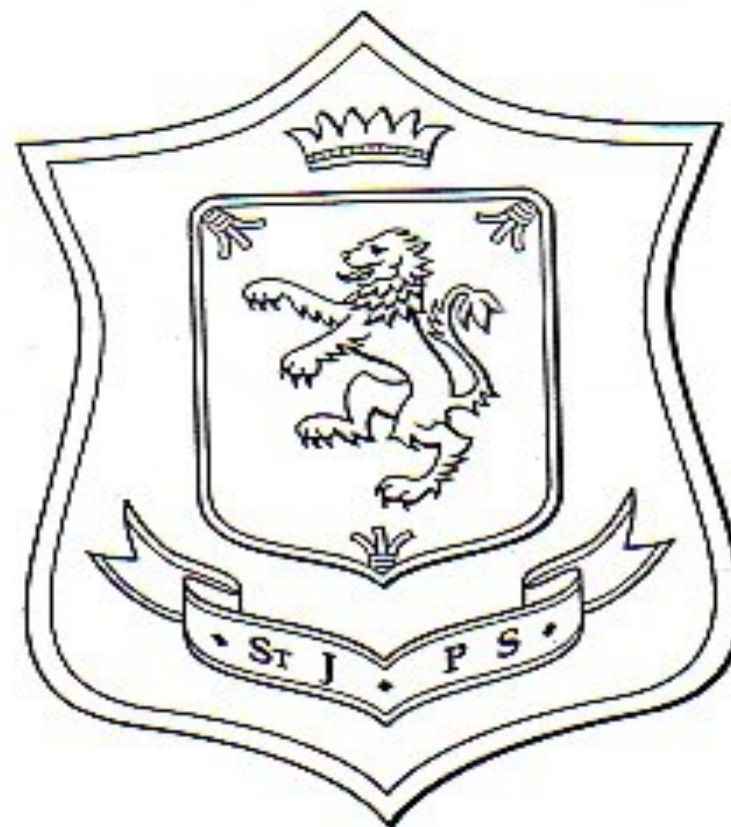


Dates for Your Diary

- 5 January– return to school
- 6 January– new router being installed no internet from 3pm
- 12 January– catch up flu immunisations
- 15 January– Primary 6 and Primary 7 Ceilidh
- 19 January– walk round for any new P1s starting school in August 1.45pm
- 26 January– ASN Childsmile visit
- 29 January– P1 and P7 Dental Inspection
- 16 and 17 February– school closed holiday
- 18 February– Inset Day, school closed to pupils
- 20 February– Parent Council Fundraising Event– dance
- 25 February– Football tournament, Jock Stein Centre

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We welcomed University of the West of Scotland to school to work with Primary 5 children in Room 11 for the Happy Homework Study.

Children were fitted with devices to monitor exercise and sleep and results will be analysed in the new year.

Sadly our Primary 5 and 6 Hockey Festival was cancelled due to the pitch being frozen. Instead children remained in school and participated in a variety of craft activities.

For the first time we held a separate event for ASN parents to come along to school, have tea and mince pies and to go to children's classes to see some Christmas activities. This was very exciting for children and parents.

We hosted an ASN stay and play movie event which was a great success. Mrs Boyd put out lots of sensory and moving about equipment to help our children enjoy The Stick Man.

Thank you to our Parent Council for organising our Christmas sing along. Children performed some well known Christmas songs on stage. They looked very festive and Feliz Navidad was our favourite Christmas song this year. We raised £757.34 from tea, coffee mince pies and raffle tickets. This money goes towards buying craft materials and fun activities for all of the children.

Our children have looked very festive across all of December in their Christmas jumpers. Thank you for the donations of pre loved ones for us to share.

Across South Lanarkshire children from P5 upwards were invited to participate in a Health and Wellbeing Survey for Psychological Services. Thank you to parents for giving permission for their child to participate.

Our Catering Team worked very hard to cook us a wonderful Christmas lunch. It was very festive with songs, crackers, decorations and of course the best bit- the lunch. Most favourite was by far the chipolata sausages!

Our Christmas Fun Day was very exciting, loud and cheerful. Primary 1- Primary 3 received a book from Santa as a pre Christmas gift. We danced, played party games, crafted and sang the day away. Our Parent Council paid for Santa's presents through their fundraising efforts. Thank you.

Our Senior pupils have really got their steps in for our Ceilidh in January. They are becoming very proficient in many dances which will stand them in good stead for future social events.

Our Primary 1s were very pleased to visit Santa at Low Parks Museum. They enjoyed making some Christmas crafts and brought a goodie bag back to school. Thank you to our Parent Council for subsidising the cost of this trip.

For the first time we travelled by coach to our Nativity in Rhyme in St John's Church. Thank you for waiting as travelling by coach took longer than planned. Our Primary 1 and Primary 6 children were super stars. They demonstrated great confidence in acting out their parts and reading the words so clearly.

Thank you very much to Joanne for letting us use her Church.

Groups of our senior children have been giving quotes and updating our school handbook.

It appears that ceilidh dancing is the most popular subject in school! Our Pupil voice groups have also been working on updating our Learning and Teaching Policy and created a new mobile phone policy for children.

Well done for all their good ideas.

We had the final Creative Station on Friday 12 December. We have taken pupil views on Feedback Friday and will use these to adapt for next term.

We are looking forward to our new Acting Principal Teacher, Miss L Harris to start in January. She will be leading this initiative across the school.

Congratulations to Sebastian in Room 2 for having the winning number for the Rangers Dream Team Football picture.

We hope he finds a good place to hang it up.