**St John’s Primary**

**February 2019**

**Newsletter**

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

We started a new club at lunchtime for Primary 1 and 2 pupils in the gym hall led by our Active School Co-ordinator, Steven Percy. The children are enjoying playing games and learning new skills which they can use in the playground.

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on 5 February through a series of age appropriate activities which remind us how to be safe.

Our Parent Council organised a very successful Sponsored Danceathon where children had great fun with a dance

instructor in the gym hall. Thank you to everyone for all your very generous donations.

Our Primary 7 pupils successfully participated in a Maths Challenge run by Hamilton Grammar School. The winning team was Iona, Antony, Ansh and Douglas. Well done!

Our teachers actively participated in dyslexia awareness training and will be able to use the skills learned in the

classes.

Primary 1 and Primary 7 children had their teeth checked by our school oral health team.

We are delighted to have Mr Murray and Mrs Sharples

leading our new school choir. The practices have been

wonderful and the choir have performed in assembly. The children are looking forward to performing on stage in

Hamilton Town House at the Musical Showcase in March.

We launched Parent Pay this month and can see that there will be many positive uses for it in the future. Currently we are all learning how to best use the new system. If you have not already registered, please do so as soon as possible. If anyone requires help, please phone the school office and we will try to find an answer to your query.

Our infant classes enjoyed visiting Hamilton Library for story time. We have more visits planned for other classes next month.

Our Primary 4s have started a block of tennis coaching and are working hard in the after school club as well as PE times. We hope to have a few budding stars to enter in the Hamilton

Tennis Tournament coming up in April/May.

Both our Boys’ and Girls’ Football Teams participated in several tournaments over February and made us proud. The children demonstrated great sportsmanship. Thank you to our parents who accompany and support us.

We are looking forward to an additional training session on Thursdays for boys and girls.

Our Netball team participated in a local tournament

accompanied by Mrs Christie and Mrs Cuthbert.

We have been evaluating our playground and have made some changes to equipment and play areas. Our Early Years worker, Caroline, has led a new initiative in outdoor play with our

Outdoor Talking Team. We have been very fortunate to have been given donations from Kelvin Timber and parents with which John Davis built us a Mud Kitchen which children are loving.

Children are getting to experience using materials and

imaginary play with the Loose Parts Play which is set up in the infant play ground.

With a donation from our Parent Council the children selected recycled plastic benches to support our Rights Respecting School Team to set up areas for talking, quiet time reading and friendship areas. We are really pleased to see such a positive impact on the children’s break times so quickly. Our Chill Out Zone is an area where children can come and talk with an adult about anything which is worrying them. This has become very popular.

From these ideas which have all been suggested by our children we hope that school can be a stimulating place for all our

children to learn and feel secure in.

**Dates for Your Diary**

6 March – P7 attending Star Child event in the Banqueting Hall

6 March Room 5 walking to library

6 March all teaching staff in Learning Community meeting at Woodside Primary at 3.30pm

7 March Musical Showcase

7 March World Book Day

8 March Star Child Learning Community dress down day

11 March Rooms 8 and 9 walking to library

11 March Parent Council meeting in Staff Room at 7.00 pm

13 March Parent meeting for Auchengillan at 6.30pm

14 March RRS Assessment Day

15 March Red Nose Day / Dress down day

15 March Cross-country competition at Strathclyde Park

15 March Room 3 going to gymnastics

18 March Rooms 10, 11 and 12 walking to Library

19 March Girls football tournament

20 March Netball tournament

21 March Parent Open Evening – 3.30-5.30 and 6.30-8.30pm

25 March Talking Teams meet pm

25 March Rooms 13 and 14 walking to Library

27 March Dance Festival in Town House

28 March ICT update - no computers or internet all day

28 March WWII Showcase in hall

29 March Easter Service in St John’s Church at 10.00 am

29 March school closes at 2.30 pm and reopens on 15 April