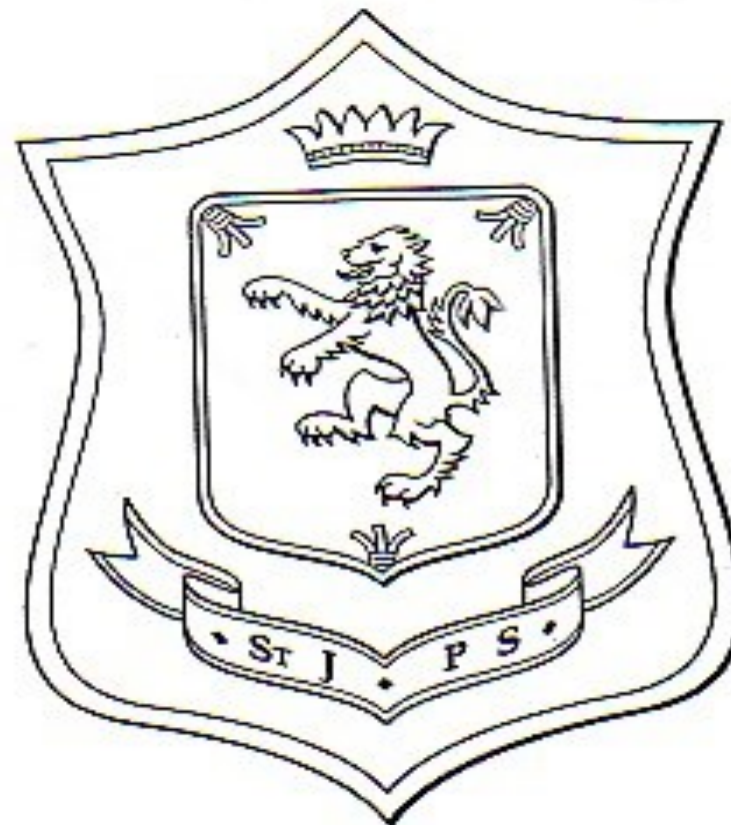


Dates for Your Diary

15 April -School reopens
16 April- 10 children visiting Rocca
18 April- P7 children visiting respective secondary schools- Rutherglen High and Calderside Academy
19 April- Transition meetings with ELU nursery
19 April- Hamilton Grammar School visiting some senior pupils
19 April- Careers talk at assembly
22 April Parent Council meeting 7pm in school
24 April Some P1s ad P7s visiting ELU for transition project
25 April- Dogs Trust in school to talk with P1-P3 children
25 April- Parent Council Quiz Night- 6.30-8.30pm in school
25 April Some P7s visiting Rutherglen High School
29 April- Interviewing for Principal teacher post
29 April- Shirley from Oral Health working with Rooms 5 and 10
30 April- last session of dance club
1 May- Dance competition in Townhouse 7.30-8.30pm
2 May- Inset Day, children do not attend
3 May- Transition for Lesmahagow High School
6 May- Holiday- school closed
10 May- Some P7s visiting Hamilton Grammar School
13 May- Transition event in St John's Church hosted by ELU, some children and Mrs Prentice joining
14 and 15 May- Sanderson High School transition visit
16 May- Rutherglen High visiting school
18 May- Plant Sale 9.30-12 in school
21 and 22 May P7 visit Hamilton Grammar School
21 and 22 May new P1s visit St John's 1.40-2.50pm
24 and 27 May- holiday school closed
30 May- Rutherglen High School visit
31 May- P1 assembly in hall 9.45am

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

Mrs Prentice has been out and about visiting some of our new children for August. She has introduced herself to our new P1s and met with nursery staff to ensure a smooth transition from nursery to school.

We were delighted to welcome some of our catchment new pupils to visit the Primary 1 classrooms and enjoy a short play in the class.

We have a large number of placing requests for P1 next year and are awaiting the decisions before being able to invite children to visit the school.

Primary 7 enhanced transition is well underway with a series of visits from staff in Hamilton Grammar School sharing their knowledge of what to expect when moving to secondary school.

Some of our P7s have already visited their respective school and we are looking forward to two day visits for children who have a place in Hamilton Grammar on 21 and 22 May.

Our Gardening Club organised by Mrs Dickie has made great progress in weeding and getting the planters and beds ready for some bedding plants to be planted after the frost!

Children enjoyed different art and craft activities, story telling, reading books and dressing up on World Book Day. Thank you to our helpers who made this possible. We also enjoyed a themed Book Day Lunch.

Room 9 and Room 5 shared their knowledge about The Titanic at an Assembly on Friday 8 March. Well done to our effective contributors and confident individuals who spoke so clearly on stage.

We had lots of excitement and learning for Science Week. Thank you to Mr Towers who presented to senior pupils about flight. The paper planes were very popular.

Thank you also to Mrs Hogg and Mrs Wiseman from Nationwide Building Society who gave talks about money and saving up to our children.

Mrs Reilly accompanied children to visit a local restaurant, Rocca, to learn about different roles in the hospitality industry. The children enjoyed meeting staff and learning about the different skills required for each job. They also loved getting a chance to make and eat pizza.

Room 2, 6 and 7 visited Blackbogg Farm in Quarter where they learned about the farming industry and how food gets to the shops. There were very muddy children on return!

Our Rights Respecting School Focus Group visited Quarter Primary to share their knowledge of Children's Rights at a school assembly. Well done as it can be very daunting to speak in front of lots of strangers.

Three of our Primary 6 children represented St John's in the Larkhall Swimming Gala. They all did themselves really proud. Congratulations to Jessica, Thom and Erin.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers on our parent's night and during the catchup appointments. If you are concerned about any aspect of your child's learning please call the school office, we can arrange for a time to chat either during the school day or after 3pm.

On 20 March our Primary 7s participated in a Maths Challenge with Hamilton Grammar. Our winning team will move onto the next round to compete against other local schools. Our maths whiz kids are— Adam, Callum, Karly and Beth.

Thank you to our Parent Council volunteers who organised fruit for our children after they had completed their Sponsored Tae Kwan Do Challenge. The children were particularly interested in the training. Leaflets about the club are available if anyone wants to join.

Congratulations to our Quiz Team, Connor, Hayley, Brandon and Lucas—they were third in the Rotary Club Quiz.