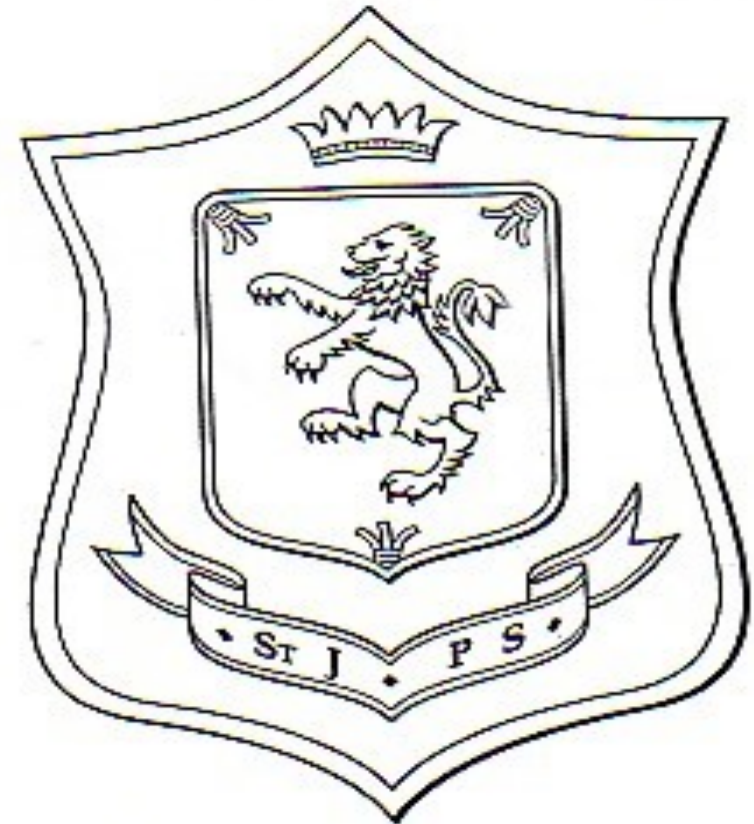


Dates for Your Diary

- 3.2.20 Room 14 Young Sports Leader Training
- 4.2.20 P7 Reviews at Hamilton Grammar School
- 4.2.20 Room 15 going to Cadzow Glen
- 5.2.20 Teaching staff meeting to look at reading strategies
- 6.2.20 P3 visit from Scotrail
- 6.2.20 2.15-3pm Parent Working Group- COTSD
- 7.2.20 Inset Day- children do not attend
- 10, 11.2.20- holiday
- 12.2.20 Inset Day- children do not attend
- 13.2.20 Parent Council sponsored circuits
- 14.2.20 Room 15 Young Sports Leader Training
- 17.2.20 Dog's Trust Assembly for whole school
- 18.2.20 Girls Football Festival
- 19.2.20 Scottish Showcase 1.30-3pm
- 20.2.20 Scottish Showcase 1.30-3pm
- 21.2.20 Taster sessions for karate in gym hall
- 24.2.20 Pupil Council meeting with Hamilton Grammar Pupil Council
- 25.2.20 Taster sessions for karate in gym hall
- 28.2.20 Tennis training session for P4
- 3.3.20 Parent Online Safety Evening, gym hall
- 4.3.20 P7 Rotary Club Quiz, Chatelherault Primary 3.30pm
- 5.3.20 World Book Day and Fairtrade baking stall
- 9.3.20 Parent Council meeting- 7pm

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

This term all classes have started work on building links with other schools. Some have written, emailed or made pictures to find out about education in different places. We are looking forward to learning more and sharing our findings with the school.

We had a great Rights Respecting School Day on Friday 24 January where children across the school joined together to learn about different rights. We made privacy boxes, identity cards, posters and mind maps about our ideas.

Our Talking Teams met this month to work on their plans for our school. The literacy team have been working very hard to reorganise our library and the eco team were planning the best things to plant in our garden.

Our Primary 7 children had an interesting talk with current S1 pupils from Hamilton Grammar about their experiences moving from P7 to secondary school.

We have started our Kerbcraft Training with Primary 2 pupils. This is when Marion Shearer, our School Travel Plan Co-ordinator, and a Parent Helper, Mrs Walker, take children around the local area to practise road safety and traffic awareness skills. If you have not returned your permission slip or would like to help out please contact the school office. We hope that the weather will be kind to us.

We held our Infant Enrolment week in January and were delighted to welcome new children and parents to our school. Many came for tours and visited our current Primary 1 classes.

We are very proud of our four Tapestry Leaders of Learning- Mr Ewart, Miss Pinkerton, Miss Hutton and Miss Young who have been recognised by the General Teaching Council of Scotland for working over a two year period with all our teaching staff on using feedback about children's work to improve learning and attainment. Well done.

Room 15 Primary 7 are learning about Global Goal 14: Life below water and are planning an outing to Cadzow Glen to help clear plastic rubbish from the local area.

Our P1 and P7 pupils have shiny, well protected teeth after our Dental Team visited the school for routine dental checks.

Steven Percy our Active Schools Co-ordinator has been working with P7 children and young sports leaders from Hamilton Grammar School. Mr Percy and the young people from Hamilton Grammar will be training our P7 pupils to become more involved in sports and leadership.

Mrs Kelly our Learning Support Teacher lead a group of parents in a talk about what dyslexia means to children with a diagnosis. Mrs Kelly is starting to work with children in the upper school who are dyslexic to prepare them for moving onto secondary school.

Between February and April we have a range of students in school working with all stages. We welcome post graduate students for teaching, nursing students, support staff students and early years worker students.

A range of lunchtime and afterschool clubs have restarted. If your child did not get a space in the play clubs we have kept their names to ensure that they get first choice in the next round.

Our netball team enjoyed participating in the Hamilton Netball Tournament on 29 January. They acquitted themselves well and showed great team work. Well done.

Across our Learning Community teachers from P1, P4 and P7 are visiting each other to observe teaching practice, share standards and expectations for writing lessons.

To keep children safe leaving the building we remind parents that only those with a parking permit are allowed to park in the school carpark. Our gates are shut from 3.00-3.10pm to allow children to walk along Dixon Street safely.