St-John's RC Primary School

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Message from Mrs Kelly

This week P1-3 visited Portobello library as part of our annual Book Giving session, sponsored by the Scottish Book Trust. Children in P1-3 will explore their new packs in class before bringing these home to share with their grown ups.



P5-7 saw literacy (and drama) in action in a different way - they were invited to Holy Rood RC High to watch a production of The Addams Family, our thanks to the Senior students at Holy Rood and parent volunteers for their support in walking them to/from on such a soggy afternoon.





Last night Mrs Kinsella, Miss Steele, Miss Fenton and I accompanied Miss Miller and the choir to St John's church to take part in the joint concert with the Justice and Peace group. Our choir performed 4 songs and helped support the chosen charity, Firefly International who support children whose lives have been affected by war and its aftermath in a number of countries. As always it was such an uplifting performance and thanks to Miss Miller for preparing them so well.



A reminder that children in P6&7 who come to school with mobile phones should switch them off at the gate before arrival in the playground and they should not be turned back on until they are out of school grounds at the end of the day. A further reminder that devices should be handed in to their teacher for safe keeping on arrival. The school are not responsible for devices which are lost or damaged.

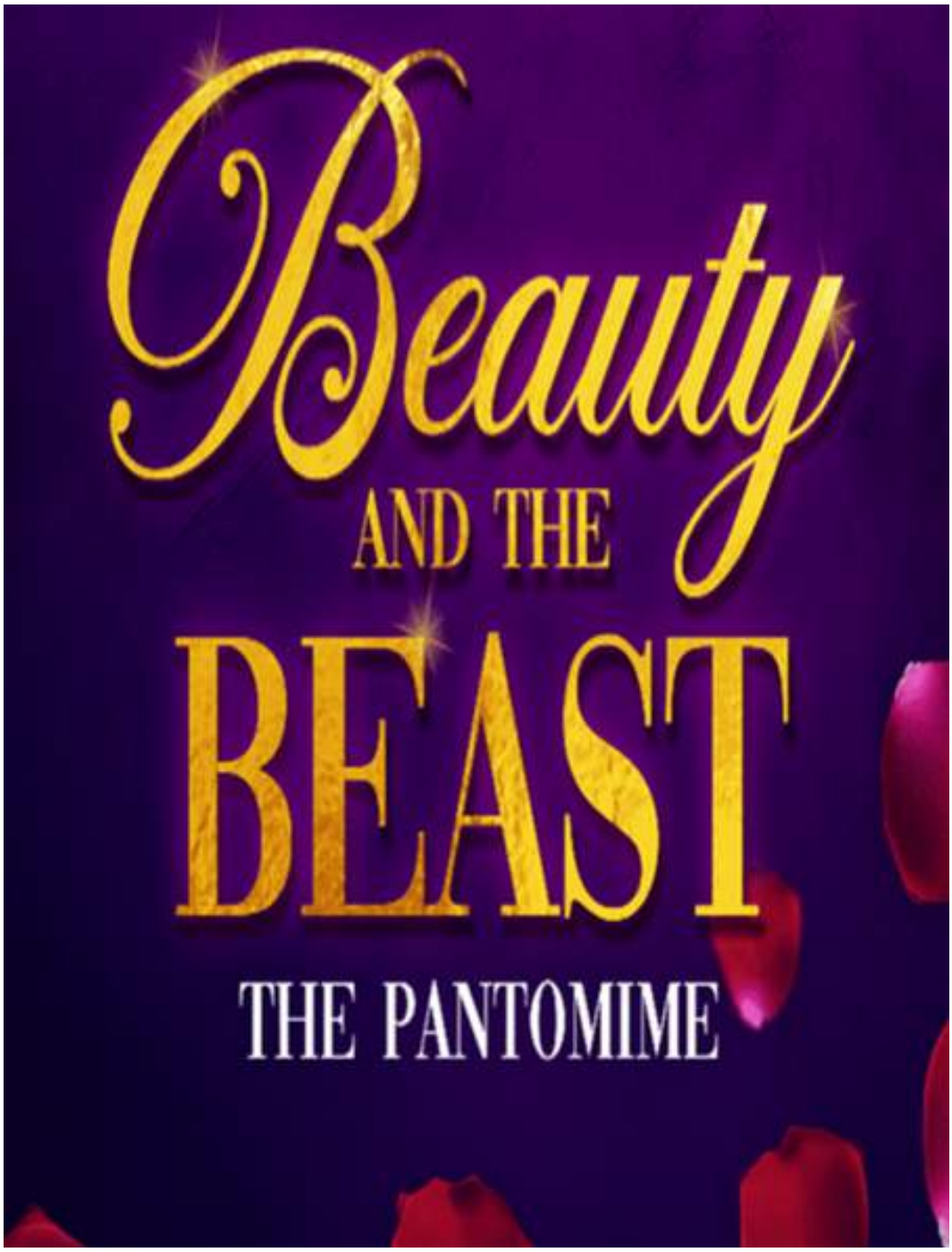
Thank you to all our families who donated generously to our foodbank appeal on Children in Need Day.
We have sorted these items and have been asked to share thanks from Tamsin from the Edinburgh Food Project who shared that this will make such a difference to families in poverty in our local area.
She has invited a group of pupils to visit their warehouse and to see how the food is sorted and distributed.





Trip to Panto - Beauty and the Beast

We are delighted to share details of a Christmas outing for the whole school, P1-7. On Tuesday 16th December we will make the short walk down to Portobello Town Hall to watch Beauty and the Beast .The Parent Council have kindly and very generously subsidised this outing for us to provide a reduced cost of £5.50, with the added bonus of no additional transport. The item has be added to Parent Pay and we hope that all children will be able to attend. If there are any families worried about financial implications, please get in touch, in confidence, we can help to support.



Christmas Rainbow Raffle



This festive season our PTA is organising a magical Christmas Rainbow Raffle- and we need your help to build the most colourful Christmas hampers ever!

How it works:
Each year group has been given a special colour of the rainbow. We're asking every child, who is able to, to bring in one item in their group's colour- it can be anything fun, festive, or useful for a Christmas Hamper.

Colours
P1: Blue, P2: Orange, P3: Red, P4: Purple, P5: Yellow, P6: Green, P7: Pink

When to bring your items into school:
17th- 28th Nov

Then...
Each year group will put together their very own colourful Christmas hamper. All the hampers will be raffled off in December.

Thank you for your support and festive spirit! Let's make the school sparkly with festive colour!

Christmas Movie Night Tuesday 16th December



Purchase tickets below

Christmas Movie Night tickets link:

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stjohnsrcprimaryschool/1949694

St-John's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December

Option 1 (meat)

Roast turkey served with pigs in blanket, roast potatoes and all the trimmings

Or

Option 2 (vegetarian)

Quorn roasted fillet served with roast potatoes and all the trimmings (ve)



Christmas ice cream with chocolate sponge

or

Seasonal fresh fruit

**Ve = vegan*

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) link

Holiday requests during term time should be put in writing at least 2 weeks prior to Mrs Kelly and sent to our admin address.
admin@st-johns.edin.sch.uk

Lateness - Gates open at 0840 and close at 0850





School gates are opened from 0840 each morning for parents to drop their children off. 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 or you miss the gate closing, please bring your child through the main office where they will be recorded as late on the registeror contact the school on 0131-669-1363.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing all our children at 0850

each day.

Mrs Kelly
Headteacher

November 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	P7A Trip to Pizza Express	St Andrew's Day & Catholic Fortnight Mass at St-J's P6 Christmas Strings Concert PHS 5-6pm	P3 Trip to National Museum of Scotland 0930-1500 PTA TEAMS meeting @ 7PM	P4 Shared Learning 1100-1145 Romans Topic		

December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	P4 singing at Older People's Project - details to follow P7 The Art of Listening P4 Singing at Older People Project	Advent Service led by P5 P4 singing at Older People's Project - details to follow P7 The Art Of Listening P4 Singing at Older People Project	P3 Shared Learning - Ancient Egyptians Max 2 adults per child 1430-1520 Sacramental Meeting P7 @ 7pm.New date, changed from 10th Nov	P6 Stem career visit		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		P1 Nativity P2 0945 P1 1345	Christmas Lunch			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Porty Panto - Beauty and the Beast 1000 Christmas Movie Night	Christmas Party Day - classes	Nursery Christmas party			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		
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Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday	Holiday		

January 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
			Holiday	Holiday		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Inservice Day	All resume					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Feast of St-John at St J's P4 The Risk Factory Trip P7				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Pizza Express Trip P7B		Robert Burns Celebration			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 Children's Mental Week	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Strings Music Showcase P4-P7 11am in school hall	12	13	14	15
16 Holiday Ramadan	17 Holiday Lunar New Year	18 Holiday Ash Wednesday	19 Holiday	20 Holiday	21	22
23	24 International Mother language Day	25	26	27	28	

March 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5 World Book Day	6	7	8
9 P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Eid al Fitr	20 Eid al Fitr P2 Shared Learning 1100-1145	21	22
23 God's Loving Plan Fortnight	24	25 Parents Evening 1600-1900	26	27 Parents Evening 1300-1500	28	29
30	31					

April 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Stations of the Cross	2	3 Good Friday	4	5
6 Holiday	7 Holiday	8 Holiday	9 Holiday	10 Holiday	11	12
13 Holiday	14 Holiday	15 Holiday	16 Holiday	17 Holiday	18	19
20 Holiday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Holiday	Inservice Day	All resume		1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ascension Mass P3, St MM	15 P7 Sacrament of Confirmaton	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Eid al Adha	27 Eid al Adha	28	29	30	31 1st Holy Communion St MM

June 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Sports Day	2 Back up Sports Day	3	4	5 Mini Marathons	6	7
8	9	10 P7 Assembly and Mass	11 P7 Leavers Event	12	13	14
15	16 P7 Transition Day	17 P7 Transition Day Meet New Teacher	18 P7 Transition Day	19 Reports	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Last day of term	27	28
29 Holiday	30 Holiday					