St-John's RC PrimarySchool

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Message from Mrs Kelly

We are still on a high, this week, after the outstanding performance from P6&7 yesterday, as they shared their hard work of the previous few months through their performance of a Tale O' Tam. It was simply sensational and the energy and enthusiasm shone through in each and every one of the children who put their all into the show. We are incredibly proud of them.

Thanks to them and their teachers, Ms Miller, Mrs Gillespie, Ms Mariner, Mrs Birdsell, Ms Steele and Mr Diffley for their guidance and hard work and the parent council for their continued support of school projects. P6 and P7 families received a copy of the video yesterday. Please find a link below to some photos of the day.**https://sway.cloud.microsoft/h9VFo8DCYnFjfAXF?ref=Link** We are already looking forward to welcoming Scottish Opera back again in 2027 to do it all over again.

https://stjohnsportobello.com/category/news/primary-7-learning/

Good luck to our school teams as the 2025 fixtures re-start this Saturday – in particular, our new P4 Team who have their very first match. I'm sure they will have a great morning and do us proud.

Parent Consultations Wednesday 19th March and Friday 21st March

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our families to Parent Consultations. A link was emailed out last week and bookings open at 5pm Monday 3rd March. I have re shared link below.

https://parents-booking.co.uk/stjohnsportobello

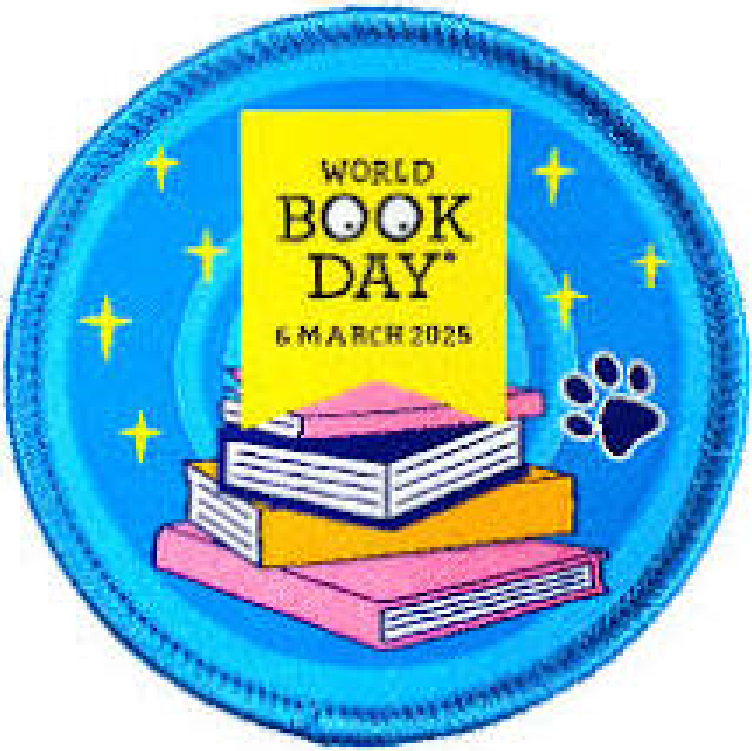
Sunday 2nd March
Mass

P3 Children's mass at St-John's Church, 0930.
P4 Do This in Memory of Me Mass at St- Mary Magdalene's , 1115

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

P7 were charged with devising ideas for our World Book Day dressing up theme. P1-6 voted and there was a draw between Fairytale Characters and Heroes and Villains so we have gone with both as fairytales can lend themselves to heroes and villains too. Children can come dressed as a character from these two themes on Thursday 6th March.

If anyone has any pre-loved costumes that they no longer require and would like to donate to the school, we will set up a pre-loved rail which will be set up outside the main office from Tuesday onwards.









City of Edinburgh Easter Football Camp

Please see below email regarding City of Edinburgh Easter Football Camp.

Our prices for 2025 remain at £70 per week or £35 for those entitled to Free School Uniform Grants or Free School Meal Grants (not the automatic free school meals for the younger ones). Payment must be made at point of booking; please select the appropriate rate at checkout. The camp will run
Monday 7th – Friday 11th April.

As ever, places are limited and tend to be in high demand so act fast to avoid disappointment.

Please see the links below for booking and information. If you have any enquiries, then don't hesitate to get in touch.

P1 – P4
https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=173761

P5 – S1
https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/ENQ/WPAC/EVSESENQ?SETLVL=&RNI=173768

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 allows 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

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

February	
3rd-7th	Digital Safety Week
6th	God's Loving Plan meeting 5-5:45pm
10th-16th	Mid – term break
17th	All resume
19th	P1-P4 Judo Tasters
17th-28th	God's Loving Plan Fortnight
24th	P6 & P7 Cross Country
25th	P7A trip Parliament
25th	P1,3,4 and 5 Parents for Future Scotland
26th	P7B trip Parliament
27th	P6/P7 Scottish Opera Performance

March	
3rd	P4 Sacramental parent Meeting **Parent Consultation bookings open - link sent, booking opens at 5pm** **P7 Swimming Gala trials**
5th	Ash Wednesday
6th	World Book Day - Dressing up optional
10th	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation @St-John's 7pm P7B Trip to Surgeon's Hall
11th	P7A Trip to Surgeon's Hall
18th	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
19th-21st	Parent Consultation's
24th	P6/7 Cross Country Finals - Inverleith

25th	P7 Transition Mass @ Cathedral
27th	EPSSA Swim and Dive Relay Gala

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1st	P7B Art of Listening
7th-21st	Easter holidays
22nd	All resume
23rd	P1 & P7 Vista Style Photographs
28th	P4 Parent Sacramental Meeting

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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
		20th	**P5-P7 Choir Usher Hall**
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 rehersal		