Dates for your diary.

- 1.6.21- P7 visiting Hamilton Grammar School
- 7.6.21- New P1s visiting school
- 14.6.21-New P1s visiting school
- 15.6.21- P1 vision screening in school and Golden Tea in dininghall.
- 16.6.21- Class Sports Day in playground
- 17.6.21-P7 Prize Giving Ceremony in playground-9.30am, parents can sit at back of playground and enter through side gate from 9.20am.
- 17.6.21-P7 Leaver's Assembly- watch in classes
- 18.6.21 P1-P7 outdoor disco- dress down day
- P7 Den building in playground- wear old clothes.
- 21.6.21 P7- Universal Connections and Active Breaks working with P7 in playground- wear sports clothes.
- 22.6.21- P7 going to Chatelherault Country Park by train. Bring a packed lunch and wear school hoodie.
- 23.6.21 -P7 walking to Ten Pin Bowling, bring packed lunch and wear school hoodie.
- 24.6.21 School closes for summer at 1pm.

St John's Primary May 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome to our May Newsletter.

On Thursday 6 May all staff participated in South Lanarkshire Council's training for the new Attachment Strategy.

This was presented by Educational Psychologists and provided staff the opportunity to develop their understanding of how Attachment affects how a child learns and feels in the world.

We held our final Parent Council meeting for this session on Monday 10 May. We want to thank all parents who attend and support initiatives in the school. At the meeting we planned the Sponsored Obstacle Course. We are delighted to have raised £1374 which will go to repairing the school climbing frame in the gym hall. Thank you for all your support. We are hoping that from August we may be able to use our gym hall again for PE lessons.

We are very proud of the creative thinking and organisational skills which our Primary 7 children demonstrated in making and setting up the course for the rest of the school to enjoy. Great leadership skills as well as they coached the younger children to get through the different challenges they had created.

We have been meeting with class groups and staff to decide on the things which we want to focus upon next year to improve. We had lots of great ideas and suggestions from children and staff and have detailed below our key priorities

for next session:

- Refresh our school behaviour policy
- Build on the work started for Active Learning
- Create a reading ethos through out the school
- Develop communications which will support mainstream and ASN learners

We are fortunate to have enough of our PEF budget to allow us to continue to employ:

- a full time teacher- to support learners
- An Early Years Worker- to provide Nurture and Outdoor Play
- A teacher for 1 day per week for Nurture

Proprietary Budgeting

A new initiative from South Lanarkshire Council is to allocate 5% of our PEF budget to children and parents to allow them a greater say in how it is spent. To do this we are going to use

P4-P7 representatives from the Pupil Council and are looking for parents who could volunteer to be part of the group to decide how best it would be to spend the money.

There are likely to be about 3 meetings over the school year and would take place during the school day. At the meetings we would discuss what would help children and families who need support and how to do this sensitively and anonymously.

If you are interested in joining this group please call the school office.