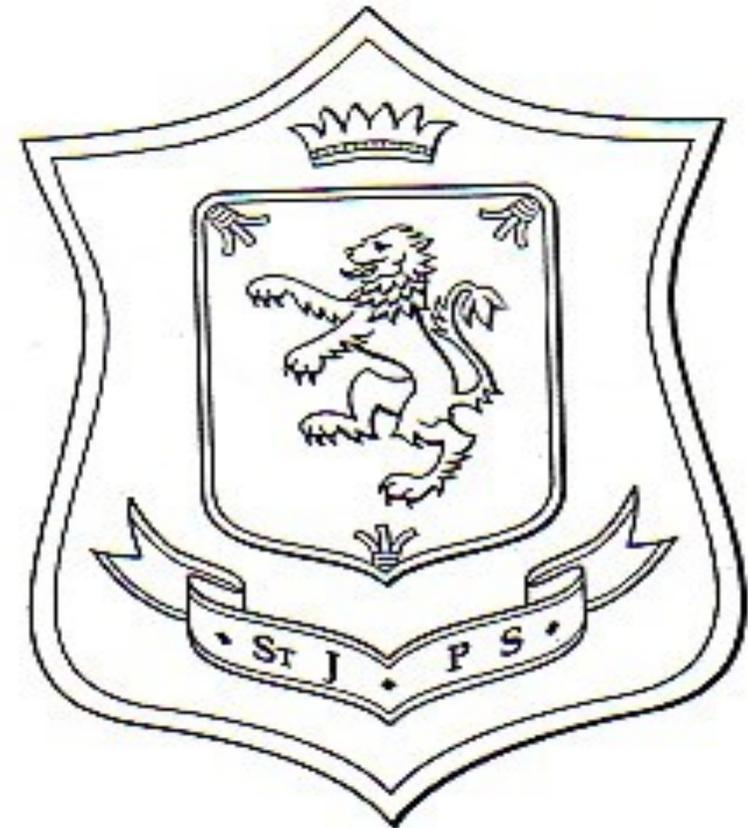


Dates for Your Diary

- 8.1.18 School reopens.
- 9.1.18 Fluoride varnish on teeth for P1 and P2
- 10.1.18 Visitor to Room 15 to talk about history.
- 15.1.18 Enrolment week for all children due to start school in August of this year.
- 16.1.18 Primary 7 pupils visiting Banqueting Hall for Living to Learn Day with Hamilton Grammar School
- 16.1.18 Volunteer training for Kerbcraft
- 23.1.18 Kerbcraft training for Primary 2 pupils starts for next 8 weeks
- 25.1.18 Burns Day Assembly - children can wear tartan if they wish.
- 9.2.18 Parent Council Sponsored Event in Gym Hall
- 12.2.18 and 13.2.18 School closed
- 14.2.18 Inset Day 4 - school closed to pupils
- 15.2.18 Early Bird Programme begins
- 21.2.18 School Show - Afternoon performance 1.30-2.45pm
Evening performance 7.00-8.15pm
- 22.2.18 School Show - Evening performance 7.00-8.15pm
- 26.2.12 Rugby training starts for P5 and P6 for next 4 weeks

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

Nurture Training – two of our staff, Caroline Haigh and Fiona Murray, completed their Nurture Training on 4 December. This means that we have two fully qualified staff who are able to provide a nurturing classroom for children who, at times in their school life, require extra support, reassurance and help to raise their self esteem. We are really proud of their hard work and can see the training impacting on the children they have already been working with.

Room 14 and **Room 15** braved the cold and wet to visit the cinema to see **Wonder** which was the novel study the children had been working on. The children came back enthusing about the film and reporting that some tissues had also been required.

On Friday 8 December we had our **Christmas Sing-along** in the school hall organised in house groups. The children performed a few new Christmas songs as well as a few well known songs to get us into the Christmas spirit. Each child also made a calendar. We welcome any feedback from parents/guests about the change in organisation and timings.

Our **Primary 1** children became very excited when they visited Low Parks Museum where they tried out some Christmas crafts and met Santa.

Primary 6 and **Primary 7** children had a fun evening on Thursday 14 December at their **Christmas Ceilidh**. The children joined in with traditional Scottish dancing, party games and also enjoyed refreshments. This was a very popular evening and the children remembered all the steps!

We would like to thank our catering staff for providing such an enjoyable **Christmas lunch** for all children and staff. It takes a lot of planning and good timing to produce a Christmas lunch for almost 300 children - well done!

A very big thank you to everyone who donated items for the **Hamilton Food Bank**. Your generous donations added up to 147.9 kg of much needed food. Thank you for your kindness.

Christmas Fun Day – on Friday 15 December children from Primary 1 to Primary 5 had a merry day of Christmas crafts, party games, Future Stars, story-telling and songs. Santa visited Primary 1 to Primary 3 and left a small gift for each child. This was an exhausting and happy day for all the children.

This year our special Christmas treat was the **Pantomime Aladdin**. Children were active participants in the show and joined in with singing, shouting and magic tricks.

Our **Nativity** was held in St John's Church and was "Lights, Camel, Action!" It was performed by Primary 1 and Primary 7 children, ably assisted by our Primary 6 and Primary 7 technical team.