Dates for Your Diary

Right of the Month- Article 29 Language of the term- Italian Value focus- Effective SHANARRI focus- Active

6 January- school reopens

10 January -9.15 Room 14 parents to meet Chef Robert 11.00 Room 13 parents to meet Chef Robert

13 January- 1.30pm University of the West of Scotland working with staff and parents regarding Happy Homework Project

16 January- Child smile in school for ASN classes

22 January- 3.10 Focus Group for Happy Homework Project

23 January- 6.30-8.30pm P6 and P7 Ceilidh

30 January- 2pm Golden Tea for invited pupils

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Our children loved the pantomime Aladdin. There was lots of laughter and shouting in the hall.

Thank you to our Parent Council for raising funds to pay for this.

Our Christmas Sing along was in the school hall on Friday 6 December. We had lots of raffle prizes and tea and cakes. Our Parent Council volunteers were great at wrapping all the prizes and serving teas. Thank you so much to everyone for all the support we raised £800 towards school funds.

Our Choir sang their hearts out in the Regent Shopping Centre on Monday 9 December. They entertained shoppers with lots of Christmas songs and carols.

Our Xmas4 Schools orders were all completed at the start of December with a gran total of \pounds 226 raised for school funds.

Our Primary 7 children organised an enterprise event in the school hall on Tuesday 10 December. We had lots of different stalls for children to buy pocket money toys, books, homemaking and play games. The Primary 7s raised \pounds . This will go towards paying for their red leavers hoodies.

Over December we have been delighted to welcome Chef Robert to St John's.

Robert worked with classes from P5-P7 teaching about food preparation, hygiene, knife and cookery skills. The children got the chance to prepare some tasty treats- fruit salads and soups and then demonstrated to parents some of their skills.

Our Nativity was in St John's Church on Wednesday 18 December. Our Primary 1s were super stars, many filling in at the last moment as we had so many children who were unwell. It was lovely to see so many friends in the Church to hear our singing. The choir also entertained us with their version of "Merry Christmas Everyone."

Thank you to our two soloists, Amelia and Uxia who sang beautifully.

We had a tasty Christmas lunch of turkey, steak pie or a vegetarian roast. Our catering staff went all out to create a festive atmosphere with music, decorations and crackers. Thank you for all their hard work in making this day fun. We are sad to say goodbye to our interim cook in charge and look forward to welcoming our permanent cook in charge in January.

Our Primary 1 children visited Santa at Low Parks Museum. They got the chance to make some decorations, do Christmas crafts and chat to Santa. This was very exciting for all.

We are delighted to announce that we have three highly commended winners for the Road Safety Competition. Well done to-Molly Tyrrell Lewis Mosely Jessica Martis

All were presented with their certificates at our final assembly of 2024.

On Thursday 19 December we hosted our Christmas fun day. Across the day children played party games, participated in different craft activities, tried our Christmas quizzes, danced and sang and Primary 1-3 met Santa.

Thank you to our Parent Council who funded all the Christmas presents.

We have had a lot of staff absences over the last term and appreciate the flexibility and support of staff and parents to ensure that our children still receive the best education possible.

I would like to wish everyone peace and joy over the holidays and look forward to welcoming all safely back in January 2025.