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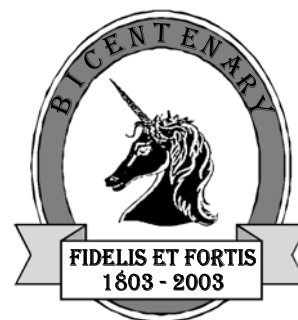
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Dear Parent

Staffing News

I am delighted to inform parents that Miss Judith Shaw, nursery nurse at JGPS will be getting married on October 17th, at Fairmilehead Parish Church, Edinburgh. Her new name will be Mrs Newcombe. I know that parents will join with school staff in wishing Miss Shaw many congratulations on her wedding!

JGPS Council needs you!

Our council is still looking for new members. We would very much welcome any parent who would like to join this group which does so much to help the work of the school. It would involve coming to around 6 meetings a year in the school and offering ideas and feedback about what your child does at school. Please email or phone the school if you are interested in putting your name forward.

Fun and Funds Annual Planning Meeting

We're having our annual planning meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 27th Oct at 7.30pm in the James Gillespie's High School staff room. We'd like to encourage all parents to come and make your views known: what events could we run? What should our funding priorities be? We also urgently need to start planning the Xmas Fair! We also need volunteers to act as chair, treasurer and secretary for the coming year. See you there! **Holly Branigan and Nicola Bennett**

Yellow Moon catalogues

Look in your schoolbags today for your free copy of the Yellow Moon catalogue, with loads of craft supplies and activities to keep you busy during the coming autumn and winter. The school receives a 5% donation to its funds for every order received - just use the code on the catalogue when you order.

Fun and Funds Group

Blue Peter Appeal - Filming at Edinburgh Castle – Friday 16th October

We are proud to support Blue Peter who are working with a charity called "Operation Smile" who help children in developing countries with cleft lips and cleft palates. P5-7 pupils at JGPS are launching the new campaign at Edinburgh Castle this Friday morning.

Thank you to P5-7 parents for returning permission forms so promptly. We had a great rehearsal on Monday and are looking forward to the event on Friday. Please ensure pupils arrive at school on or before 7.45. Three coaches will be waiting to take them to the castle and returning to school around 9.45. I have arranged a special mid morning healthy snack for the pupils when they return. The programme will go out on Tuesday 27th October at 4.35 on CBBC channel.

October Holiday-19th-23rd October/In service Day Monday 26th October

School breaks for the half term holiday this Friday at the usual times and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 27th October at 8.45.

Yours sincerely

Anthea Grierson

Head Teacher



Healthy Smile Recipe Book- Homework Challenge!

Some parents may remember that we worked with NHS Lothian 2 years ago to produce a special recipe book which was published and sent out to all P5 children in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

I am pleased to inform parents that we have been asked by Scotmid to produce a second edition of this book. Miss Mackay and Mrs Parkhouse who are part of our school Health Promotion Team have discussed with the children at assemblies this week a special homework challenge which can either be done in the October holidays or the following week.

We are looking for the children to write out a favourite family recipe. This could be an ordinary family dish which you have added a special ingredient to, or a recipe from a book which you have adapted to suit your family.

It can be a breakfast, lunch, dinner, snack or drink. The only important criteria is that it mustn't contain too much sugar and be something that you would eat as part of a healthy diet.

We would like the children to discuss this with a member of their family and then write out the recipe either by hand or on the computer in the following way:

- A clear title or name of your recipe
- A list of the ingredients you have used and measures (metric please)
- The instructions for making the dish clearly noted in numbers or bullet points
- Illustrations to make your recipe look attractive

The recipe can be hand written or typed out with illustrations added. Please have your recipes in to school by **Monday 2nd November**. Our new health committee or pupils and staff will look at the recipes together with NHS Lothian staff to select the ones which will be included in the new book.

I look forward to seeing these healthy recipes coming in and trying out some of your ideas!
Good luck!!

Mrs Grierson

