

Dates for Your Diary

5.3.20 World Book Day and Fairtrade Day.

6.3.20 Hamilton Grammar Dress Down Day

9.3.20 Parent Council meeting in staffroom at 7pm- all welcome

13.3.20 Primary 7 Transition event in Council Offices

Boys football, P6 only

17.3.20 3 children presenting in Council Offices about Talking Teams

Girls football festival

19.3.20 Parent Open Evening 3.30-5.30 and 6.30-8.30

23.3.20 Oral Health in school for ASN classes

26.3.20 Fire brigade visiting P1

27.3.20 Room 2 and 3 Assembly in hall starting at 9.50am- all welcome

Room 8 tennis coaching in hall

30.3.20 Auchengillan Parent Evening in hall 6.30-7.30

1.4.20 Easter Service in church, children walking. Leaving school from 9.20 onwards. All are welcome to park at the Bent car park and walk with us to church and back.

3.4.20 School closes for Spring Break at 2.30pm

20.4. 20 School reopens

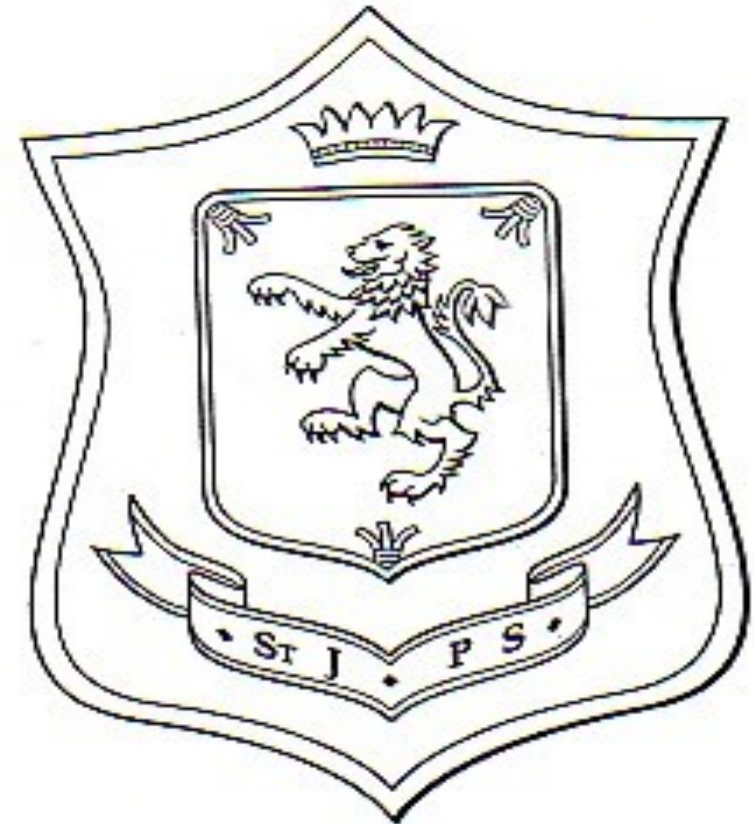
21.4.20 Rotary Club District final in Glasgow

Girls football tournament

24.4.20 Swimming Gala at Larkhall Pool 6.30 start

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

Our Primary 7s have been working with Steven Percy our Active Schools Co-ordinator to enable them to develop leadership skills as young sports leaders. Our children have fully participated in all the activities and are keen to start working with younger children.

Room 15 successfully participated in a clean up of Cadzow Glen with a ranger. This allowed the children to think about how plastic waste is damaging our water systems.

Our teaching staff in P1,P4 and P7 have been visiting other schools in our Learning Community to observe each other teaching writing lessons. This is helping to provide a consistency across all 5 primary schools and to develop a shared understanding of levels.

Scotrail visited Room 6 and Room 7 to talk with the children about how to keep safe. The children enjoyed a short presentation and then participated in a question and answer session with our visitors.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Parent Council sponsor day. The children joined in in mini fitness sessions and enjoyed fresh fruit at the end. Our Parent Council raised £2115. All of this money will be spent on items to support learning and fun in St John's. The children and staff have already started to create a wish list, for example, balls, hoops, art paper, updating literacy resources and lots more. Thank you, because this money means we can continue to provide a high standard of education for all.

We were delighted to welcome The Dog's Trust into school to present assemblies and talk to children about looking after animals.

Both our football and netball teams acquitted themselves well and in some cases coped very well with the freezing weather.

Due to the lack of attendance at our football training sessions we have joined the boys and the girls football sessions together.

We will continue to monitor the level of interest and will review the afterschool club at Easter.

Our Scottish Show Case was on for two afternoons in February. We were entertained by a range of songs from Scottish artists and traditional songs and poems. The money from the tickets will go towards subsidising the cost of transport for our whole school trip to Calderglen Country Park in June.

Caroline has organised after school stay and play clubs on Tuesdays and Thursdays for pupils in P2,P3,P4 and P5. After Easter our P1 children will get the opportunity to join in as well.

P4 are enjoying tennis sessions and are in training for the Hamilton Tennis Tournament in March.

All children enjoyed a taster session of karate in the gym hall over two days. The children developed skills in active Listening, team work and perseverance.

Our Paired Reading Programme started with children from Primaries 1-3 in February.

This is where volunteers come into school and read a story with the children. The children really enjoy listening to and reading parts of the story. We would like to thank all our volunteers who give up their free time to help.