St-John's RC PrimarySchool

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Message from Mrs Kelly



Thank you so much to the school community for contributing to Our Mary's Meals fundraiser, we raised just about £330 in school and the phenomenal choir raised a whopping £1000 at their concert – this money will make a real difference by providing meals to children in Southern Africa.

Mr Burgess and I accompanied P7 to St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, where they joined all other RC Primaries and associated High Schools. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Leo and our own Fr Jock was also there to share the Mass. P7 were a credit to the school, both on the bus and throughout the Mass. Thanks to the class teachers and Mr Diffley, Michael our 'lollipop man' and Efteyla's mum who helped on the day. The Mass is the first of P7's official transition events – lots more to come to help them on their journey to high school, after the holidays.

I can hardly believe next week is the final week of this term! Time certainly does fly... we have two Lenten Masses, P1 are heading down to St John's on Wednesday and P2&6 to St Mary Magdalene's the following day, it's been great that all classes have had the opportunity to attend.





School Choir

Our school choir celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style at a charity fundraiser event at St. John's RC Church. They brought an abundance of joy and energy to their Irish themed set list from B*witched's C'est la Vie to the tongue twisting words of the Rattlin Bog. Many members of the audience were impressed by their focus and how beautifully they sang. They really were the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

We are all so very proud of our children,congratulations to everyone involved. The concert raised **£1000** towards our Lenten charity, Mary's Meals, which I'm sure you'll agree, is a phenomenal total.







We have been so lucky to build on our connection with Milford Care Home. The children have entertained the residents with songs on the karaoke machine and dressing up. So many people commented on their infectious enthusiasm which could be felt around the home. It was sweet to see some children singing for them, who knew Mamma Mia would be such a hit!

This week saw us using scented playdough to spark some memories and chat about what life was like when the residents were younger. A joy as always.



St John's Got Talent



St John's Got Talent

On Monday we look forward to being dazzled by dance, serenaded by song, tricked and joked as the annual P3-7 talent show finals take place. The House Captains have the unenviable task of hosting and judging – we can't wait to see all the finalists take to the stage.

P1 & 2 have their own shows (for fun) taking place at assembly this morning and next.



Wednesday Word

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

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Bike Wash



The Edinburgh Science Festival

The Edinburgh Science Festival will run during the Easter holidays, from

5 – 20 April 2025, and 40% of our family-focused activities and events are FREE.

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The flowers are starting to bloom, and the days are getting longer. The children are keen to go out to play and explore but the costs continue to soar. You can find a list of free and low-cost activities to do in the run up to and during the Spring school holidays on the Family Holiday Activities webpage of the Support for Families website. The City of Edinburgh council are updating the webpage all the time, so please keep checking back in for new activities.
https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/family-activities/whats-families-holidays

Oscars Holiday Club



Key Dates

March	
3rd	P4 Sacramental parent Meeting Parent Consultation bookings open - link sent, booking opens at 5pm
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
13th	Nursery Pre-school Eye screening
18th	P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
21st	Choir performing at St-John's Church for St Patrick's Day
19th-21st	Parent Consultation's
24th	P6/7 Cross Country Finals - Inverleith
25th	P7 Transition Mass
26th	P2 visit from Cosmos Planetarium
27th	Parent Council Meeting at 7pm link will be sent out next week

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1st	P7B Art of Listening
7th-21st	Easter holidays
22nd	All resume
23rd	P1 & P7 Vista Style Photographs P2 and P2/1 Shared Learning - Information to follow
28th	P4 Parent Sacramental Meeting
29th	Holyrood Year Heads visiting P7

May		June	
5th	Monday holiday- All	**3rd**	P7A Trip - Pizza Express
13th	P7 Holyrood transition visit		
27th	P7 Holyrood transition visit		
		3rd	P7 Holyrood transition visit
		10th	P7 Holyrood transition visit
6th	Inset Day -children off	**4th**	School Board Cup- Semis P1 Trip to Dynamic Earth
7th	School Board Cup - Round 1	**9th**	Sports Day - further details to follow
8th	P7 Confirmation Evening 7PM at St-John's Church Hall		
12th	P6&P7 Interscholastics	**11th**	Football Finals Night - P1 Transition - class assembly
14th	Inspectors Cup - Round 2 P7 RRSA Cluster Group - St John Vianney's	**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

28th	**P4 Shared Learning**	**20th**	P5-P7 Choir Usher Hall
		21st	Mass, Ceilidh and Pizza at St-John's Church Hall - confirmation children
26th	P6/P7 Interscholastics : Meadowbank	**23rd**	P7 Leaver's Event
28th	New P1 Transition -Partnesrship Nurseries P4 Shared Learning - Info to follow	**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		

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