

St-John's RC Primary School

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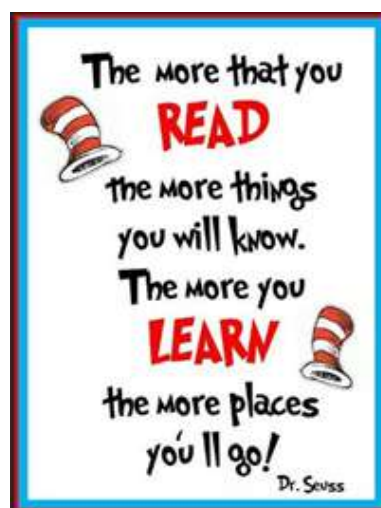
Message from Mrs Kelly

Storm Eowyn unexpectedly scuppered our Burns Day plans last Friday but the whole school gathered in the dreich rain of Monday for a quick, big jig. We've also seen evidence of Lunar New Year this week across the school, bringing some brightness to what feels like the longest January ever! Roll on the spring!

A 'heads up' on a date for the diary - **Thursday, 6th March is World Book Day** and an opportunity to **dress up for those who like to**. One of our P3's said to me this week, 'I don't feel like there's been much dressing up this year' and I totally agreed!!

World Book Day isn't just about dressing up though, it's about sharing the benefits of reading for pleasure. Research shows that the benefits of reading for pleasure are extensive and long-reaching. Reading for pleasure can:

- boost academic achievement, and provides a foundation for critical, digital and information literacy
- build cognitive function and stamina when immersed in the flow of reading
- develop empathy and knowledge – of self, other worlds, culture, heritage, and ways of being and thinking
- improves and builds psychological wellbeing and healthy behaviours, and crucially for young people, can be relaxing and provide an escape.



Message from Mr Burgess

From **17th – 28th February**, pupils will be learning about God's Loving Plan, the programme of Relationship Education for Catholic schools, developed by the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

Parent and Carers who would like to learn more about the programme or have any queries about the lessons are invited to attend a meeting in school on **Thursday 6th February at 5pm**. Please note this is intended for adults.

Please scan below QR code to indicate whether you will be attending meeting.



Wednesday Word Trust

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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Blessings and best wishes,

Susan Firth (Mission Office Manager)
The Wednesday Word Trust

Children's Mass Sunday 2nd February

Sunday 2 February – FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.30am – St John's – **P4 Do This in Memory Mass (with Presentation of the Creed)** – *livestreamed*

11.00am – St John's – **St Mark's Episcopalian Eucharist**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Children's Mass with a particular focus on the P3 children preparing for Reconciliation** – *livestreamed*



Edinburgh Leisure have added expanded classes for children at Meadowbank Sports Centre in 2025.

Full details for our Athletics, Basketball and U5's Jump Into Sport classes are here :

<https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/venues/meadowbank-sports-centre/coaching>

If you have any further enquiries, please email directly to coaching.msc@edinburghleisure.co.uk

Parking and NO dogs in playground reminder

A reminder:

The school car park is for staff and blue badge holders only. Parking is not permitted on double yellow lines, in cycle lanes, across the entrance to the staff car park, residents drive ways and in bus lanes. Please do not park or block entrance to car park during our school day as this is extremely dangerous whilst children commute to and from school.

Last week we have received another complaint/ near miss in relation to illegal parking on one of our cycle lanes. Fortunately nobody was injured, but I would encourage all parents and carers to park and stride in the morning. There is parking available in the neighbouring streets including Baileyfield Road.

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



We have also received a few concerns regarding dogs in our playgrounds/ premises and was an item on the agenda at the PC meeting last night. Whilst we love to see them, no dogs are permitted in school playground's, with the exclusion of assistance dogs. We would be grateful for your co-operation in this matter.



Homework Club P5-P7

P5-7 After school Homework club
1520-1600 each Wednesday



Staff will offer an after school club for children to complete homework each week from **Wednesday 5th February**. The club is open for P5-P7 pupils and takes place each Wednesday between 1520-1600. Please scan the QR code to complete the Form indicating interest for your child.

Message from PC

On **Tuesday 4th February**, 7-9 pm in the Grassmarket Centre, Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh EIS will be hosting “Any Education Questions” – a public Q&A session focused on issues around education in the city. The format will be just as Any Questions (or Question Time). We have confirmed speakers from Edinburgh Council, as well as from Connect (<https://connect.scot/>).

This is an open event, and we welcome input from all parents, educators, and members of the wider public. This is an opportunity for the citizens of Edinburgh to ask questions, and more importantly get answers, on the education issues that concern them. Registration is free, and can be done here:

AnyEducationQuestions.eventbrite.com

Any Education Questions

This is your chance to put questions to Senior Leaders in Edinburgh Council about what is happening in education.

Tuesday 4 February
19.00 - 21.00

Grassmarket Centre
86 Candlemaker Row
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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)

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](mailto: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

Key Dates

J a n u a r y		F e b r u a r y	
7th	All pupils resume	3rd 3rd-7th	P6/7 Cross Country Digital Safety Week
		6th	God's Loving Plan meeting 5-5:45pm
15th	Feast of St-John: P3-P7 lead by P3 @ St-John's	10th-16th	Mid – term break
23rd	P7 Art of Listening Trip	17th	All resume
24th	Robert Burns Celebration	17th-28th	God's Loving Plan Fortnight
29th	Lunar New Year	25th	P7A trip Parliament
30th	Parent Council meeting 7-8pm @St-John's School	26th	P7B trip Parliament
		27th	P6/P7 Scottish Opera Performance
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3rd	P4 Sacramental parent Meeting	1st	P7B Art of Listening
5th	Ash Wednesday	2nd	P7 Swimming Gala
6th	World Book Day	7th-21st	Easter holidays
10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm	22nd	All resume
18th	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections		
19th- 21st	Parent Consultation's	23rd	P1 & P7 Vista Style Photographs
24th	P6/7 Cross Country Finals – Inverleith	28th	P4 Parent Sacramental Meeting

25th	P7 Transition Mass @ Cathedral		
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5th	Monday holiday- All	3rd	P7A Trip – Pizza Express
6th	Inset Day –children off	4th	School Board Cup- Semis
7th	School Board Cup – Round 1	9th	Sports Day – further details to follow
12th	P6&P7 Interscholastics	11st	Football Finals Night - P1 Transition – class assembly
14th	Inspectors Cup – Round 2	13th	End of year reports - New P1 transition activity, all new P1 children
19th	Monday holiday- All	16th	P7 Confirmation @ St John’s
20th	P7B Trip to Pizza Express	17th–19th	P7 Transition days at new High School
21st	New P1 Transition –St John's Nursery	18th	Meet the Teacher
21st	School Board Cup – Round 2	19th	New P1 Transition – Meet the Teacher/lunch
26th	P6/P7 Interscholastics : Meadowbank	23rd	P7 Leaver’s Event
28th	New P1 Transition –Partnesrship Nurseries	25th	P7 Leavers Mass
28th	Insepctors Cup Semis	26th	Last Day of term
29th	Ascension Thursday Mass : Led by P2 with P6 support@ St MM		

29th	P4 Reconciliation service and St MM rehearsal		
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