



Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome back to everyone after a lovely relaxing Easter Break. It is lovely to see all of the children looking so healthy. A reminder about wearing school uniform to everyone, and coming to school every day and on time. Our recent survey on Uniform indicated that there was an even split for the Green and the Navy going forward. So, the status quo remains.....

As always as we begin this summer term, there are many events and celebrations to look forward to before our term ends. I thought it would be helpful to remind you that:

- Monday 7th May is a Monday Holiday
- Tuesday 8th May is an In-service Day
- Monday 21st May is a Monday Holiday

New School Build- The New School is really taking shape and we are looking forward to getting in to have a look around. You will have received information in relation to the exceptional closure. I will keep you informed with updates, as we progress through this term.



Easter Play

Prior to the Holidays our P4 children excelled themselves with a wonderful production of the Easter Play, performed in Church. The reviews by the audience were extremely positive and we know that there are some real stars in the making. A very big thank you to Mrs Moscrop and Mrs Morrison for all their hard work in supporting the pupils with this retelling of the story.

Glee Workshop and Challenge

Our choir participated in a Glee Workshop last week in the Assembly rooms in Edinburgh. The children and Miss Miller were amazing and won the Edinburgh heat. They were presented with a beautiful trophy.

We wish the boys and girls and Miss Miller lots and lots of luck in the Edinburgh Final, on 22nd May, in the Assembly Rooms. Sing your hearts out!

School Gardening project



Thanks to Jo in the Parent Council and her team of volunteers for organising our Gardening Project.



P1 Intake August 2018

We have been informed by the City of Edinburgh Council of our allocation for next session. We have been capped at two classes of 25 pupils making a total of 50 catchment places. There is a significant number on our waiting list, which is held with the Authority. It is unlikely, at this stage, this position will change. Parents who have requested St John's as their catchment school will be contacted directly by the school in due course and should attend the induction days offered. Should spaces become available in our school, the Authority will notify you directly.

Parent Council

Next meeting is at 7pm on Tuesday 15th May at 6.45pm in the staffroom. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. There will be news of the Movie Night too

Ascension Thursday Mass

Thursday 10th May at St Mary Magdalene's Parish for 9.45am. The Mass will be organised by P4 pupils. Please come and join us in celebration.

Cluster Pupil Council Event

Well done to the group of P6/7 Pupil Councillors who represented us at the event last week at Holy Rood High School. The children were asked to focus on what is important to them in our Catholic Schools. They were a credit to St John's.

Cross Country Event

Congratulations to all our runners. A great effort over the 2 events.

Finlay McWilliam was placed 11th in the P7 Boys' race. Superb! Thanks to Mrs McIntyre for all her support.



Swimming Gala

Well done to all of our swimmers . They represented the school very well at the Gala. Great work , boys and girls!
Upcoming events for P5- cricket festival and P6 Games at the Hub

P4 Sacramental Preparation Programme

Children in P4 who are currently participating in the Sacramental Programme have been issued with a communication via parentmail confirming the remainder of the 2018 events leading up to the Sacrament of Holy Coomunion . Some dates below for both P3 and P4 pupils and their families.

Sunday 13th May 2018

P4 'Do this in Memory' Mass - St John's church
9.30 am.

P3 & children's Mass- St Mary Magdalene's church 11.15 am.

Monday 14th May 2018

St Mary Magdalene's church at 7 pm

Final meeting for all parents and children in P4 celebrating First Communion this June.
** Communion date choice will be confirmed at this meeting **



PE Students

Two first year students will join us for a block placement this term . We are all looking forward to working with them



Mrs Laura Spear- Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Spear. Henry Addison Spear arrived safely on April 10th , one week, early weighing 7lb 1oz. and all is well. We can't wait to see him His Grandma, Mrs Chris McIntyre, has taken over the teaching of P1B , so they are all excited to hear stories about Henry first hand!

It is that time of year again and once again we are collecting the Sainsbury vouchers for schools. Please hand these in if you shop in Sainsbury's and help us collect valuable equipment for our school.



SCIAF fundraiser

Fantastic effort - Over £4000 was raised by St John's Pupils and their families to date. Many, many thanks for your generosity. The Scottish Government will match this - so over £8000 for SCIAF . Brilliant efforts on everyone's behalf.

Archbishop Leo Cushley will visit our school this Friday morning at 11am . We are looking forward to meeting him. Our Icon of " Jesus the Teacher " has just arrived and will be on display at the front entrance.



Health Week

Our annual health week takes place week beginning 4th June During this week pupils should come to school in sports gear, all week and bring healthy snacks and water everyday. As always we have organised a variety of activities for every class and would hope that if you can support in any way you would get in contact.

Sports Day will take place on Thursday 7th June, as a first option or Tuesday 12th June, if we need to reschedule because of the weather

Healthy Eating and Healthy snacks

We would very much like to remind and encourage all of the pupils to bring fruit, water and healthy snacks to school. It has been noticed by parents and staff that there are an increasing amount of pupils bringing sweet , sugary snacks in for break and lunchtime. A health promoting school, it is really important to support us in this way .

With many thanks for your continued co-operation and support

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