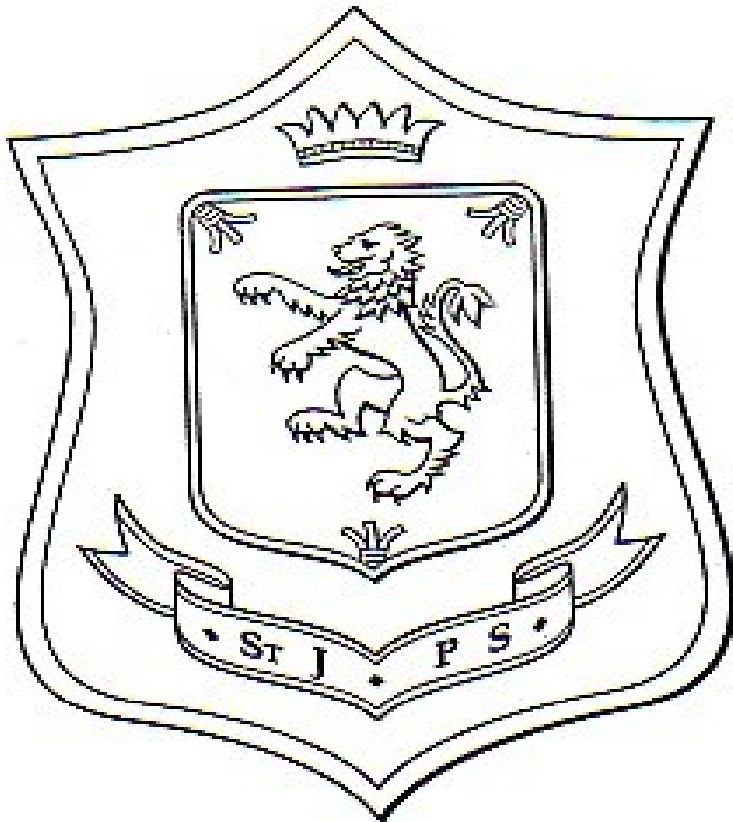


St John's Primary January 2024 Newsletter

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

It was great to welcome our adult helpers back to school to start off our paired reading for another term. Our Senior Pupils are also good supports to our younger children whilst reading.

Some Primary 7 children visited Lockerbie Manor for a two night residential trip. They enjoyed lots of different outdoor activities including climbing, abseiling and a wonderful camp fire with marshmallows at night.

The children learned lots of different life skills and built their confidence to try out new and sometimes a little scary activities.

Our After school clubs have started back with a range of activities on offer-

Monday- P6 and P7 Badminton with Mrs Reilly
Monday- Lunchtime P5-P7 Rugby Club with Cameron
Tuesday- P6 and P7 Football with David
Tuesday- Forest School Club with Caroline
Wednesday- Gardening Club with Mrs Dickie
Wednesday- P4 Multi Sports Club with Megan
Wednesday- P2 lunch club Multi Sports Club with Megan
Thursday- P5 Forest School Club with Caroline

We had lots of health professionals in school this month offering fluoride varnish for children's teeth in the ASN classes and catch up appointments for flu vaccinations.

On Friday 26 January we had a very exciting assembly. All children participated in a presentation from the Dog's Trust, where they learned how to be safe around dogs.

We are very pleased to welcome three teaching students to St John's they are working with children in Room 11, 12 and 15.

We hosted a Ceilidh for our senior pupils on the evening of Burns Night. Children were welcomed at the door by our Piper, Mr Dickie.

Children joined in with lots of dancing, singing and poetry recital as well as trying out haggis and vegetable pakora, short bread and irn bru.

We were delighted to receive an invite to the Great Winter Get Together hosted in St John's Church. Monica Lennon, MSP, held discussions with our children on how to improve our local community.

Our children had some great ideas to make Hamilton an ever better place to live. They suggested fun runs, more litter bins, easier access to rail travel and lots more.

We have braved ice, storms, wind and hail this month and are looking forward to getting out to play more as the weather improves. The trees surrounding our grounds have now been cut back to allow full access to the building.

Over December and January we have noticed that there are children who are dropped off very early in the morning. This leaves them very vulnerable as the playground is very dark and there are no playground helpers in the playground until 8.45am. All children can join the breakfast club from 8.15am onwards. Please do not send children to school prior to 8.15am as there are no adults to ensure their safety.

Please note that during icy / snowy weather a pathway is cleared from the gates to the dining room and the gym hall only. The dining hall is open from 8.15am until 8.45am. At 8.45am the children enter school through the gym hall doors and wait in the hall until a teacher collects them.

We have lots of fun and exciting PE activities for the children to participate in across the coming months. Children should bring shorts/ joggers, polo shirt/ tee shirt and appropriate shoes. Please note that acrylic nails and slip on sandals are not safe in PE, Forest school or Muga lessons.

Dates for Your Diary

5 February- Parent Council Meeting, online 7pm start

7 February- Some P7s joining Assembly Training Course

7 February- transition visits start from Hamilton Grammar School

9 February- Room 10 and Room 11 Assembly- parents to join for 9.45am start in hall.

Monday 12 and 13 February- school closed- holiday

Monday 14 February- inset day, children do not attend

16 February- Sports Safe check on PE equipment

Dog Trust Assembly then visiting P4-P7 classes

23 February- Room 8 Assembly- parents to join for 9.45am start in hall.

8 March- Room 5 and 9 Assembly- parents to join for 9.45am start in hall.

11 March- Science Day in Hall- learning about flight

12 March- Rooms 2, 6 and 7 visiting farm

14 March- Visit to Room 2,6 and 7- Farming

15 March- Book Fayre delivered

21 March Parent's Evening appointments

26 March- Easter Service in St John's Church. Service starts at 10am. Children walking to and from Church. All adults welcome to accompany.

28 March- school closes at 2.30pm for Easter break.

15 April- School reopens.

21 June- P7 Prize Giving Service.