

JAMES GILLESPIE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

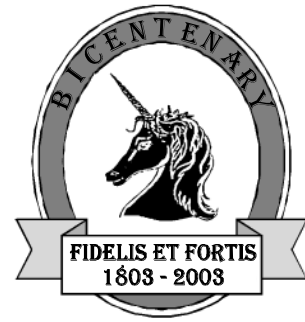
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Dear Parent

Welcome back to school!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter Holiday. The children have all come back fresh and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead. I thought it would be helpful to remind parents of some useful dates for the term ahead.

Monday 21 st April	HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th May	HOLIDAY
12 th May	Walk to School Week
Wednesday 14 th May	School Photographs taken (solos and siblings) all JGPS pupils
Monday 19 th May	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 20 th May	IN-SERVICE DAY HOLIDAY FOR PUPILS
Friday 23 rd May	P3 Dance Show for parents 11.00 am
2 nd June	HEALTH WEEK
Friday 13 th June	SPORTS DAY (TBC)
Tuesday 17 th June	1A Induction (pm)
Wednesday 18 th June	1B Induction (pm)
Thursday 19 th June	P7 Graduation 2.00pm
Monday 23 rd June	P6 Scottish Opera show to parents (pm)
Friday 27 th June	Term ends at 12.00 noon

JGPS Council

We had a very good meeting of our school council at the end of last term. Parents discussed the results of our questionnaires and identified areas that parents, staff and pupils are going to work on this term and next session. A report will go out soon to all parents about the results. Our next council meeting is **Tuesday 6th May at 6.30** in the school conference room. Other parents and members of the public are welcome to observe the meeting.

Lunch Money

Payment is now due if you would like your child to have school lunches this term, please send payment of £66 to school tomorrow morning. (Cheques should be made payable to City of Edinburgh Council.) This will enable your child to have a school lunch Mon-Thurs for the whole term. (The amount has been worked out to take into account the 3 holiday Mondays and the Tuesday In-Service day.) Alternatively if you would prefer to pay on a weekly basis lunches cost £1.65 per day and payment should be received every Thursday morning.

P4 Art Show

Well done to all our P4 pupils who produced such a wonderful Art Show. In total the show raised £842.59 and after taking off costs and the workshop to the Art Gallery the children made **£350 profit** to go to Freedom's school in South Africa! Well done everyone! Special thanks to Mrs Bierman, Mrs Laird, Mrs Ingram and Mrs Sabur for supporting the pupils so well.

Chess Club News

Our chess club played in the Chess Scotland Schools National Finals over the holidays. Well done to Sam Allison (1st) and Jeremy Scott (2nd) in the Under P5s and Stefan Robertson (2nd) and Max Allison (3rd) in the P6&7 section. Our Chess Club currently has some spaces for new members. Anyone wishing to join should contact Mike Scott on 453 3845 or chess@neuroscot.co.uk The chess club meets every Wednesday in Barclay Church Hall 5.00-6.30pm.

Netball and Lacrosse Clubs

Miss McKay has been teaching our Netball Club this session and they are playing in their first home match next Wednesday (16th April) against B'Muir High School's S1 side. Good luck JGPS! Our Lacrosse team meets on a Monday after school and we are looking for new members to join particularly from P5 and P6. A lot of the team are P7s who will be going off to High School after the summer and we would really like to ensure more pupils join the club so that we can continue to play matches with other schools. If you are interested please contact Joanne Sinclair via the PTA drawer.

Baking Stall to raise funds for Animal Charity

Pupils in P6A are organising a baking sale this Friday (11th April) after school (12.10-1.00) for an animal charity. Most baking will be priced around 20p. If you would like to make something or donate a box of cakes to help the children please hand it in to the office on Friday morning.

Name Tags for Pupils

Coming home with this newsletter is information from a company called Name Tags Matter, a branch of ITB Ltd, who supply iron on or stick on name labels. We do have a lot of lost property in the school and are unable to return items to their owners if they are not labelled. Please complete and return the form directly to ITD if you wish to purchase any labels.

New Drama Clubs

There are still a few places left in the new Drama Clubs which are starting next week. These clubs are open to P3-7 pupils. Forms must be returned to the school office by this Friday (11th April).

Yours sincerely

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