

Dates for your diary

Over December children can wear Christmas jumpers any day.

2.12 Writing assessments to Head Teacher

3.12 P6 and P7 singing with Mrs McKirdy

4.12 Rooms 1 and 2 visiting Low Parks Museum

6.12 Christmas sing along- 9.30 Arran and Seil

11.00 Iona and Skye

10.12 P7 Christmas Enterprise in hall- am

11.12 Christmas lunch- no sandwiches on this day

12.12 Parents invited to join Chef Robert for cookery lesson-

Room 11- 9.15am, Room 15- 11am, Room 12- 1.30pm

13.12 Room 4 and Room 6 P1s visit Low Parks Museum

17.12 P6 and P7 singing with Mrs McKirdy

18.12 Nativity play in St John's Church 10am start

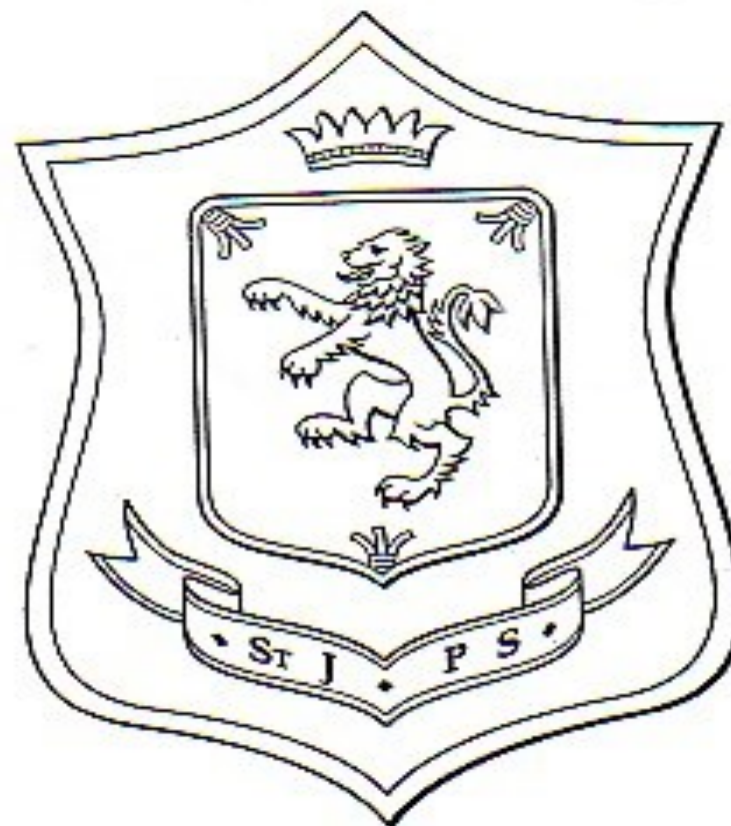
19.12 Christmas Fun Day

20.12 School closes at 2.30pm

6.1. School reopens

St John's Primary November 2024 Newsletter

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Welcome to our November Newsletter.

We are encouraging children to play indoors and outdoors and ask that all children wear appropriate clothing for the Scottish weather.

We have a supply of pre loved jumpers, sweatshirts and coats if anyone want to take them. Children can come at anytime to choose anything they need.

We were very proud to participate in a Remembrance Service in Hamilton Town Hall on Sunday 3 November. Our choir sang two very moving songs and loved when the poppy petals fell from the ceiling.

We celebrated success at our Golden Tea where children were invited to join an afternoon of games, dancing and snacks to recognise their achievements in and out of school.

Groups of senior pupils have been visiting Rocca to learn more about working in a busy restaurant and kitchen. They are learning about different skills which can be used throughout life.

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to Children in Need we sent a cheque for the value of £229.35 The ideas for crazy hair and express yourself were very creative.

We had a very exciting week for World of Work where lots of different parents and local businesses gave up their time to share information about their jobs.

Thank you to all of our lovely volunteers who gave us lots of different insights into a wide variety of jobs.

We have lots of budding pilots, chemists, engineers, carers, dog trainers, architects, teachers, police and fire people to list just a few.

Our JRSO Anna and Archie designed a word search to remind children about keeping safe when it is dark.

Our Pupil Council met with Carla Somerville, Facility Services Officer - Menu Development. To discuss their thoughts about our school lunches and suggest changes to the menus. Our children had lots of thoughtful suggestions about the types of food served and what they would like to see in the future.

Four of our Primary 7 pupils attended a Maths Challenge event in Hamilton College. We were very proud of Callum, Mason, Molly and Lucy who came 5th place out of 20 schools. Well done to them for using lots of problem solving strategies. They particularly enjoyed lunch and brought back a goodie bag as well.

Caroline has been running outdoor clubs after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays where children have learned about our local environment, team work, communication, construction and fire. The clubs finish week beginning 25 November and invites will be sent out in January to restart.

Well done to both groups for making a positive contribution to our local area.

Thank you to parents for supporting us with the action points from our traffic audit.

We will be reassessed in the new year to see if the actions of only allowing parents/ carers with blue badges/ mobility issues into the car park and having the gates closed until 2.30pm has had an impact on pedestrian safety.

Our choir were filmed for a competition with the Regent Shopping Centre. We are delighted that we have made it through to the finals and will be performing in the Regent Shopping Centre on Monday 9 December at 11.30am. A QR code has been sent home for you to vote for us.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs McKirdy to school. She is a music teacher who works with children to help them sing and perform. She has been working with Primary 6 and 7 pupils.

Chef Robert is working in school with room 11, 12 and 15 to help them with food technology. He will be back for further dates to work with other classes.

On Thursday 28 November we had lots of fun, singing, shouting and joining in with this year's pantomime, Aladdin.

Thank you to our Parent Council who funded this event for all children.