



### Tweeting

We continue to share what is happening in school through our Twitter account. Please join our twitter community and *please like our Tweets*. Class teachers show the children the tweets on the whiteboard and they love to see lots of likes on their posts, photos and videos. Please continue to send in to school any home achievements you wished shared through Twitter. You can find our account @Stjohnspsayr or you can access via the new school website.

### Assembly Dates

#### Term 2

Stage	Day and Date	Time and Where
Primary 6 + 7	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.10- 9.40 In-School
Primary 5	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.10- 9.40 In-School
Primary 4	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.10- 9.40 In-School
Primary 2 + 3	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.10- 9.40 In-School
Primary 1	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Nativity St Margaret's Cathedral 10am

### Pupil Voice Groups

This year, all P4 to P7 pupils will have particular opportunities for personalisation and choice through our electives and pupil groups. The children had the choice of 8 pupil groups and all children have been allocated a group within their top 3 choices!

Pupil Voice Group	Teacher
Digital / ICT	Miss Tolland
Faith & Fundraising	Mrs Hogg
Health	Mr Mullan
Global Citizenship	Miss Casey
Library	Miss McKeown
Dyslexia Friendly Schools	Mrs Home
Eco-Friendly Schools	Miss Mack
Anti-bullying	Mrs Bowie

Each Pupil Voice group has a display in the school to share their information and they will provide an update in the November newsletter. P1-3 children will also be involved with pupil groups within their department.

### **St. Andrew's Day**

Again, this year, we are going to have a full day of Scottish activities/crafts and treats. Children will learn about famous Scots and learn some poems or hear extracts from famous Scottish Authors. We welcome any child wearing any tartan they have including bobbles, scarfs etc but there is no need to buy anything and children should only wear something if they already have it. Most children do not wear any form of tartan.

### **Christmas Fayre**

The Parent Council and school are working together again to bring you our festive Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December at 3.15pm in the school. There is no cost to attend the Fayre however, there will be lots of stalls and Christmas crafts on sale within the school. Money raised from the children's Christmas craft, are kept by school staff to support class-based activities and all other monies raised on the day are collated by the Parent Council for whole school activities such as the Pantomime trip. We will be requesting donations to support the events and stalls at the fair. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **P1 - P7 Pantomime**

All children in Primary 1 to 7 will attend the Gaiety Theatre on Friday 15th December at 10am for Sleeping Beauty. There is no cost to attend the Pantomime as the Parent Council are covering the cost of this trip.

### **Christmas Parties**

This year we will continue our Christmas party day. All children will have a Christmas themed day with a film, craft and their party. Children can come to school in their party clothes for a day of activities. We also have some funding to support anyone who would like help purchasing a party outfit, so please get in touch with the school. We are very grateful that the Saint Vincent De Paul help us with this. There is no cost for parties.

### **Christmas Lunches**

Gina and her amazing team in our kitchen always pull out all the stops to ensure they cater for specific allergies etc so that all children can enjoy their lunch. Every child, regardless of a school lunch or a pack lunch, will go to the hall for their Christmas lunch and their teachers and associated school assistants will also join them. Please encourage your child to try a Christmas lunch. **The school will pay for all Christmas lunches so that there is no charge for any family.**

## Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt/Boppers/Bobbles/Tinsel Day

Christmas jumper day will be on Friday 8th December. Christmas jumper day for the last few years has also included the choice to wear any kind of Christmas item to avoid any additional costs to parents. Children can wear any accessory at all or a Christmas hat or jumper. Please do not buy jumpers for one day. **Christmas jumpers can ONLY be worn on this day.** There is no cost to this day.



There will be a stall at the next Access Hour to access Christmas jumpers as well as jackets, hats and scarves. To support the recycling of clothes we hope that you will support this scheme. We are again very thankful to the Saint Vincent De Paul for donating some new/nearly new cosy jackets to help anyone who would benefit from them for our cold Scottish weather. Please remember that the SSVP are available and willing to support any family in a number of ways so please contact them on 07413 397630 or contact the school for assistance.

We are extremely fortunate that our school benefits from their support throughout the year and they are keen to help any of our families so please do not hesitate to contact them.

## P1 Nativity

P1 have already started work on this year's Nativity, 'The Twinkly Nativity' which will be held in St Margaret's Cathedral. The children will be finding out which role they will play very soon! We are all very excited about it! There is no cost to attend the Nativity but there will be a raffle and lucky dip programme to support activities for Primary 1 in school.

## Christmas Gifts for Staff

As we did last year, we kindly ask that, in light of the cost of living crisis and the drive to have no cost to the school day, we are politely requesting that **NO GIFTS** for staff are sent in to school. If children would like to make or write a card then that would be appreciated but no gifts please.

## Parent Council

A huge thanks to our Parent Council for all of their support through their Facebook page and for continuing to raise much needed funds for the school.

They organised a Halloween Costume Swap which was well supported by both parents and staff. Through this the local South Ayrshire Foodbank benefitted too as any donations received were handed in to St Margaret's to be given to them on our behalf.



## Halloween Sponsored Walk

What a great way to spend the 'extra hour' we got on Sunday 29th October by taking part in the Halloween walk. It was a lovely morning weather wise and we were delighted to see so many of our families, staff and some canine companions supporting the event. Again, the Parent Council were excellent at organising and running the event and are very hopeful of raising a substantial amount to help support all our pupils. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



## Halloween Party Day

We had a fantastic day of 'Spooktacular' fun on Friday. The children had an exciting whole day of Halloween activities, crafts, treats and films that they enjoyed. Please look at our Twitter page for lots of photographs of the day.



## Advance notice of Diary Dates

Day and date	Activity and class	Time and where
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	All Saints	10am in St Margaret's Cathedral
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	P7 Great Fire of Ayr	Ayr Fire Station (During school day)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 Transition Curricular Visits (Science & Technical)	QMA
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Rite of Presentation for Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion	Masses at St Margaret's and St Paul's Cathedral
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Day of Dance	Ayr Town Hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	P6-7 Assembly	9:10am In School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Access Hour	3-4pm In School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 Assembly	9:10am In School
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	P4 Assembly	9:10am In School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 Christmas Play	The Cutty Sark Centre (During school day)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Cluster Carol Service	6:30pm in St Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	P7 Transition Curricular Visits (English & Modern Languages)	QMA
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	P2-3 Assembly	9:10am In School
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper / T-Shirt, Boppers / Bobbles / Tinsel Day	In School

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 & P5 Christmas Lunch	In School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Christmas Nativity	10am in St Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	P2 & P3 Christmas Lunch	In School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	P4, P6 & P7 Christmas Lunch	In School
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P1, P2 & P3 Christmas Party	In School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	P4 Christmas Party	In School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	P5 Christmas Party	In School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	P6 & 7 Christmas Party	In School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Karaoke	In School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	School closes for Christmas Holidays	
<b>JANUARY 2024</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL	

