

St-John's RC Primary School



23rd September 2024

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Tel :- 0131 669 1363

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Dates for the diary.

P7 - Attending The Risk Factory

Wednesday 2nd October

P7B - Parent Consultations

Mon 30th -Fri 4th October

P1-P7A - Parent Consultations

Wed 2nd and Fri 4th October

Nursery photographs

Tues 1st October

This Week

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P6 Empowered Learning User agreement issued via email
Please complete ASAP to allow your child access to their device. A new date for online meeting will be communicated.

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Thank you to everyone who joined Thursday Evening's Benmore information event. Further Information will follow shortly in the run up to Camp.

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New dates added to calendar

Nursery individual photos

P1 - Height, Weight and Vision Checks

Message from Mrs Kelly

Thank you to everyone for adhering to guidelines from Health Protection whilst we contained our nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug. We appear to be on a downward trend, fingers crossed and hope next week will be back to normal. As you are aware we had to postpone trips, change meetings to telephone/TEAMS meetings all at short notice and would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

As always please can you refrain from sending your child into school if they have been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours from the last episode.

Message from Mr Burgess

The Senior Leadership Team and wider school community would like to offer congratulations to our new P7 House Captains, we look forward to working with them throughout Primary 7. It was an incredibly difficult decision, lots of confident and engaging candidates with some excellent ideas and answers during interviews. We are proud of each and everyone of them.

P7 House Captains 2024-2025

St John's RC
Primary School



St John's House Captains 2024

Communication

If you are contacting the school with a non-urgent enquiry, then please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk. This is a tracked mailbox and you will receive a response within 2 working days.

For urgent enquiries please phone the school office on **0131-669-1363** and leave message if unanswered to allow us to return your call.

Our office foyer is very busy first thing in the morning and ask If you have any questions or concerns for the class teacher please email admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk (Use FAO.....) to help us direct your email to the correct person.

Absence and Request for absence

If your child is unwell and will not be able to attend school, you must phone the Office on **0131-669-1363**, by **8:30am**, to let us know otherwise you will receive an absent text. The school has a rigorous policy of checking that all children are in school and will contact you directly should they fail to attend.

If your child is going to be absent for any medical appointments, please use the link to notify the school office giving at least **48hours notice** where possible.

[Pupil Appointment Notification \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Holiday requests during term time should be put in writing to Mrs Kelly and sent to our admin address. admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk

Lateness - Gates open at 0840 and close at 0850

Through our regular lateness and attendance monitoring we are sending out Late texts daily to any children who are not in class by **0850**.

School gates are opened from **0840** each morning for parents to drop their children and go. At **0850** children are brought into school, they get organised for their learning and look at the plan for the day ahead. This is also a good time for your child to build up relationships with staff and friends in class.

If there is a reason why your child cannot get to school on time, please contact the school office on **0131-669-1363**. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at **0850** each day.

Mrs Kelly

Headteacher

Anti Bullying Sessions for Parents & Carers

Anti-Bullying Information Session for Parents & Carers in

Edinburgh

Join us to find out more about what you can do to support children and young people affected by bullying.

Date and time (click on links below to register)



Thursday 14 November 2024, 6.30-8.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1014603264677?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 15 May 2025, 6.30-8.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1014616564457?aff=oddtcreator>

About this event

Organised by Edinburgh City Council in partnership with respectme, Scotland's anti-bullying organisation. This online session for parents and carers will help you to understand more about bullying and how to respond effectively whether it's happening online or offline.

The session will provide information on:

- Recognising bullying behaviours
- Understanding the impacts of bullying on children and young people
- How to provide a supportive response to children and young people affected by bullying
- Practical tools and other strategies to deal with bullying
- Edinburgh City Council's Anti-Bullying policy and Supplementary Guidance on tackling racist incidents
- Signposting to further support

Please note that the session is a confidential, safe space and that individuals including children and young people, and individual schools must not be named during the event. The session is intended to provide general information and parents and carers will be advised during the session how to get support if they are dealing with an incident involving bullying.

By [respectme Anti-Bullying Learning Academy](#)

respectme is Scotland's anti-bullying service and is fully funded by the Scottish Government and managed by SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health) in partnership with LGBT Youth Scotland.

Message from Mrs Gillespie P7A



I wanted to let you know that I've recently completed National Numeracy's training programme and I am now a fully CPD accredited Numeracy Champion.

This means that if you don't feel confident with numbers or would like to improve your everyday maths, I can support you. So, please get in touch if you'd like to:

- learn about resources you can access to improve your confidence with numbers as an adult,
- simply talk about how you feel about numbers or maths,
- find out about locally available free courses and provision.

Why not have a go at the **National Numeracy Challenge**? It's a free website or app designed for adults who don't always feel confident with numbers – have a go today using this link

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge

However you feel about maths, you're not alone. Many of us want to get better with our everyday maths but are held back by feeling it's something that we can't improve. Being good with numbers isn't a special talent, it's something we can all learn.

Lost Property and Pre-Loved



We have accumulated a large amount of lost property this term. PLLLEEEAAASSEEE can we ask that all items have the child's name on them to allow us to reunite garments with their owner.

Lost property rail will be situated in the foyer and wheeled outside, weather permitting on a Friday. Any clothing not collected by end of term will be recycled.

Pre-Loved Clothing and underwear.

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated Pre-loved clothing. This has been a huge success and a great cost effective way to recycle uniforms and clothing.

We are always on the look out for underwear, tights and socks for any little accidents. Please hand any pre-loved items into the office.

THANK YOU



Holiday Club's 14th -18th October

Closing Date for Oscars - 9th October

BREAKFAST CLUB

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

HOLIDAY CLUB (14-18TH OCTOBER)

ST JOHNS **OUT OF SCHOOL** *Clubs*

OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!



**Open your
camera and
scan here:**



Location:

St.John's RC Primary School,
18 Duddingston Road,
Edinburgh,
EH15 1NE

We Accept:

Blue Light Discount ✓
Childcare Vouchers ✓
Tax-Free Childcare ✓

WE FOCUS ON EACH CHILD'S
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS AND OFFER A
RANGE OF ENGAGING AND INCLUSIVE
ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO THE
CHILDREN'S INTERESTS.



spring oscars
by Action for Children



St Johns October Schedule

14th - 18th October

Monday

Make your own games, getting to know you!



Act 1, cardboard boxes make games
Act 2, play each others games
Act 3, make your own medals
Act 4, quiz? Team challenge



Tuesday



Reach for the stars

Act 1, rockets
Act 2, moons and stars
Act 3, alien
Act 4, night sky



Wednesday



Nature day

Act 1, leaf painting
Act 2, bird feeders
Act 3, design pumpkins
Act 4, walk and play at figgy park



Thursday



MESSY DAY !!!!!!!!!!!

Act 1, chalk paint
Act 2, slime
Act 3, foam paint/ edible foam
Act 4, gloop



Friday



What's your talent?!!?

Act 1, microphone making
Act 2, practice talents
Act 3, show of talents



FOOTBALL CAMPS

OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Join our experienced team for a
week of football fun, skills, drills and
games.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

- Holiday hat-tricks camps: ages 5-15yrs
- Girls only "Goals like Galbraith": ages 5-15yrs
- Elite performance camp: for competitive players ages 10-14yrs

SPARTANS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

- Ainslie Park Stadium, 94 Pilton Drive,
EH5 2HF

THE DETAILS

- Whole or half day options
- Book online at:
<https://scf.classforkids.io/camps>
- Call 0131 552 7854



Here for good.



October Play the Game Course



October Play the Game Course

Tynecastle – Community Pitch
Monday 14th – Friday 18th
October 10:00am – 1:00pm £64.00
Early Bird £67.00 General
Admission For more information
contact
greggveitch@homplc.co.uk

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER	
13th	Roald Dahl Day
16th	Monday Holiday
17th	Parent Consultation bookings live
17th	House Captain Interviews &
19th	
18th	Meet the Teacher
25th	Day of Peace Mass Led by P7 @ MM
23rd	P4 Communion Meeting at St John's 7-8pm – To be rescheduled
26th	P6 Empowered Learning Event 3:30-4pm – To be rescheduled
26th	Benmore Teams meeting 6-6:45pm

DECEMBER	
5th	Advent Service P4 In school
9th	P7 Benmore Residential
13th	
11th	P1 Nativity
13th	Christmas parties P1-P6
20th	Last day of term

MARCH	
5th	Ash Wednesday
6th	World Book Day
10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm
19th	Parent Consultations
21st	

JUNE	
9th	Sports Day
13th	School reports
13th	New P1 Transition activity
16th	P7 Confirmation @ St-John's
17th	P7 High School Transition
18th	
19th	
18th	Pupils meet the new teacher
23rd	P7 Leavers Event
25th	P7 Mass
26th	Last day of term

Nursery Photos am	
1st	
2nd	Parent Consultations 4-7pm
3rd	National Poetry Day
4th	Parent Consultations 1-3pm
10th	School Photos
14th	Mid Term holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume
22nd	P1 Height, Weight and Vision checks
JANUARY	
7th	All pupils resume
15th	Feast of St John: Whole school Mass led by P3 @ St-John's
24th	Robert Burns Celebration
29th	Lunar New Year

APRIL	
7th	-Easter holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume

NOVEMBER	
1st	All Saints Mass P6 @ St-John's
6th	P1 2025 Open Day
7th	Outdoor Classroom Day
13th	World Kindness Day
15th	Children In Need
18th	Book
Week	Scotland
22nd	
28th	St Andrew's Day Mass P5 @

FEBRUARY	
3rd	P6/7 Cross Country
10th	Mid-term break
16th	
28th	Ramadan

MAY	
5th	School holiday
6th	School in-service day
7th	All pupils resume
19th	School holiday
21st	New P1 2025 St John's Nursery Transition event
28th	New P1 Transition event
	Partnership Nurseries
29th	Ascension Thursday Mass led by P2 with P6 support @ MM