



### Tweeting

Children's personal achievements will also be shared through our Twitter account. If your child participates in something after school or at the weekend that you would like shared then please email the photo to the school email address and we will tweet your good news. You do not have to have a Twitter account to be able to access Twitter you only need access to the internet. You can find our account @Stjohnspsayr or you can access via the new school website.

### Christmas Fair

After another fantastic success last year we will continue with our Christmas Fair on a Friday night. This year it will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15-5.00pm. Donations for raffle prizes and the tombola can be sent in to school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Each year we have a competition to see which class can bring in the largest number of bottles for the Tombola so if you are handing anything in to the office please have it in a bag with your child's class on it. Thank you in advance.

### P5-P7 Electives/Developing Scotland's Young Workforce (DSYW)

Our upper school pupils will be busy yet again with electives this term. All of our activities will have a STEAM link (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Children have had the option to choose from Structural Engineering, Animation, Cooking, Card Making and Music Production. We also hope to have visitors from the world of work popping in to some of our Electives over the course of the term. Children have already had an arts and crafts based input for our first set of electives this session where the children were making displays, costumes and banners for the Tamfest 'Day of the Deid' parade. Thank you to the parents and pupils who came on the day.



## P1 Nativity

P1 have already started work on this year's Nativity, "Everyone loves a baby" which will be held in December at St Margaret's Cathedral. The dates are Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.45pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am. The children are working hard on perfecting their songs and dance moves and will be finding out which role they will play very soon! We are all very excited about it! There is no charge for the Nativity but we have a donations bucket and a raffle on the night.

## First Ministers Reading Challenge

We have recently restarted the First Minister's reading challenge in our school. Each child in the upper school has been given reading passports to track how many books they read and what they thought about them. There will be prizes for the child and class who reads the most this year. There will also be lots of fun activities and challenges linked to this throughout the year. Following last year's success we were invited to showcase all our fantastic work by the First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon.

## Charities

Our Charities for this year are

- Local - Crossroads
- National - Missio Scotland
- International - SCIAF

Through a Cluster Carol Service in December we will also be raising awareness of 'Friends of the Holy Land'.

## Advance notice of Diary Dates

Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween activities all day - children can wear costumes	No charge - school will pay for all activities.
Friday 1 November 2019	All Saints and Souls Mass Boys Football -v- Annbank	St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr KO 3:15 pm @Ayr Academy
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2019	Coffee Morning	After 9.30am Mass in St Margaret's Church Hall
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Ayr United F.A. Basketball ASC	1:30-3pm in St Johns PS 3-4pm in school

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability  Netball ASC	1:30-2:30 in school  3-4pm in school
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	First P5-7 Pupil group Fundraiser - letter from Mr Winning  Homework ASC	In school - Paying £1 this week provides 1 activity every week for 4 weeks. Extra 25p can be brought each week if you wish your child to take part in more activities.  3-4pm in school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil Voice Day  Sportshall Athletics Final  Dance ASC  Handball	9:30-12:30 @ Citadel  3-4pm in school  3-4pm in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Assembly P3s to meet Danny Scott- Author	9.10 - 9.30 in School  11-12noon Carnegie Library
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Ayr United F.A.  Basketball ASC	1:30-3pm in St Johns PS  3-4pm in school
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Curling  Bikeability  Netball ASC	9.30-12pm at Ayr Ice Rink  1:30-2:30 in school  3-4pm in school
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Tempest Pupil photos- individual & families  Homework ASC	In school  3-4pm in school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Pupil groups  LAST WEEK of Dance ASC  Handball ASC	9:15-12:30  3-4pm in school  3-4pm in school
Friday 15th November	P6 Assembly  Scottish Dance Competition  Girls Football -v- Braehead	9:10-9:30 in school  9:45 - 12:15 in Ayr Town Hall  KO 3:15 pm @ Braehead

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Ayr United F.A.  Basketball ASC  Parent Council Meeting	1:30-3pm in St Johns PS  3-4pm in school  3-4.30pm in school
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Curling  Catholic Education Week Mass  Bikeability  Netball	9.30-12pm at Ayr Ice Rink  11:30am in St Margaret's Cathedral, Ayr  1:30-3pm in school  3-4pm in school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Access Hour for parents  Homework ASC	3-4pm in school  3-4pm in school
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	P5 Assembly	9:10-9:30 in school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	P4 Assembly	9:10-9:30 in school
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November/ Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Catholic Education Week - can all children attending mass please wear school uniform.	6pm St. Margaret's - Head Boy and Girl speaking, song after mass,  9.30am in St. Margaret's  11.30 in St. Paul's
Monday 25th November	Ayr United F.A.  Basketball ASC	1:30-3pm in St Johns PS  3-4pm in school
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability  Netball ASC	1:30-2:30 in school  3-4pm in school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Homework ASC	3-4pm in school
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	P3 Assembly	9:10-9:30am in school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Donald Where's yer troosers-show for pupils  Christmas Fair	9:45am in school  3.15-5.00pm in school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last training Basketball ASC	3-4pm in school

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Lunch P5-7 Bikeability Last training Netball ASC	12:30 pm 1:30-2:30 in school 3-4pm in school
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch P1-P4 Last session Homework ASC	12:30pm 3-4pm in school
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Pupil Groups Last session Handball ASC	9:15-12:30 in school 3-4pm in school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	P2 Assembly	9:10-9:30 am in School
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Christmas Party- 1:30-3pm	School - No cost, school paying
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 Christmas Party- 1:30-3pm P1 Nativity	School - No cost, school paying 6 pm in St. Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	P1 Nativity P4 Christmas Party- 1:30-3pm Cluster Carol concert	10.30am in St. Margaret's Cathedral School - No cost, school paying 7pm in St Margaret's Cathedral
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 Christmas Party- 1:30-3pm QMA Xmas Concert	School - No cost, school paying 7pm in QMA
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Cinderella-Take-away Theatre group Christmas Party- 1:30-3pm	9:30am in school - <b>Thank you to Parent Council who are funding this.</b> School - No cost, school paying
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P2 Christmas Party-1:30-3pm P7 Christmas Party 6.00-7.30pm	School - No cost, school paying School - No cost, school paying
Wednesday 18th December 2018	P1 Christmas Party -1:30-3pm	School - No cost, school paying
Friday 20th December	Finish for Christmas Holiday until Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	2.30pm Finish

## Stage Assemblies

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our stage assemblies in Term 1. The children really enjoyed showcasing all their learning and it was clearly evident just how much was packed into our first term. The pupils were very confident at speaking out to an audience and entertained us with their lovely singing some of which included very impressive signing.

## Fundraising at stage assemblies

Thank you very much to everyone who put themselves forward to support our fundraising. Each stage has an allocated Champion and they have been provided with details for all people from their stage who have intimated that they are willing to help. Stephanie Kerr is our overall Fundraising Champion and as such will liaise with the stage champions.

Our new Fundraising Champions for each stage are:-

**P1** Pauline Elliot, **P2** Emma Wright, **P3** Shirley Taylor, **P4** Kirsteen Barrie, **P5** Kathleen McCallum, **P6** Annemarie Reilly, **P7** Michelle Paxton

Our new format this session involves only 2 of the assemblies having a fundraising element. This is when Fundraising Champions will be in contact with all volunteers (usually via a WhatsApp group) to arrange what they are going to do for their stage. The Parent's Room is available throughout the school day if parents wish to come in and make something with the children to sell at the assembly. The Fundraising Champion can phone in to the school to arrange a suitable day/time to use the room. Fundraising may just be donations asked for teas/coffees with some home baking/treats and/or a raffle.

## Term 2

P7	Friday 8th November	9.10-9.30
P6	Friday 15th November	9.10-9.30
P5	Thursday 21st November	9.10-9.30
P4	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.10-9.30
P3	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.10-9.30
P2	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.10-9.30
P1	Nativity Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm-St Margaret's Cathedral 10:30am as above



### **Parent/carer views**

Every month in the newsletter there will be a space for you to return your thoughts, comments or any suggestions to the school.

**Please feel free to add any comments or suggestions in the box below and return to the school.**

**Parent Name:**

**Pupil Name:**

**Class:**

**Suggestions for Parent and child afterschool clubs:**

**Suggestions for activities linked to Charities:**

**General comments/suggestions:**