



Bulletin 22.11.21

This week staff and children have completed a survey to decide which sorts of activities we want to take part in, in the run up to Christmas...

Look out for a full round up of our December Ding-Dong in next week's newsletter – party dates, winter windows theme, Christmas Lunch menu etc will all be shared. Information was shared with Headteachers last week about what kinds of things can take place this year. Although we are in a better position than last year, there are still many restrictions in place.

A communication to families from Lorna French, Schools and Lifelong Learning Senior Manager, will be issued in due course. Some of the key information: Cinema/theatre visits and inviting parents into school to see school shows will still not be possible this year so we will strive to find creative ways to provide fun and maintain our sense of community,

As you already know, P1 will record their nativity and nursery staff are keen to try and organise some outdoor carol singing.

It may seem confusing given that there are fewer restrictions outwith school, but senior leaders emphasised that schools are viewed differently and exceptionally by the Scottish Government and NHS Lothian.



Diary Dates:

Mon 22nd November
Tues 30th November
Mon 6th – Fri 10th Dec

Universal Children's Day
St Andrew's Day – Mass led by P5
P7 Benmore Residential



Advent Appeal- Thanks to your generosity we received 249 Advent Calendars which have made their way to the local foodbank in Craigmillar for distribution. Thanks from them to all of you for bringing some festive cheer to families in need. P6 will continue to collect foodbank items – last day for donations is Friday, 10th December.

Refuweegee Appeal

As part of their Pope Francis Faith Award P7 have organised their own Advent Appeal and are supporting Refuweegee, a community-led charity that provides people a way to welcome and embrace those newest to our country. Their aim is to strive to ensure that people who have been forced to flee their homes arrive in Scotland to a warm welcome and some of the things that will help people to feel more at home. P7 pupils have a list of items they are looking for below:

Please choose 1 or 2 items from this list of essentials:

- A bag, whether a gift bag or a rucksack – something to put all of the items into.
- Toiletries – Shampoo, shower gel, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant and sanitary or shaving items.
- Notepad and pen.
- Hat, gloves and scarf (2 of the 3 ideal)
- A wee token of Scotland – from tea towels to guide books, just think about what makes you think of home. Tunnocks? Irn Bru?
- Something to read – Varying reading abilities so all books acceptable.
- Something to eat – this is very often also the token of Scotland! From highland toffees to porridge oats, it's always nice to include something to munch.
- Something for a child – a small toy, game, teddy or other age appropriate item



BBC Children in

Need



GREAT BIG THANKS from the Learning Council for supporting pyjama day on Friday. They raised a staggering £339.01 in cash donations alone. The children were amazed by the support. Thank you.

Tea with SLT

Tea with SLT was a roaring success as children came dressed in their PJs and Pudsey outfits to enjoy a cup of juice and a biscuit. It was lovely to celebrate such a wide range of achievements; including making your classmates smile, debating whether schools should/not receive more holidays, working hard in maths, writing about e-Well done to all those

- P1 Isla
- P2 Oliver & Orla
- P3 Felix
- P4 Declan & Gaya
- P5 Armaan & Aine
- P6 Ahmad & Cezary
- P7 Frankie & Adrian



waste below.



Parking: **Report Dangerous Parking**, street bins, street lighting issues- Report it – The City of Edinburgh Council: [Report It](#)

Dangerous driving: **Police Scotland telephone 101**

Pre-Loved Uniform Stall

The parent council will be in the playground on Friday morning, 20 mins ahead of and 20 mins after pick up – next to main reception – with uniform clothing items available. There are a range of items and sizes to suit P1-7. Feel free to come and look. A donation bucket will be at the stall to add to PC funds but this is voluntary and not necessary.

Communicating with the School

A reminder of the procedures below. First port of call for parent/carers is the class teacher. If your issue or concern cannot be resolved, please call the school or email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk and a member of the senior leadership team will contact you. The timescales are below and set out by City of Edinburgh Council:

- Responding to a general enquiry – within 10 working days
- Responding to a complaint – within 5 working days

If we cannot respond within the set timescales we will endeavour to let you know.

We try to ensure we respond well within the time scales but I must share with you that if we do not immediately respond there are normally very good reasons for doing so. Covid and pupil/staff absence remain above normal levels and the impact is felt on all aspects of school life,

Sacramental Team Message: Sunday 5th December 2021.

Primary 3 children at St John's Church at 9:30 am – the children will be receiving the 'Rite of The Signing of the Cross' during the mass. This is also a children's mass for all families.

Primary 4 children at St Mary Magdalene's Church at 11:15 am

Many thanks

Arlene Lauder 😊

Standing Item: Reporting a Positive Case:

1. Inform school that you have a positive test for Covid within your household. We will require:

- Your child's first name and last name
- Class
- Date of birth
- Date of Covid PCR test which was positive
- Dates symptoms began
- Last day in school

And finally... School Crossing Patrol Vacancies:

anyone who is looking for a part time job and has time to spare early morning and afternoon? Please the advert below:



do you know some hours to direct them to

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/city-edinburgh-council/jobs/school-crossing-patrol-guides-citywide-locations-245156>



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