

# JAMES GILLESPIE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

## Whole School Visit to Glasgow Science Centre – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

A reminder please that we need all permission slips and money by the end of this week. We must confirm our numbers with the Science Centre on Friday morning. Thank you to all parents who have indicated that they were able to accompany the school. There has been an overwhelming response from parents to volunteer and we have now identified enough parents for the visit and contacted them by phone but a big thank you to everyone who offered. Please remember children need a packed lunch and to wear school uniform. Children who have paid for lunches for the whole term will be given a packed lunch from the school kitchen as will children who receive free meals.

## JGPS Council

Our next council meeting is next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00 in the school conference room. Other parents and members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting.

## Money

Some parents have asked for clarification about who cheques should be made payable to when they are making a payment by cheque to the school. I hope the following is helpful:

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| <b>Milk and School Lunches</b>      | <b>City of Edinburgh Council</b> |
| <b>School visits and excursions</b> | <b>JGPS Fund</b>                 |
| <b>PTA ( clubs)</b>                 | <b>JGPS PTA</b>                  |
| <b>Active Schools clubs/events</b>  | <b>JGPS Fund</b>                 |

## P4 Art Show

We are very excited about the forthcoming Art Show which is being held upstairs in the school Drama Room. Private viewings for P4 parents and families are Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March after school (4.00-6.00, last entry 5.30) and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00-12.30. Open viewing for all parents will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1.00-3.00 and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.00-12.00. Please come along and see the exhibition. Entry is £1.00 for catalogue and refreshments. Your purchases can be collected after school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## PTA

Thank you to all parents who came along to the PTA meeting last night. The PTA plan to have a fundraising baking stall after school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April as well as help organise our Swimathon which will take place in health Week ( 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> June). Any parents who can help at either of these events please let us know. The PTA are also organising a Ceilidh on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at Marchmont St Giles Church. More details to follow soon.

## Retirement of Rev. Laidlaw

As mentioned in a previous newsletter the school chaplain, Rev. Laidlaw, who has supported and worked with the school for over twenty years is retiring and moving away from Edinburgh. We have invited him in to our assembly on the last day of term to say goodbye. Staff are having a collection for him and any parent wishing to contribute should put money in an envelope marked "Rev. Laidlaw" and hand in to the school office.

Yours sincerely

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