

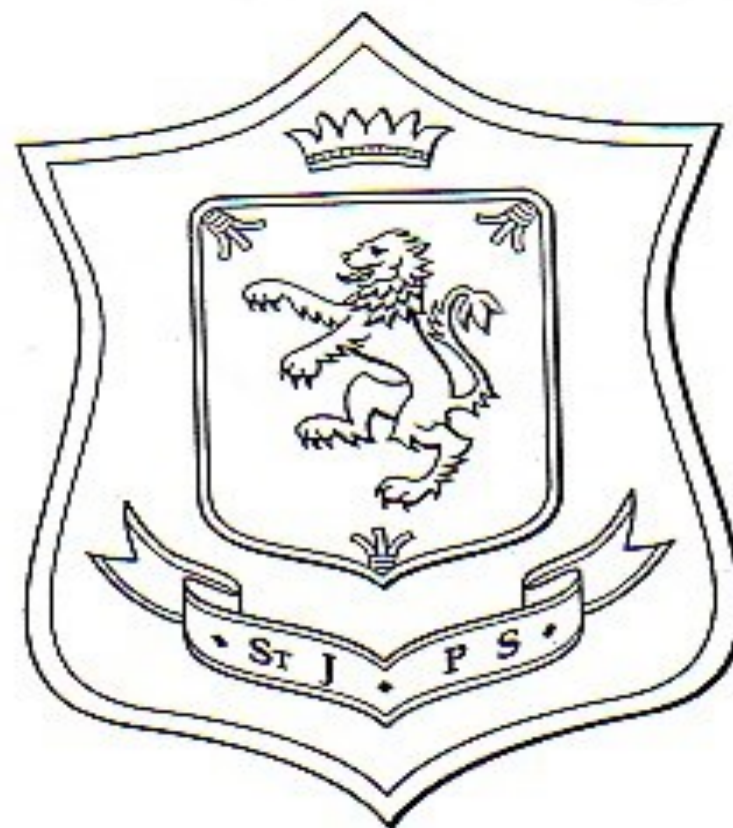
Dates for Your Diary

- Thur 1 June** Primary 1 fluoride varnish on teeth
Summer Disco
- Fri 2 June** Girls and Boys Football
- Wed 7 June** Mr Dyer visiting Room 13 and 15
STEM Challenge- building a rollercoaster
- Thur 8 June** Election Day - School closed to pupils
- Fri 9 June** Rooms 3,3a and 4 visiting Deep Sea World
Buddy Training for Primary 6 pupils
- Tues 13 June** Girls' Football tournament
- Wed 14 June** Sports Day P1-P3 11-12.20
P4 -P7 1.30-2.45
- Thur 15 June** Hamilton Grammar Prep Band performing in
Town House.
- Fri 16 June** Room 4 Assembly in hall 9.45am
Buddy Training for Primary 6 pupils
Room 10 and 13 visiting Freewheel North
Room 8,9 and 11 visiting Stirling Castle
- Mon 19 June** Room 2 visiting Free Wheel North
Primary 6 visiting Universal Connections
Primary 7 visiting Universal Connections
- Tues 20 June** Room 5 Performing in musical showcase at
Town House
- Thur 22 June** Room 6 and Room 7 visiting Science Centre
- Mon 26 June** Room 14 and 15 visiting Cosmic Bowl and M&Ds.

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

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P7-S1 Induction—Mr Gibson from Hamilton Grammar School visited Primary 7 this month to prepare the children for their two day visit to secondary , in anticipation of starting in August.

The Primary 7s spent time at the Grammar and loved woodwork, metalwork and especially home economics.

Our Primary 7 pupils also participated in a joint event in the Banqueting Hall to meet children from other schools who will also be starting secondary school in August and thoroughly enjoyed a P7 Sports Festival at the Bent Park organised by third and fourth year pupils from Hamilton Grammar. The children built super marble runs with Mr Dyer and quality tested each to decide on the best design.

We have welcomed our new Primary 1 pupils to school this month on 23 and 24 May. It was lovely to meet the new children and their parents. The children had the chance to work in the infant classrooms, meet staff and their new Primary 6 Buddies.

We have started our nursery visits- teachers are visiting nurseries to meet children enrolled for Primary 1 after the summer. This is an informal way for teachers to see children in familiar surroundings.

We had an HMIe Inspection week beginning 8 May and are awaiting the report. Our children were particularly praised for their good manners and eagerness to learn.

Our Spring Fayre was on Saturday 13 May and in spite of the drizzle we had a wonderful turn out . Thank you to all our helpers.



On Friday 19 May the Pupil Council organised a fundraising event for STV's Children's Appeal. We had a pupils versus staff netball match and a guess the baby competition. Sean Batty from STV and Tunnock's came along to support us and joined in with some nifty netball passes. The guess the baby competition was won by Esther Parkes, Douglas McLennan and Ashley McCluskey. We raised £261.40. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Primary 3 Room 6 have been learning about the Egyptians and were pleased to welcome Mrs Farrell, Alyssa's Mum, to talk to them about Egypt.

Staffing - we have had a busy month interviewing and appointing staff for next session. We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Louise Jamieson has been appointed as our Principal Teacher, in place of Mrs Pauline Smith who retired at the end of April.

Mrs Karen Prentice has been appointed as our new Depute Head Teacher. She hopefully will start in August. Miss Caron Nicholas and Miss Laura Pinkerton have been appointed as fulltime classroom teachers. Mrs Heather Murray has been appointed as a school support assistant for our supported classes. We are advertising for the supported class teacher vacancy due to Miss Rachael Young and Mrs Fiona Murray joining together to share teaching in one of our supported classes.

Sadly we also have goodbyes to say to staff who are moving on. Mrs June Marnie will be leaving us at the end of term. We are sorry to see her go and wish her well with her career. Mrs Amy Shirkie is starting a new teaching post in another South Lanarkshire School.