

# St-John's RC Primary School

4th November 2024



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## Dates for the diary.

Parent Council meeting  
**Monday 11th November 7pm** via  
TEAMS

Tap on -[Link for meeting](#) to join

P6&P7 information evening at  
HRHS **Monday 11th November 6-  
730pm**

Parent/care Dyslexia Workshop  
**Wednesday 13th November  
1415-1515**

HRHS P7 Think Ahead Day  
**Wednesday 13th November  
1230-1430**

## This Week

- 1 P1 Enrolments now open. Closing date 22nd November
- 2 P1-P3 had a visit from the Road Safety Magic Show this week.
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## New dates added

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Bookbug Library visit P3 - 19th 1400-1500

P2- 20th 1400-1500

P1- 21st 1400-1500

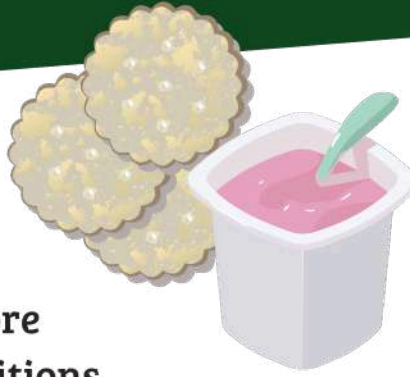
## Message from Mrs Kelly.

Please see leaflet below to our healthy eating leaflet, class teachers have asked that I remind families that we are encouraging a small, healthy snack for morning break. Fruit, cereal bars, rice cakes etc are all welcome. We have noticed an increase in the volume of snacks for morning break, sometimes the children are struggling to eat these within the 15 break time – snacks are now eaten, outdoors, as part of morning break. If you need some support with this please contact the school. The PEPAS (Pupil PE and Health and Wellbeing Group) are going to meet to collate ideas which will promote a healthy snack routine across the school. Look out for info on Fruity Friday, coming soon.



# St John's RC Primary School Parent Council Guide to snacks & drinks

A piece of fruit is a great snack however some children may need more than this so some great additions with more protein can include veggies with hummus, oatcakes, flapjack bars (also made of oats), yoghurts or even a small sandwich. The great thing about fruit is that there is little packaging or waste, meaning less to be recycled or ending up in landfill!



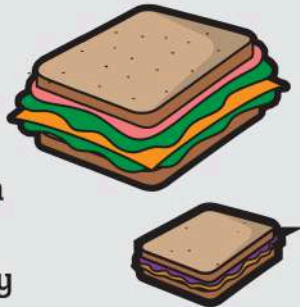
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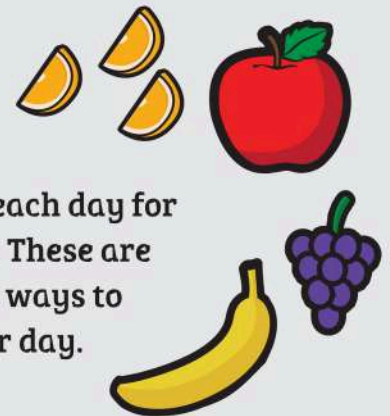
## Whole Grains

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain".



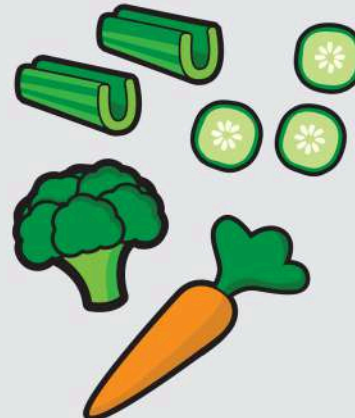
## Fruit

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day.



Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savoury treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savoury snacks or dried fruits.

## Snacks



Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of crisps.

## Veggies

## Safe Parking



We have received an email this week from a very distressed parent whose child was almost knocked over by another vehicle whilst cycling to school. This was due to an inconsiderate driver who had parked their car on the double yellow lines to drop their child off at school.

We have asked for increased police and parking attendant support. In the meantime please can you help us by using the link below to report any such instances:

**<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/reportincorrectlyparkedvehicles>**

## Parental Employability Support Service

We are the Parental Employability Support team at the City of Edinburgh Council. We support parents in Edinburgh to overcome barriers and help them move towards work or to support them to sustain work. It is a holistic service that supports parents at their own pace and towards their own goals.

Please head to link for further information

**<https://www.edinburghguarantee.org/support-job-seekers/parent>**

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# Parental Employability Support

You could be eligible for support if any of the following apply to you:

- lone parent
- parent or child with a disability
- parent of three or more children
- parent from a minority ethnic background
- parent with a youngest child under one year
- parent under 25 years of age.



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[www.edinburghguarantee.org/parents](http://www.edinburghguarantee.org/parents)



The Parental Employability Support service is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by the City of Edinburgh Council.

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**BREAKFAST CLUBS**



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**



**HOLIDAY CLUBS**



**ACROSS EDINBURGH & THE LOTHIAN**

**OUR CLUBS OFFER FLEXIBLE CHILDCARE FOR PARENTS THROUGH OUR OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISIONS, WHERE CHILDREN CAN THRIVE, DEVELOP, MEET NEW FRIENDS, TAKE PART IN EXCITING ACTIVITIES AND LEARN NEW SKILLS.**

**WE ACCEPT**

- **TAX-FREE CHILDCARE**
- **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS**

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by Action for Children



**ENQUIRE TODAY:**

A young girl with a surprised expression, wearing a green top and a plaid skirt, holds a whiteboard with a blue border. The whiteboard contains text about primary school registration.

## Primary 1 Registration link

Online registration now open and closes 22nd November

**Ready to register your child for school? Then take this chance to visit your local catchment primary school. All parents, carers and children welcome!**

**To find out more, please contact your local catchment school.**

Visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/catchmentmaps](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/catchmentmaps)

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# Closing date for Asda Donate to Schools - 30th November



Great news for our school and a fantastic opportunity to generate money for the children! Asda have launched an amazing new initiative from now until **30th November** called the 'Asda Rewards Cashpot for schools! It means that during this qualifying period, Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop (online or in store!) to the school of your choice!

We are really keen to communicate this to our whole school community and get as much support as possible!

All you need to do is Download the Asda rewards app (if you haven't already) and follow these steps -

**Go to 'Cashpots'**

**Select 'Join cashpots for schools'**

**select 'Great, count me in'**

**Select 'I have a school I want to choose'**

**Type in 'EH15'**

**Select St John's RC Primary School**

This will link the school to your app and Asda account. In store you just need to scan the barcode on your app when you pay and as it's now linked the donation should also be made if you shop online!

We would love to get as many people using this as possible in the next 81 days. Please feel free to tell family.

# Message from Mrs Crovetti - Parent/ Carer Dyslexia Workshops 30/10/24 & 13/11/24



Many thanks to those people who were able to attend the Dyslexia information session on Wednesday.

We hope you found it useful and would be interested to hear your feedback. You can use the QR code below.

We look forward to seeing you at the next session on Wednesday 13th November.

For those who were unable to attend, please [click here](#) to see a copy of the presentation.

[Dyslexia Information Session 1 for Parents and Carers – St John's RC Primary School](#)

*Mrs Crovetti (Support for Learning teacher) and Mrs Gardner  
(Literacy and Dyslexia Team)*

# New procedure for Holidays in Term Time

## Absence Procedure Update – Holidays in Term Time

The City of Edinburgh Council is now asking that these requests for a day or two (or week or two) are to be formally requested and explained. Anything more than 2 weeks (10 school days) will be submitted to the authority for approval. Mrs Kelly can no longer authorise a holiday/period of absence that goes beyond 10 days. All requests will be considered by Education Officers within the Council.

## 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 \(office.com\)](#)

## Communication

If you are contacting the school with a non-urgent enquiry, then please email [admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk)

(Use FAO.....)

to help us direct your email to the correct person.

## 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.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## JANUARY

NOVEMBER	
1st	All Saints Mass P6 @ St-John's
1st	Nursery photos
6th	P1 2025 Open Day
7th	Outdoor Classroom Day
11th	Parent Council TEAMS meeting
13th	World Kindness Day
15th	Children In Need
18th	Book Week Scotland – see
22nd	individual dates on Newsletter
28th	St Andrew's Day Mass P5 @ St MM

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

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

## FEBRUARY

3rd	P6/7 Cross Country
10th	Mid-term break
16th	
27th	P6/P7 Scottish Opera performance
28th	Ramadan

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

7th	Easter holidays
21st	
22nd	All pupils resume

## 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

## DECEMBER

4th	School Choir performing - Dome
	Advent Service P4 In school
5th	
12th	Christmas School Lunch
9th	P7 Benmore Residential
13th	
11th	P1 Nativity
13th	Christmas parties P1-P6
20th	Last day of term