

Dates for Your Diary

1.12.17 Hamilton Advertiser taking photos of children for new year resolutions.

7.12.17 Room 14 and 15 visiting Cinema to see Wonder.

8.12.17 Christmas House Sing-along

- 9.15-10.00 Arron
- 10.30-11.15 Skye
- 11.30-12.15 Seil
- 1.30-2.15 Iona

11.12.17 Room 3 visiting Low Parks Museum—Christmas event

12.12.17 Room 2 visiting Low Parks Museum—Christmas event

14.12.17 Room 1 (P1s)visiting Low Parks Museum—Christmas event

14.12.17 P6 and P7 Ceilidh, 7-8.45pm

14.12.17 Christmas lunch- no sandwiches on menu

15.12.17 P1-P5 Christmas Fun Day

20.12.17 Pantomime in hall- Aladdin

21.12.17 Nativity Service in St John's Church at 10am.

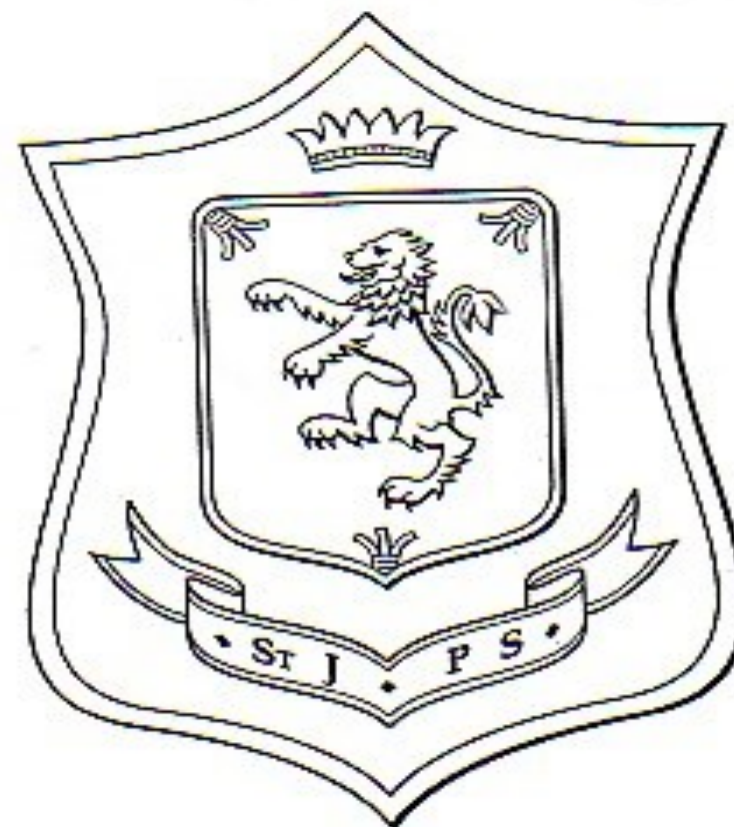
21.12.17 Winning House treat in hall 1.30pm

22.12.17 School closes for Christmas Holidays at 2.30pm

8.1.17 School reopens.

St John's Primary November 2017 Newsletter

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Welcome to our **November Newsletter**. We have lots to tell you about-

Transition for secondary school

All Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils were invited to Hamilton Grammar School on 23 November to find out about the charity Star Child. The children enjoyed African drumming and dancing and heard about what life is like moving onto secondary education in Uganda. The children will be finding out about the hopes and dreams of children in Uganda as they move onto secondary school and the options available in comparison to their own aspirations and worries about moving on to secondary school. The children will plan events to help fund some secondary education for children in Uganda.

World of Work

At the start of November we had lots of visitors to the school sharing their experiences of work and talking to the children about the different skills they need to do particular jobs. The children loved this and had lots of questions for our visitors. Thank you to everyone who gave up their valuable free time to talk to the classes.

Health Promotion

On 2 November we had a health promotion day where children got to meet our new Health Promotion Advisor . They were very excited to use ultra violet light boxes to see where they had not washed their hands correctly. Lots of germs were seen glowing! This is an area that we are working on with children to try to stop the spread of germs throughout the school. We are encouraging children to wash hands regularly and thoroughly. We also had our 'flu immunisation completed on 27 November.

School Car Park

We request all drivers to use the **Bent Car Park** for Park and Stride. Only school transport and drivers with a blue disability badge should be in the school car park.

Children in Need

On 17 November our Pupil Council and Rights Respecting School committees organised a pyjama day to raise money for Children in Need. The children also donated baking to raise funds. From all your hard work and effort we raised £695.57- Thank you.

SPCA

The SPCA visited the school and spoke with children about animal welfare. They delivered short PowerPoint presentations and engaged the children with lively discussions. Kindly the speakers left sharpeners and stickers for each child.

Book Week

We are encouraging children to read in a variety of ways. During this week we are focusing on ;

- reading challenges
- reading in the dark
- welcoming a story teller
- a book swap on Friday 1 December
- P6 and P7 reading to younger children

From all of these activities we aim to promote the importance of reading to all children.

Sports

Our Netball and Athletics teams have participated in local tournaments and acquitted themselves well.

Our Primary 5 children are starting swimming at Hamilton Water Palace on Thursday 30 November. We are looking for any volunteers who can come along and help with the outing.

Myschoolapp-

Sign up for our new school app. Messages sent directly to your mobile phone about school events.