



Bulletin 7.3.22

The first few days of March and spring has sprung, with lighter mornings appearing and blue skies and sunshine to brighten our days! It is hard to believe we have only 5 weeks left of this term, but there is still an awful lot to pack in so please take some time to read our weekly newsletter for important information about upcoming events.



Diary Dates:

Wb Mon 7 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight
Mon 14 th March	P3 First Reconciliation – 7pm, St John's Church
Wed 30 th March	Parental Consultations 4-7pm
Fri 1 st April	Parental Consultations 1-3pm
Fri 8 th April	End of Term, 12pm finish for all.

Classes will be attending Mass during Lent – look out for these dates.

Free Bus Travel

A reminder, all young people in Scotland can now travel for free on public transport. Please register your child for free travel pass at <https://www.transport.gov.scot/concessionarytravel/young-persons-free-bus-travel-scheme/#> or contact your local library who can help with form completion. As we resume school trips this means that there will be no cost for bus fares when we use public transport.



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

Dangerous driving: **Police Scotland telephone101**

Tea with SLT

It was a pleasure to meet with the following pupils:

P1 Sandie & Samantha; P2 Charlotte; P3 Sam & Oliver; P4 Mhairi and Daniel, P5 Rayan & Ryan; P6 Rebecca & Genna; P7 Sandy & Vicky to hear all about their achievements in and out of class. What a wide-ranging variety!



Show Racism the **Red** Card

The team from the above organisation were due to deliver workshops to P5-7 next week, this has been postponed for the second time due to their ongoing Covid staff absence. I am awaiting new dates to be confirmed.

Poly Tunnel Excitement

For several years now the Parent Council have funded the Garden Gang and paid for Tana, our gardener to work with groups of children in school to learn about growing and sustainability. Just before the start of the pandemic they were successful in winning a grant to fund the purchase of a poly tunnel which means we will be able to continue potting and growing in all seasons. There was great excitement last week when it was finally finished. We now



await materials to arrive to build raised beds. Look out for news of the opening ceremony!



P3 Garden Gang making the bed ready for planting.

Reporting a Positive COVID Case: Please can you ensure you provide us with all of the information below by phone or email. This saves a follow up phone call from our office staff which increases their workload. We are required to submit all the information below.

Email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk or call 0131 669 1363 with the following information if your child returns a positive Covid Lateral Flow or PCR test

- Your child's full name
- Class
- Date of birth
- Date test was taken
- Type of Test
- Date positive test returned
- Dates symptoms began (or none)
- Last day in school
- Siblings name and class

Attendance and Late-Coming

As a school, we have a responsibility to monitor attendance and late-coming on a regular basis. This is a key priority for the Scottish Government and, as such, we are asked to ensure that any concerns are followed up and acted upon. An increasing

number of children are arriving late each day, which puts a lot of pressure on our school office but more crucially means children are missing the start of their school day. Our days start by taking the register, talking to the children about their learning that day and settling into routines. If a child is missing this, it often leaves them feeling unsure and nervous. Please try to ensure your child is at school on time. Pupils should be in school ready to start at 0850.

And finally... World Book Day offered an opportunity for pupils to mix across year groups for the first time in two years. Here is a heart warming picture of some P5 pupils sharing a story with P3. Can't wait to share more of us all mixing together!



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