

Dates for Your Diary

School closes on 1.4.22 at 2.30pm for Spring Break

School reopens on 19.4.22 at 9.00am

21.4.22– 9.6.22 RRS Club each Thursday

22.4.22 Junior Librarians meeting

2.5.22 School closed May holiday

3.5.22 P7 Activity Day

4.5.22 P7 Forest School Day

5.5.22 School closed to pupils, inset day and school being used for elections

6.5.22 P7 water sports day at Strathclyde Park.

17.5.22 P7 day 1 at HGS and new P1s visiting school at 11am

18.5.22 P7 day 2 at HGS and new P1s visiting school at 1.30pm

18.5.22 P7 Parent Evening in HGS.

20.5.22 Junior librarians meeting

23.5.22 P6 and P7 Bikeability– all week.

27.5.22 School closed May day holiday

1.6.22 Jubilee celebrations in school

2.6.22 School closed public holiday

3.6.22 School closed Queen's Jubilee holiday

10.6.22 Sports Day

P7 Parent Council Party in St John's Church

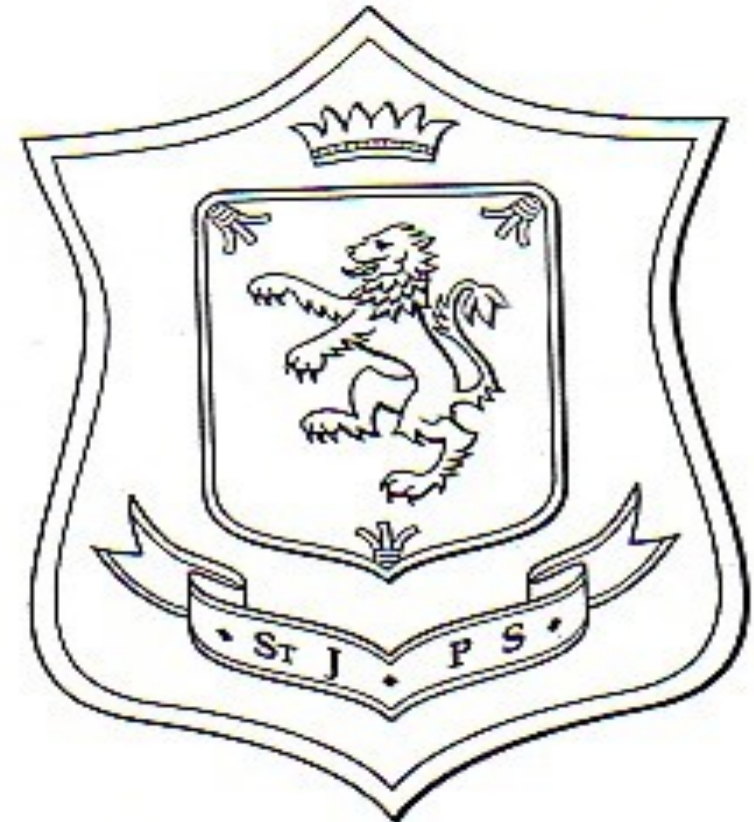
17.6.22 P7 Prize giving ceremony

20.6.22 Reports sent out this week

24.6.22 School closes at 1.00pm for Summer holidays.

St John's Primary March 2022 Newsletter

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

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day. We had author, Victoria Williamson, visit and speak with P4-P7 children about 2 of her books. Our children were very keen to hear all about how to start off writing a book, setting the scene and developing characters. They had lots of questions for Victoria and some purchased signed copies of her novel.

We were delighted to welcome David Young, librarian, from Hamilton Town House library. He spoke with children in P1-P3. They loved his jokes and funny voices.

The children were very excited to dress up as their favourite book character and enjoyed the character parade in the playground in the afternoon.

We had a full day of activities all linked to books and reading which the children participated in enthusiastically.

Our pupil voice committees meet on Friday afternoons to share ideas on how to improve our school and the local area.

Our Junior Librarians are keen to set challenges and quizzes for children to promote reading.

The Rights Respecting School Committee have been very proactive in campaigning to improve conditions around the school, specifically about litter.

The Pupil Council and Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been petitioning drivers around our school to drive slowly and have written to South Lanarkshire Council about the road signs around our school.

Across March teachers have been calling parents/carers to give an update on pupil progress and achievement. A small sample of class work was also sent home to provide a flavour of the type of tasks and level children are working at. We are hoping that next session we will be able to welcome parents/ carers into the school to meet with teachers in person.

Transition events are well underway for our Primary 7 children to prepare them for moving onto secondary school. Children in our Supported classes who are going to attend Hamilton Grammar School in August visited on Friday 18 March. They got the chance to see the building, meet staff and join in some lessons.

We were pleased to welcome two members of Hamilton Grammar's transition team to St John's on Wednesday 9 March to talk with all Primary 7s about skills that will help them when they move onto secondary school.

Primary 7 staff and Mrs Hope met with Hamilton Grammar to share information about attainment on Thursday 24 March. This is the initial step to allow Hamilton Grammar to plan to meet individual children's needs.

Mrs Prentice has started speaking with nurseries about the needs of our new Primary 1 pupils for August. We are looking forward to meeting all our new Primary 1 pupils and parents on 17 and 18 May. Invitations will be sent out when placements have been decided.

Room 8 worked very hard to learn their words for our Easter Service. We hope you enjoyed watching it.

We were very excited to hold a sponsored treasure hunt in our wooded area on Thursday 31 March. Caroline our Early Years worker organised the hunt, where children searched for types of plants, birds and trees which live in this area. Thank you for all the very generous donations which will all go towards supporting children across the whole school. Thank you to our Parent Volunteers who helped with the search for birds and leaves.

Mrs Wilson had a beautiful baby girl named Nora. Both are doing well.

Sadly Mrs Wyper who works in our school office is moving onto a new job after the Spring Break. We wish her lots of luck in her new role.