

# St-John's RC Primary School



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## Message from Mrs Kelly



Hello and a Happy New Year for 2025 from all the staff of St John's. Thanks to everyone for their gifts and good wishes at the end of term - seems like such a long time ago, already.

It has been an icy week back – please can children come to school wearing warm coats, with hats, gloves, and scarves, where appropriate. The children love to be outdoors but with seasonal coughs and colds doing the rounds it helps to be well wrapped up.

Things are certainly busy in our school this term though it is hard to believe we are now half-way through the school year!, The Feast of St John the Evangelist is a great celebration to start us off, next Wednesday, from 10am at St John's Church in Brighton Place. Please join us if you are free. P1&2 will come along too for our Patron Saint's (belated) day of celebration.

The best way to keep 'in the loop' is to take time to read our Newsletter and take note of our key dates, a full list of these for the year will be available next week.

# Every Minute Counts



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS – check your email on Monday for more information from the Holy Rood Learning Community about our school attendance focus for this term. Attending school on time gives your child the best possible chance of success. A reminder that our school day at St John's starts at 8.50am.

## Unclaimed bikes and scooters

Unfortunately, we have some bikes and scooters in the racks near the nursery gate that have been left unclaimed. Please check for a misplaced bike or scooter next time you are passing, Mr Mackie will dispose of unwanted bikes and scooters during the February holiday week.

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/baptism?pid=MTA101634&v=159.3>

Blessings and best wishes,

Susan Firth (Mission Office Manager)  
The Wednesday Word Trust  
[www.wednesdayword.org](http://www.wednesdayword.org)

## Message from Parent Council

Dear all the parents and carers givers,

I want to wish you all a Happy New Year and to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the volunteering and fundraising you have helped achieve for the PTA during the course of the year. Whether it be helping out at our annual Edinburgh Marathon Water Station (always a great day!) or purchasing a ticket for the raffle or a PTA organised event, Without you, we wouldn't be able to offer the support and fund such excellent and valuable activities for the children such as Gardening Gang, Scottish Opera, Anti- Bullying Workshop and Active schools to name a few. We also wouldn't be able to organise events such as the Summer Fayre or Halloween Disco without the continued support and assistance from our wonderful school community. It doesn't go unnoticed!

As highlighted in my Annual Report, Amy Dick, Arianna Andreangeli and Fatima Villanueva Villarnovo have kindly stepped up as our new Fundraising Committee. As they take forward their initiatives, I hope you will join me in supporting them. Our goal for the new year is to continue the good work in supporting and funding our children as much as we can!

Best wishes for 2025,  
Laura

Next Parent council Meeting to be held on **Thursday 30th January 7-8pm**

## Teen Triple P Parenting Group



Dear Colleague

I am writing to let you know about the citywide Teen Triple P Parenting group opportunities that will be running January – March 2025. Group sessions run during term time therefore no group during February break.

Teen Triple P is a positive parenting programme suitable for parents, carers and grandparents of pre-teen and teenage children. Teen Triple P can help parents and carers to:

- cope positively with some of the common issues associated with raising a teenager
- build stronger relationship with their teenager
- resolve conflict in the family
- manage problem behaviour
- help keep their teen stay safe

We welcome applications directly from parents and carers or someone can apply on their behalf.

Applications can be made by completing our online application form found here

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/teentriplepform>

If you require more information or you wish to discuss particular support needs please contact

[jill.coleman@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:jill.coleman@edinburgh.gov.uk).

#### **Day Face to Face SE**

Venue: Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre 5 Moredunvale Pl, Edinburgh EH17 7LB

Dates: Tuesdays 28/01, 4/02, 18/02, 25/02, 4/03, 11/03 telephone session no group, 18/03 telephone session no group and 25/03.

Time: 11.00am-1.00pm

#### **Day Face to Face NW**

Venue: Royston Wardieburn Community Centre 11 Pilton Dr N, Edinburgh EH5 1NF

Dates: Thursday's 30/01, 6/02, 20/02, 27/02, 6/03, 13/03 telephone session no group, 20/03 telephone session no group, 27/03

Times: 9.45am -11.45am

#### **Evening Face to Face SW**

Venue: St Augustines High School, 208 Broomhouse Rd, Edinburgh EH12 9AD

Dates Thursdays 30/01, 6/02, 20/02, 27/02, 6/03, 13/03 telephone session no group, 20/03 telephone session no group, 27/03

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

#### **Evening Teen Triple P Virtual Group** – access to laptop, pc or tablet required, we will be using

TEAMS for delivery

Dates Tuesdays 28/01, 4/02, 18/02, 25/02, 4/03, 11/03 telephone session no group, 18/03 telephone session no group and 25/03

Time: 6.00-8.00pm

Any questions please get in touch.

Kind Regards

Jill Coleman

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# Friday Football and Mini Kickers

Dear Parent,

Please see below information regarding our upcoming block of term-time football classes for boys and girls.

All sessions take place at our Forrester / St Augustine's Community Sports Hub and range from age 3 to S1.

## Friday Football

Friday Football is a fun, developmental football programme for boys and girls aged P1-S1. The sessions focus on developing confidence and enhancing competence on the ball through dribbling, passing, scoring and control. Sessions are outdoor on 3G astroturf so please bring footwear and clothing suitable for being outdoor.

P1-P4 : Fridays 2.00-3.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158736>

P5-S1 : Fridays 3.00-4.00pm <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158749>

## Mini Kickers

Mini Kickers is our fun, developmental introductory programme, which focuses on building motor skills and physical literacy through the enjoyment of football. These sessions are indoor.

Age 3-4 : Saturdays 9.00-9.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158706>

Age 4-5 : Saturdays 10.00-10.45am <https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESEQ?SETLVL=&RNI=158721>

If you would be interested in finding out more information or booking a place, please visit the links above.