



## The Twinkly Nativity

P1 performed their amazing Nativity 'Twinkly Nativity' last week at St. Margaret's Cathedral. All of the children looked fabulous in their costumes and delivered their lines, songs and actions with a huge amount of enthusiasm and confidence! Thank you to all of our families for practising so hard with the children and all those who attended to support, it was much appreciated! The raffle raised an amazing £105!



## Cluster Carol Service

On Tuesday 5th December, pupils from St John's gathered with children from Saint Ninian's, Saint Patrick's, Saint Cuthbert's and Sacred Heart Primary Schools in Saint Margaret's Cathedral for an evening of beautiful carol singing and wonderful readings. The children represented the school wonderfully well as always and it was a lovely way to continue our Advent celebrations.



## Christmas Parties

Everyone enjoyed a Christmas party over the past 2 weeks. The children looked great and had a great time. They played games, danced and partied! Thank you to the staff for organising and a huge thank you to McKinstry solicitors in Ayr who donated a gift and a selection box for every child in the school.



Primary 7



Primary 6



Primary 5



Primary 4



Primary 2/3A



Primary 2/3B



Primary 1/2



Primary 1

### P7 Christmas Ceilidh at QMA

Primary 7 enjoyed a cluster ceilidh at QMA this week where they got a chance to meet other children who will be in their year group next year. They were fantastic dancers and we were very proud of them representing St. John's so well!



## Dance Troop After School Club

Our P5-P7 after school dance club spent 8 weeks practising a beautiful routine with their dance coach Chloe to perform in a competition at Troon Walker Hall at the beginning of December. We are really proud of the girls and Chloe. Keep your eyes peeled for future opportunities to join our after-school dance club.



## Christmas Choir

Our Christmas choir performed at a number of events in December! They have been practising for weeks and performed brilliantly! Thank you to our parents and carers who joined the family choir this month too!



## Pantomime

Last Friday, the whole school made their way to the Ayr Gaiety Theatre for this year's pantomime 'Cinderella.' The children absolutely loved their visit and joined in very well, booing those Ugly Sisters and Wicked Stepmother and cheering for their favourites Cinderella and Buttons! It was a magical experience and really got us into the Christmas spirit. Our Parent Council very kindly covered the cost of the event, ensuring that all children were able to attend. *Thank you very much!*



As we enjoy our last day in school, I would like to extend my best wishes to all our school community this festive season. I wish you a wonderful Holy, and festive time, with your loved ones and friends. See you in the New Year!

From Mrs Gray and all of the staff from our school community.



# 'No Cost to the School Day'

## 2023

You will have heard us talk about our commitment to 'No Cost to the School Day'. We know that for many of our families the Cost of Living has put a significant pressure on them so we are trying to support where we can. We also believe that no family should feel an additional pressure for their child to attend school. To give you an idea of some of the things we have managed to do over the year then please read the list below.

MONTH	DESCRIPTION	Amount	PAID BY
<b>January</b>	Buses for P5 Swimming (10 weeks)	£1300	School
	P7 Burns Supper Food & Drinks	£94.55	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>February</b>	P7 Transition Visit to QMA Bus	£150	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>March</b>	School Show P4-7		No cost to attend
	School Show - Taxis	£20	School
	School Show - Costumes	£200	School
	Ayrshire Music Festival (entry fee)	£40	School
	Bus to Troon for Sponsored Walk	£115	Shared cost with Cluster schools
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>April</b>	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
	Easter eggs for every child	£300	Parent Council

<b>May</b>	P7 Rotary Careers Event (Bus)	£150	Rotary Club
	Dance Mania Tickets	£115	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>June</b>	School Trips (Buses, entry fees & treats): Pro Soccer (P6-7) Kelburn (P5) Dumfries House (P1-4)	No bus £500 £975	Shared cost - school, parent council & stage assembly fundraising
	P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House (Support to families + Bus Cost)	£1,710	School
	P7 Retreat to QMA x 3 (Bus)	£600	School
	P2-3 Show (Bee Musical) No cost to attend	£60.85	School
	Euro Quiz Final in Edinburgh	£100	School
	Sports Day	£200	School / Local Supermarkets
	Triathlon Event (taxis & entry fees)	£45	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
	P7 Ties		QMA
	Valedictory Mass (trophies)	£159	School
<b>July</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b> Free sports events at the MUGA		Active Schools
<b>August</b>	Gym/PE Kit		Saint Vincent de Paul
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>September</b>	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>October</b>	Halloween Activities/Parties	£300	Local supermarkets & school

	Halloween Costume Swap		School / Parents
	P7 Transition Visit to QMA Bus	£160	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>November</b>	Tempest P1 & P7 Photos	£549	Parent council
	South Ayrshire Dance Competition		Parents provided transport
	P7 Transition Visit to QMA Bus	£160	School
	Trophies for Merit Cups, Football Cup & Karaoke	£104.00	School
	Day of Dance Festival	£50	School
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School
<b>December</b>	Christmas Panto at The Gaiety	£2,672	Parent council
	Panto Bus	£200	School
	P7 Christmas Play at The Cutty Sark		No cost involved
	Christmas Parties	£170	School & donation for local Solicitors (AC White)
	Christmas Outfits / Jumper Swap		School, SSVP / Parents
	Christmas Lunches	£272	School
	Bus for QMA Christmas Ceilidh	£154	School
	P7 Hoodies	£952.50	Parent Council
	P1 Nativity	£43	No cost to attend
	Christmas Fayre		No cost to attend
	School Choir at The Grain Exchange		No cost involved
	School Choir at Ayr Central (Hansel)		No cost involved
	Breakfast Club 5 mornings per week		School
	Childcare 3-5.30pm 2 evenings per week		School