

Dates for Your Diary

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Tues 18th 9.00 am School Re-Opens
Primary 7s leave for Auchengillan Outdoor centre

Fri 21 April P7s return from Auchengillan about 2.30pm

Sun 23 April Tennis tournament for Primary 4 pupils 9.30-12.30

Fri 28 April Room 4 Primary 2 Assembly in hall. All welcome at
9.50am

Mon 1 May May Day Holiday

Thu 4 May In Service and Election Day—school closed to pupils

Sat 13 May Spring Fayre

Fri 19 May STV Children's Appeal with Sean Batty

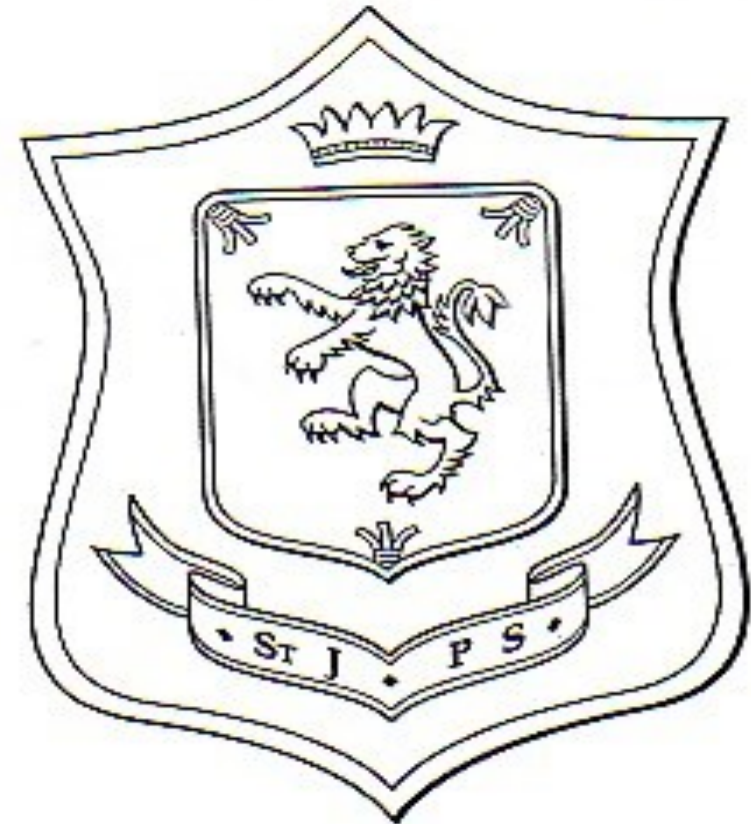
Fri 26 &

Mon 29 May Local Holiday

**Our Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly is on Friday 23 June at
9.45 am in the School Hall**

St John's Primary March 2017 Newsletter

St John's Website-[Google—st-johns-hamilton-pri](http://www.google.com/search?q=st-johns-hamilton-pri)



We celebrated **World Book Day** at the start of March with two authors visiting the school and speaking to the children about their books and the skills involved in becoming a published author. Keith Charters visited P4-P7 and Sandra Lane visited P1 - P3. Some of our senior pupils visited The Early Learning Unit to read their favourite stories to younger children.

The First Minister's Reading Challenge has encouraged more children to read and talk about books. We've had fierce competition in the upper school to see which stage could read the most books from January to March. Well done to Primary 5 who are the winning stage this term. Overall Primary 4 - Primary 7 have read a grand total of 839 books!

On 2 March we had visitors to Primary 4 - Primary 6 who worked with the children on **air quality and pollution**.

The children made graphs, played games and discussed the issues about air pollution and came up with some very creative solutions. Rooms 9, 10 and 11 have been involved in **rugby training** each Tuesday and are looking forward to trying out their new skills in the Rugby Festival in the summer term.

Our **Athletics club** acquitted themselves well on 13 March and Euan Walker was invited to participate in the next round of events at the end of March. Well done to Euan.

Our **Netball team** participated in the Hamilton netball tournament and really enjoyed themselves. We won 3 out of our 4 games and felt that the hard work in our training sessions is paying off. Primary 2 Room visited **The David Livingstone Centre** to consolidate all the work they have been doing in class about David Livingstone.

On Tuesday 21 March 4 of our Primary 7 pupils competed in the Hamilton Rotary Club inter-schools quiz at Woodhead Primary School. Our team was Kirstyn Queen, Euan Parkes, Jack Pollock and Hana Christie. We are so proud of our senior pupils! They won the quiz and brought the shield back to the school for another year. We will next go to Pollokshaws Burgh Hall in May for the grand Scottish final.

On 23 March we had our second Parent Open Evening where parents had the opportunity to meet with the teacher, look at children's work, visit the book fayre and meet a researcher from The University of the West of Scotland who is studying children's Health and Wellbeing. Thank you to all the parents who attended - your support is valued.

On Friday 24 March we had lots of fun for Red Nose Day. The Pupil Council collected £348.95 and the Primary 7s organised a bake sale and raised £274.14. Well done to all our organisers and thank you for donating so generously.

We held our Easter service in St John's Church on 29 March where Room 8 children led the presentation. The children got two chances to sing their favourite song - The Spring Chicken! Lots of classes have made fabulous Easter Bonnets here are three-



Maizy, Iona and Lorna from Room 11.

Primary 4-Primary 7 represented the school at the **Dance Festival** in the Town House where they performed on stage to an audience of over a thousand people. Well done to them.