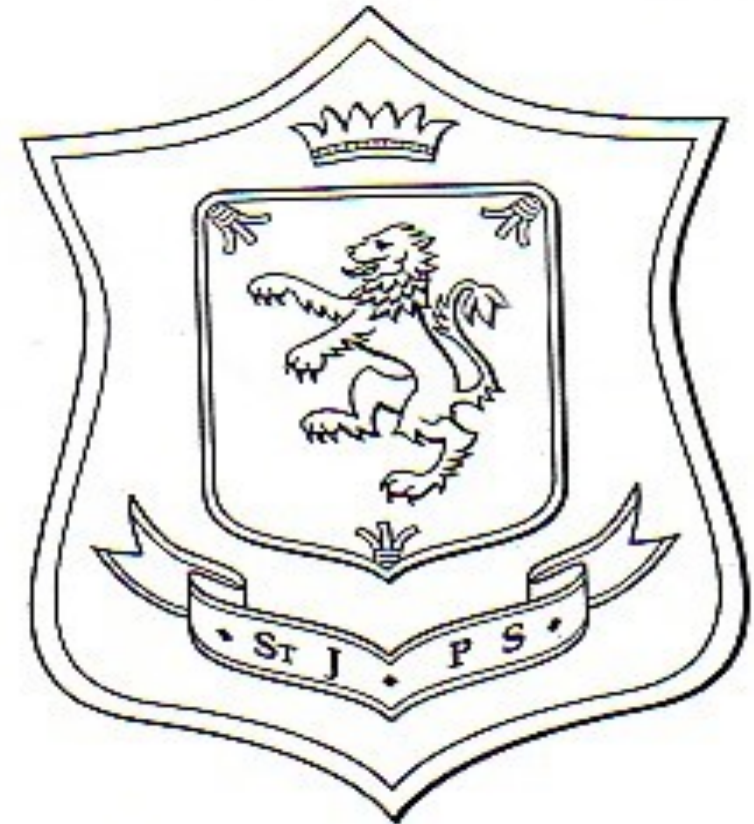


Dates for Your Diary

- 6 January- school reopens
- 8 January- 3.15-4.45pm tour of school for new entrants
- 9 January- Oral Health Nurse in school for ASN classes
- 13-17 January- Enrolment week for new Primary 1 pupils
- 13 January- HGS Pupil Council joining our Pupil Council
- 14 January- Tapestry Leaders on training in afternoon
- 21 January- Parent helper training session for Kerbcraft
- 24 January- Whole school Burns Assembly
- 27 January- P1 and P7 dental inspections
- 31 January- RRS and Health and Wellbeing Day
- 10 and 11 February- holiday
- 12 February- inset day, school closed to pupils
- 17 and 18 February- Scottish Performance, 1.30-2.45pm

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This year Primaries 1-5 enjoyed Christmas parties and Santa visited children in Primary 1-3. We played lots of party games - pass the parcel, musical statues and elimination games. Primary 6 and 7 had a senior school Christmas Ceilidh where they danced the night away and enjoyed refreshments. We have some super dancers across the school.

On Friday 5 December some of our children stayed behind after school for a Christmas movie night. The children made themselves very comfortable in the school hall and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion as a social event. We are really pleased to let you know that the Christmas cinema raised £433 for school funds.

On Friday 6 December we hosted our House Christmas sing along. The children had made a variety of Christmas crafts to sell and raised money for our school fund. Thankyou to everyone who was able to come along and support us. We hope that this was an enjoyable start to the Christmas season for all.

Room 14 and 15 have been learning some new skills and tried their hand at flower arranging. It was lovely to see so many different and creative displays.

Our catering staff worked very hard to cook a tasty Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11 December. The children enjoyed steak pie, turkey or vegetarian roast with all the trimmings. Some even tried to lick their plates.

The whole school has been humming and singing Abba tunes for our Mamma Mia Nativity on Wednesday 18 December in St John's Church. We braved the weather and walked to and from the church. We want to thank Joanne and church members for such a warm welcome. We are very proud of our Primary 1 and Primary 7 pupils who lead the service. We had a brave number of children who were able to stand in for their friends who were unwell.

There was a lot of laughter and shouting at our Pantomime, Pinocchio on Tuesday afternoon. Children loved the singing and dancing and were able to join in with lots of the songs. Thank you to our Parent Council for all their hard work and fundraising as they have paid for the pantomime, Christmas gifts and all the party foods which the children enjoyed.

We are delighted to let you know that Rosy Thomson in Primary 6 has won first place in the Road Safety Calendar Competition. Rosy designed a picture to remind pedestrians to be safe. She has been awarded a cheque for £50. We wish her lots of fun choosing something special with her money.

Our Primary 7 pupils have been working on an accredited award scheme called JASS. They have completed lots of tasks which build towards a bronze award of recognition. They have visited local care homes, tried out new skills, supported younger children in school, lead lunchtime clubs and lots more. They will continue to work on their targets after the holidays and when they move onto secondary school can work towards their silver award.

Caroline our Early Years worker has established a structured play area outdoors to provide a space for children to be creative and imaginative as well as to experience outdoor and muddy play. Our Outdoor Talking Team has supported this initiative by building and painting signs and helping to organise the equipment.

We have had a lot of staff absences over the last term and appreciate the flexibility and support of staff and parents to ensure that our children still receive the best education possible.

I would like to wish everyone peace and joy over the holidays and look forward to welcoming all safely back in January 2020.