

## Dates for Your Diary

The Article for February is **Article 30 - I have the right to speak my own language and follow my family's way of life** and our focus is **caring and respected**.

3 February- Cross Country and P3 Multi sports

5 February- Football tournament at Jock Stein Centre 12.15-2.30pm

6 February- ASN Residential trip to Inverclyde

10 February- Room 5 and Room 13 visiting Amazonia

10 February- Parent Council Meeting in staffroom at 7pm

17 and 18 February- school closed- holiday

19 February- inset day, children do not attend

20 and 21 February- Learning Community working together on equalities

21 February- Room 5 and 9 Assembly- parents to join for 9.45am start

5 March- Room 8 Showcase about the Romans- pm.

6 March- Cross Country Competition at Blantyre Leisure Centre- am

7 March- Swimming Gala at Larkhall Leisure Centre, 6.30pm start.

14 March- Book Fayre delivered

17- 19 March- P7 Mainstream residential trip to Lockerbie Manor

19 March- Room 9 and 11 visiting David Livingston Centre

20 March- P1 and P7 dental inspections

20 March Parent's Evening appointments, apart from room 15

25 March and 27 March- Room 15 parent's night, 3-5pm and 3.30-5.30pm

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

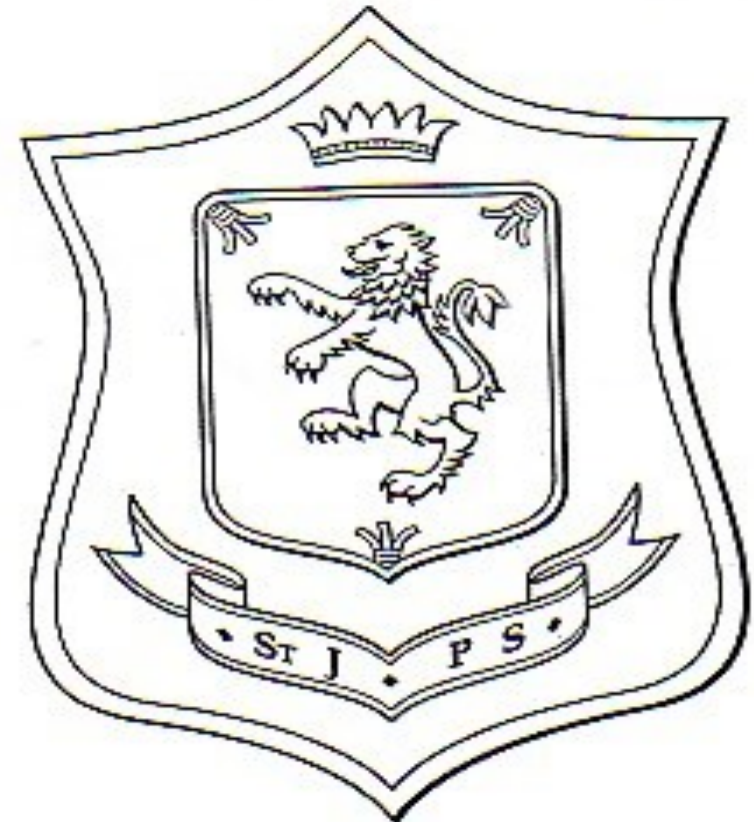
4 April- school closes at 2.30pm for Easter break.

22 April- School reopens.

**20 June- P7 Prize Giving Service.**

# St John's Primary January 2025 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.

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

Monday– Choir with Mrs Reilly, P4-P7

Monday– Cross Country with Mrs Dickie, P6-7

Monday– Multi sports with Megan P3 February, P2 March

Tuesday– Forest school steering group with Caroline

Wednesday– Football with Lauren, P6-P7

Thursday– Forest School 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.

We have been working with the University of the West of Scotland, children, parents and staff to look at how to make homework fun and still increase knowledge and understanding. Thank you to parents who kindly gave up their time to share their views.

We had our final session with Chef Robert where children in rooms 13 and 14 learned cooking skills and shared these with their parents/ carers.

We are very pleased to welcome three teaching students to St John's they are working with children in Room 11, 14 and 15.

Our Play leaders have worked with Mrs Reilly to re-organise our outdoor activities to make them suitable for the Scottish weather in January. Each lunchtime our Leaders put out the toys and games to make our break time more fun.

Our senior classes are also trying out some time on the MUGA pitch again.

We hosted a Ceilidh for our senior pupils on Thursday 23 January. Children were welcomed at the door by our Piper, Mr Dickie.

Our entrance was beautifully decorated with balloons in our school colours.

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

Thank you to all staff who volunteered their time to make this evening such a success.



We have braved ice, storms, wind and hail this month and are looking forward to getting out to play more as the weather improves.

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 gates are not opened 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.

Our senior learners have completed a project called Magic Minds which taught skills to support mental wellbeing.

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.