh

16 December - P1-P5 Christmas Fun Day

20 December - Pantomime, Cinderella

## 21 December - Nativity in St John's Church

22 December - School closes at 2.30pm

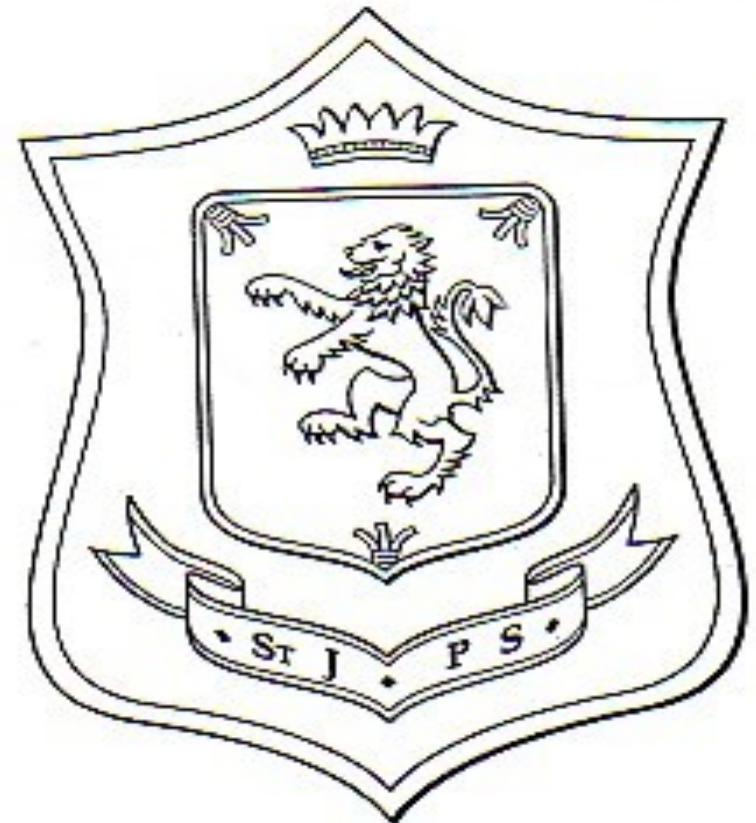
9 January - School reopens

We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter.

**Look out for future monthly newsletters which will be published on the school website to minimise our use of paper.**

# St John's Primary September 2016 Newsletter

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Welcome to our **September Newsletter**. We have had a really busy month.

**Active School** - Our Active School Co-ordinator, Claire Murphy, has been training our Primary 7 pupils to be superb buddies; teaching them games to play with the new Primary 1s and fun activities to do in class on Buddy Afternoons.

**Moderation of writing** - All 5 of the primary schools in the Hamilton area met up on 14 September to work together to develop a shared understanding of the marking of samples of writing. This will enhance children's transition to different primaries and to secondary school as all agreed on a shared criteria for the marking of children's work.

**First Minister's Reading Challenge** - P4-P7 have started working on The First Minister's Reading Challenge. This means that all senior pupils were given a Reading Passport to record the number and types of books they are reading. We have set up a competition from P4-P7—we will see which stage reads the most books between now and December.

**Room 4** have visited Hamilton Library and enjoyed looking at the range of books and listening to a story from our librarian, Ana.

**Our Girls' and Boys' Football Teams** have enjoyed participating in the local tournaments and the team are being coached on a Monday after school by our Active School Coach, Cara. Well done to both teams for all their effort.

**House System** - Our house system is underway.

**Arran** - Captain; Euan Walker Vice Captain; Leah Wilson

**Seil** - Captain; Eva McLachlan Vice Captain; Hana Christie

**Iona** - Captain; Zoe Palmer Vice Captain; Esther Parkes

**Skye** - Captain Zoe McMahon Vice Captain; Jessica Massey.

**Primary 4s** had the fun experience of joining in with a rugby taster session held in our gym hall. We have some very talented and enthusiastic players.

Each term in August all the classes start the year off with a novel study. **Room 6** have been reading "The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark" and have made fabulous pictures of owls. They were very excited when two owls visited the school. The children got the opportunity to touch the owls and a few even got to hold the birds. Apparently they were quite heavy!

**Open Afternoon** - Thank you to so many family and friends who came along to our Open Day on Thursday 22 September. Your attendance always makes this a firm favourite with our children who love showing all their work. The Book Fayre was excellently attended and the school have received vouchers for books to the value of £554.

We are reorganising our **School Library** and categorising the story books by colour to make it easier for children to select appropriate books for their reading ability and to hopefully keep it tidier as well!