

Dates for Your Diary

Each Friday period 5 our Pupil Voice Groups meet.

14.2.22 and 15.2.22- School closed– holiday

16.2.22– Inset day, school closed to pupils. Staff participating in Outdoor/ Wellbeing Training and Talk for Writing Training.

25.2.22– Junior Librarians meeting

21.2.22– 2.3.22 Classes going on local walk to shopping Centre to purchase a book using £1 book token from World Book Day.

2.3.22 Author, Victoria Williamson visiting school, speaking with P4-P7 classes

3.3.22 World Book Day– Dress up as a book character, see Google Classroom for Book challenge.

4.3.22– Junior Librarians meeting

7.3.22—24.3.22- Parent Phone calls

9.3.22– Primary 7 Transition meeting online with Hamilton Grammar

18.3.22 -Junior Librarians meeting

25.3.22– P1 dental checks

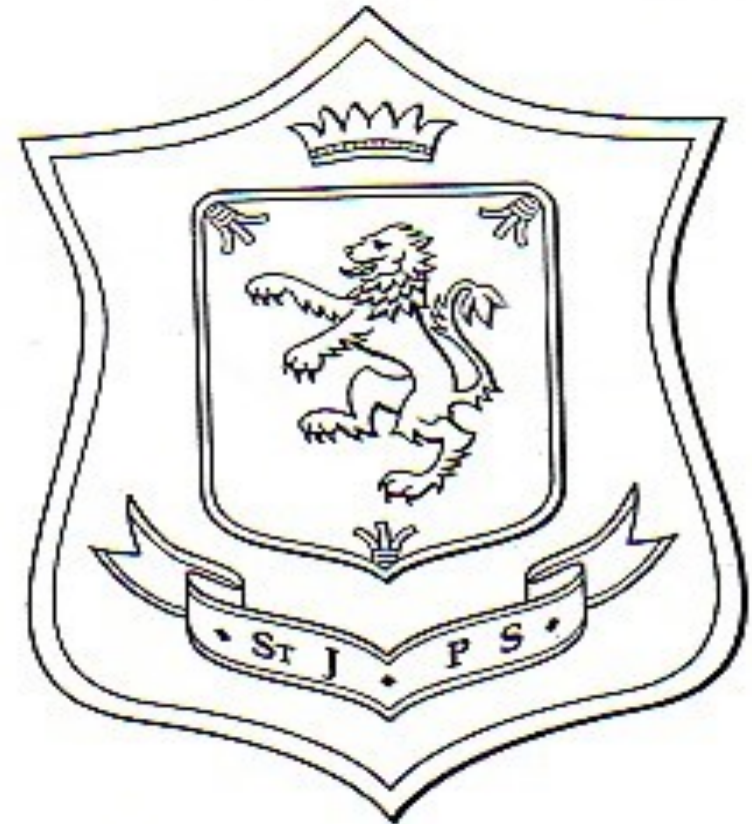
1.4.22– RRS Group meeting

1.4.22 School closes for Spring Break at 2.30pm.

19.4.22 School re-opens.

St John's Primary January and February 2022 Newsletter

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

We are very pleased to welcome three new members of staff to our team-

Danielle Healy– teacher Monday– Wednesdays

Greg Russell– School support assistant, mainstream

Shannon Hill– School support assistant, ASN

Our After School and lunchtime clubs have started again.

It is great to be able to host so many different groups and to allow children to mix with others out of their own classroom.

Club	Stage	Day
Football training	P6 & P7	Monday pm
Football coaching	P1 & P2	Monday lunch
Netball coaching	P5 & P6	Monday pm
Fitness Club	P4 Mainstream	Tuesday pm
Games Club	Rm 4,5 & 10	Tuesday lunch
Sewing Club	P7	Tuesday pm
Fitness/ Games	P2	Tuesday pm
Dance Club	P1&P2	Wednesday lunch
Art Club	P4	Wednesday lunch
Fitness/Games	P3	Thursday pm
Games Club	P1	Friday lunch

We are looking forward to all children starting and stopping school at 9am and 3pm. There is no requirement for us to have a one way system to enter and leave the playground any longer. All adults need to wear face covering when within school grounds.

The car park will only be open to drivers of ASN transport and blue/red badge holders. All drivers are encouraged to use the Bent Park as part of our Park and Stride initiative.

In reducing the number of vehicles accessing the school grounds will make it safer for children to be crossing at the main gate.

Transition events are underway with Hamilton Grammar School for our Primary 7 pupils. There have been activities and information posted on the Google Classroom for pupils to access. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Adam, from Universal Connections, come to school each Wednesday. She is working with small groups of Primary 7 children preparing them for moving onto secondary school. We also have children who are attending Give Us A Break groups in Hamilton Grammar as part of our enhanced transition programme. We had an very informative afternoon when Senior Pupils from Hamilton Grammar School visited to talk about their experiences of secondary school.

Pupil Voice is a very important part of life in St John's and our Rights Respecting School Group, our Pupil Council and our Junior Road Safety Officers have joined together to improve things around our school. The key areas which were highlighted by these groups was the amount of litter around our school and the volume and speed of traffic entering the school grounds.

The children have:

- Created posters to remind drivers of the speed limits around our school
- Met with our MSP, Monica Lennon to look at safety around the school
- Organised a competition about designing bright and eye catching attire to be seen when out on bikes/ walking
- Writing to newspapers and Scottish Parliament to advocate for change to improve our school Environment

We are using a new programme in ICT to support children with literacy difficulties. It is called Nessy and children come every day to the ICT suite with Mrs Sharples to develop strategies to help with reading and spelling.

Caroline, our Early Years Worker, is continuing to develop outdoor learning and forest school activities. Children are improving key life skills. We surveyed our P1, P4 and P7 classes in January about their views on outdoor learning and created display with all their opinions. From the survey we are going to offer more training to staff to allow for further opportunities outdoors.