

St-John's RC Primary School

7th March 2025



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Message from Mrs Kelly

We had a wonderful celebration of books and reading this week, leading up to our World Book Day dress up yesterday. There was lots of excitement across the school and nursery. The children took part in shared reading events across the class, tuned in to live author events and took their reading outdoors in a themed scavenger hunt organised by Mrs Morrison. Mrs Kinsella shared the £1 book tokens with all the classes so hopefully these will be well used. I had such a joyous day; the fun was infectious and it was an absolute pleasure to be able to go into P1 classes and read them a story – the absolute best part of my job is time spent with the children. P1 were a fantastic audience and fully engaged with Burglar Bill and 'his' antics!!

Some pictures below of our heroes (not all wear capes!), villians and Fairytale characters!





Ramadan

We know that several families are fasting during Ramadan, please let the school know so that we can support. We are hoping to establish a prayer room for those who wish to find a quiet space to reflect. We will speak to the children about this next week and contact individual families.

Parent Consultations Wednesday 19th March and Friday 21st March

Reminder that appointments will close for booking on Monday 10th March at 5pm

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.

`<a href="https://parents-booking.co.uk/stjohnsportobello">https://parents-booking.co.uk/stjohnsportobello</a>`

Eat Them To Defeat Them

Our campaign is about everyone coming together - parents, carers, catering teams, schools, local government, nutritionists, retailers and celebrities - to help get kids eating more veg.

We will have a salad bar available in the dinner hall for children to try new fruits and vegetables.

After Easter we will collaborate with local supplier, George Andersons who will provide lots of fresh produce for the children to try. Please see link below for further information.

Schools - Eat Them To Defeat Them

calling Parents and Carers

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

encourages kids to eat more veg.

It is award-winning and proven to

make eating vegetables more fun.

Last year 77% of parents said their

child ate more vegetables.

**STARTS
10TH
MARCH**



VEGPOWER



Sainsbury's

Tilda

Miss Miller - Caring Connections

This past month, Miss Miller and a small group of children have linked with a local care home, Milton House, spreading joy and laughter through a variety of activities. They have played a lively game of dominoes, shared stories, enjoyed a game of bingo and, this week, got creative with some arts and crafts which the residents will keep in their rooms.

They have built beautiful connections across generations, singing songs and teaching the residents new games. In the words of a pupil, "I just want to make them feel young again!" A heartwarming experience for all, reminding us of the power of community and shared moments.





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>

Blessings and best wishes,

Susan Firth (Mission Office Manager)
 The Wednesday Word Trust
www.wednesdayword.org

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

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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
27th	EPSSA Swim and Dive Relay Gala

A p r i l	
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 rehearsal		
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