

Dates for Your Diary

Thursdays– P6 Swimming

Tuesdays and Thursdays– forest school small groups with Caroline

Wednesdays– Rainbow Room for small groups with Caroline and Mrs Murray

Fridays, period 5– RRS Committee, Pupil Council and Playground Committee meet.

Monday 11 September– Parent Council AGM, 7 pm in staffroom.

Tuesday 12 September -JRSO visiting Chatelherault Country Park

Wednesday 20 September– Tempest Photographer taking school portraits

Thursday 21 September– Parent/Carer Open Afternoon, 2.15pm

Friday 22 and Monday 25 September– Holiday

Thursday 29 September Mainstream Primary 1 Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support, 9.30am in dining room.

Parent's Evening will be on **Thursday 16 November**

appointments will be offered between 3.30-5.30pm and

6.30-8.30pm.

Meetings will be held in the school.

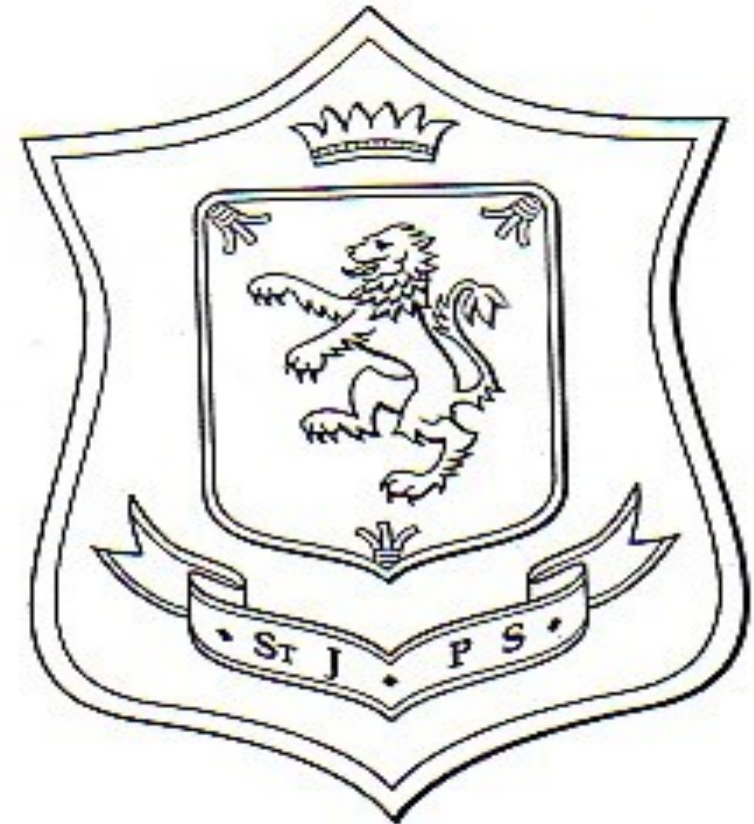
Please note that only one appointment is offered on the evening for each child. Alternative appointments are held on Friday mornings period 2.

Primary 7 Leaver Service and Prize Giving- **Friday 21 June 2024.**

Some of our staff have volunteered to run after school clubs, details will come out to invited classes.

St John's Primary August 2023 Newsletter

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

We are very pleased to welcome some new staff to our team-
Miss Ashworth is teaching room 2, P1
Miss Nisbett is teaching room 10 on a Thursday and Friday.
Mrs Cassidy is supporting children across mainstream classes.
Mrs Reilly is our new Principal Teacher and is teaching room 14 on a Monday as well as supporting children across the school.
Mrs Reilly is also leading our new Playground Committee, which is working to improve our break times.
Mrs Watson is teaching room 14, P6/7.

As a Gold Rights Respecting School we have been busy devising our class charters from chosen rights from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).
Have a look on X (Twitter) for some examples. We have been very creative. This month we have been learning about article 19.

In St John's our children are given lots of opportunities to develop leadership skills. At present our Primary 7 learners are busy preparing speeches for the positions of Captain and Vice Captain for each house.

Two Primary 6 learners have been appointed as our Junior Road Safety Officers. JRSO, Logan Terras and Erin Matheson. They are looking forward to representing St John's at the annual Road Safety Open Day in September.

Learners have also had the opportunity to apply for our Playground Committee which will be meeting regularly to make plans to refresh our playground. We aim to ensure that all children enjoy their break times and can visit different areas in the playground. There was a very high standard of applications and it was a very difficult decision to select two children from each mainstream class and one from ASN across P4-P7.

Our Playground Committee are working with Mrs Reilly and are:

Josef Morrison- McGowan, Rebecca Beattie, Cole Callaghan, Mason McBride, Myley Cook, Logan Terras, Louis Telfer, Hannah Beattie, Melissa Bangau, Blake O'Donnell, Emily Parker and Ellis Smillie.

For August the language of the month is French and we have also been learning some Makaton signs to allow all of our children to communicate their thoughts and needs. We are currently learning how to sign the months of the year.

Our focus for August from the SHANARRI indicators is safe. All classes have been learning how to keep themselves safe in different situations.

We have also been designing a Road Safety calendar to enter into SLCs annual competition.

To start off the term each class is working on a novel study. They will be learning different reading strategies and enjoying the story. This allows teachers to get to know children and also to assess reading levels. Below are the novels the children are working on-

Room 2, 6 and 7 Each Peach Pear Plum, Spinderella ,A squash and a Squeeze, Aliens Love Underpants, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Hungry Hettie

Room 5 The Night Pirates

Room 8 Katie Morag and the New Pier

Room 9 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Room 10 Jeremy Worried about the Wind and The BFG

Room 11 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Room 12 Holes

Room 13 Jeremy is Worried about the Wind

Room 14 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Room 15 War Horse