

Dates for Your Diary

25 and 28 May - holiday

29 and 30 May- P7s visit Hamilton Grammar School, new P1s visit school in afternoon

30 May - Parent Evening for P7s at Hamilton Grammar School

1 June - 9.45am Room 9 Assembly in hall

4 June - Buddy Training for P6 pupils

4 June - 7pm Parent Council Meeting in staffroom - all welcome

5 June - Summer disco P1-P4 6-7.15pm

P4-P7 7.30-8.45pm

6 June- Rooms 9 and 11 to Hamilton Palace Sports Ground, £1 per pupil

7 June - New Primary 1 pupils visiting to see assembly and have a school lunch

8 June - 9.45 Primary 1 Assembly in hall

11 June - Room 3 going to M and D's Soft Play

12 June - Girls Football Tournament

12 June- Room 12 going to Dynamic Earth

12 June- 6pm Curricular Evening for new P1 pupils

13 June- Sports Day 9.30-10.30 Arran and Seil

11-12 Skye and Iona in playground- all welcome

14 June - Rooms 10 and 13 going to Free Wheel North, Glasgow

14 June- 2pm Parent Helper Thank You Tea in dining hall

15 June- Rooms 4,5,6 and 7 going to Five Sisters Zoo

18 June- Parent-organised P7 leavers party in Burnbank Centre

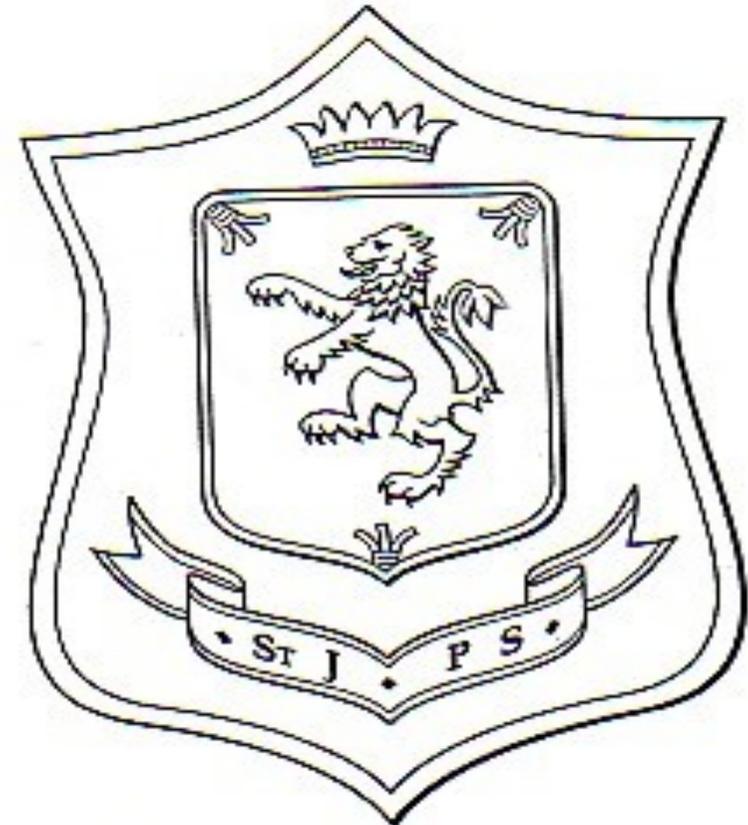
22 June- P7 Leaver Assembly and Prize Giving Ceremony

27 June- P7 cycling around Millport

28 June- school closes at 1pm.

St John's Primary April and May 2018 Newsletter

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Welcome to our **April and May Newsletter**. We have lots to tell you about-

We returned refreshed and ready to go for our last term after the Spring Break.

Our staff actively participated in three sessions on Tuesday evenings for **MAPA training**. This is designed to build staff confidence to prevent, decelerate and de-escalate crisis situations to ensure that children and staff are kept safe at all times. Well done to our staff for so enthusiastically joining in and working hard on their homework to pass the final assessment.

Over the last few months our Primary 2 children have been learning about Road Safety through the **Kerbcraft programme**. This is now drawing to a close and we hope that our children will be able to use the skills they have learned when they are out to play in the lighter evenings.

Thank you to our Parent Helpers and Marion Shearer for coming along and supporting this initiative.

Our **Netball Team** has competed in 2 tournaments and in the finals came third. Well done to our team and to Miss Hutton and Miss Young for giving up their time to coach the team.

Our **Boys Football Team** narrowly missed out at the football tournament for the Shinwell Cup, coming in second. They were very proud to show their runner up medals at assembly.

Primary 5 and Primary 6 pupils attended **Hamilton Rugby Festival** on 3 May. The children braved the cold wind to join in with other local schools and gained the opportunity to compete against other teams.

Primary 7 have been working on a variety of transition activities to prepare them for moving onto **secondary education** in August. Our ASN pupils have visited their new schools and are starting to make new friendships for the future. Room 14 and Room 15 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of sporting activities at Hamilton Grammar School and will be attending Hamilton Grammar for two days following a first year timetable on 29 and 30 May.

Our **Rights Respecting School Committee** visited Mossneuk Primary School in East Kilbride to meet their RRS committee and shared ideas about all the work both schools have been doing on children's rights and global goals.

We welcomed Robert from **Mary's Meals** to our Assembly to talk with the children about the charity and the backpack project. Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations for the backpacks; they are very much appreciated.

Our Parent Council organised a very successful **Plant Sale** on Saturday 12 May. It was wonderful to see so many current, past parents and neighbours come along in the sunshine to enjoy a cup of tea, some cakes and to purchase plants.

Across the school in May we follow South Lanarkshire Council's **Proud to Be Me** Programme to provide children with age appropriate and accurate information about relationships and puberty.

Our Pupil Council have launched a competition to devise a short school motto for St John's and have a difficult decision to select a winner.

Room 8 treated us to a thoughtful assembly about diversity and celebrating everything which makes each of us special. We loved their singing.

Our **swimming team** are going to Larkhall Leisure Centre to represent the school for the Primary Swimming Gala. Thank you to parents for supporting us and Mrs King for organising the team.

On 22 May our **Quiz Team** will represent St John's in the National Final for the Rotary Club at Pollockshaws Burgh Hall.

One of our visiting music tutors, Mr Philip, has been working with Primary 5 children to give them an introduction to **woodwind instruments**. We have some budding musicians in our midst. Hopefully they will follow up this experience with tuition next year.

We are looking forward to participating in the **Maths Challenge** which is hosted in Hamilton Grammar School on 22 May.