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Primary 7 Leavers' Preparations

Dear Primary 7 Parent/Carer,

We hope you, and your families, remain well and are enjoying the slight easing of restrictions. When I wrote to you before the Easter holidays I promised to keep you updated of progress and changes to our end of year plans and there is quite a lot to update you with.

We are constantly reviewing the updated guidance to see how it affects what we would like to be able to do at the end of the year. There have been changes in the latest guidance from the Scottish Government and East Renfrewshire Council which has meant we are able to start confirming some of our plans.

P7 – High School Transition

We have confirmed two Mearns Castle High School Transition days for Primary 7 pupils:

Monday 21st June and Tuesday 22nd June

Details of arrangements for these two days will follow.

Primary 7 Leavers' Hoodies

Hoodies arrived just before the Easter holiday and it's lovely to see the pupils wearing them round the school. These have been paid for by the Primary 7's hard fundraising work throughout this year.

Yearbook

The Primary 7 teachers are working hard on the format for the yearbook and we have one more fundraising event planned to raise the money to cover the printing costs.

Leavers' Assembly

As the guidance for schools stands we are not going to be able to have parents in attendance for a Leavers' Assembly. So the plan will still be for a special recorded Leavers' Assembly to be screened via a secure YouTube link on Thursday 24th June at 11am.

Leavers' 'Summer Garden Party'

Our traditional Leavers' Dance will be an outdoor 'Summer Garden Party' this year. The parent representatives of the Primary 7 classes are working incredibly hard to organise this event within all of the current restrictions. The dance will take place on the evening of Thursday 24th June, 6:30pm – 9pm, and the theme, chosen by the Primary 7 pupils, is 'Casino Royale'.



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More details will follow over the next month but two decisions have been made that might influence your planning for the dance. The usual bus and limousine arrivals at the dance won't be able to happen this year and we are planning an alternative start to the dance. The dance will be a 'Dress as you feel' event, meaning children can dress as formally or as casually as they like.

We are also exploring the possibility of live screening some part of the dance so families can feel like they are able to participate in some way.

The evening will comprise of a disco, a class award ceremony and some food. **Please complete this [form](#) if your child has any food allergies, food intolerances or dietary requirements.**

Primary 7 Activities Week

The guidance on using coaches for trips has changed slightly, but not enough yet to make this a viable option for us to consider. We also need to take into account that we would not be able to use parent helpers for trips so this would require us to use a lot of staff from the school which is not always possible. Therefore we are sticking with the planned exciting activities week based around the school.

There will be a small cost associated with the activities week and taking in all the costs we are incurring this will be **£25** per pupil for the whole week. Parent Pay is set up for you to pay this directly into school funds.

We completely understand that some of families are in situations at the moment where any additional cost is a challenge. If this is the case please contact the school and we will do all we can to support you in complete confidence.

More details will follow nearer the time; but here is a flavour of what we have planned.

Monday 14 June

Movie Making day

Following some expert input from a professional film maker and editor the children will work in small groups to write, film and edit a short movie. There will be a film festival and Oscar ceremony on Monday 21 June.

Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 June

Operation Play Outdoors will be visiting the school to do 2 days of amazing activities to recreate a residential feel to the week. Craig, and his staff, have all worked for residential camps all over the world and for the two days are going to transform Kirkhill Primary School into an outdoor centre. On day 1 they will be leading, Fire Building, Den Building, Team Initiative Challenges and large scale survival based wide games

Day 2 will be a series of outdoor Escape Room Style Challenges, Loose Parts Building Challenge and a Life Size Angry Birds Game. After lunch, activities will continue with a large school-wide Treasure Hunt/Orienteering Challenge and then a final showdown game on the banking.

The day will end with a large campfire and closing ceremony with awards for the winning team, as well as a chance for all participants to toast some marshmallows, make smores and have hot chocolate.

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Thursday 17 June

We have booked a day with the park rangers at Rouken Glen Park. Children will be dropped off at Rouken Glen in the morning and spend the day doing a variety of activities in different areas of the park. We'll have a picnic and an afternoon treat before the children are picked up.

Friday 18 June

Sports and activities day at Memorial Field (behind the MCHS astroturf pitch) with a visit from the ice cream van in the afternoon. We'll be playing rounders, cricket, football, TAG rugby, hockey and other team games supported by Active Schools and high school staff.

Fundraising

The Parent Council are very generously covering most of the costs of the Leavers' dance and we are covering the cost of the Leavers' hoodies and the yearbook printing through fundraising activities. Thank you so much for your generosity supporting our Primary 7 Sponsored Spring Sprint. The children were amazing and ran over 517km on the day.

We have two more fundraising activities planned and details of these will follow very shortly.

Once again thank you for all your support.

Best Wishes

Paul Tyler (on behalf of the KPS Leadership Team)

Principal Teacher

Kirkhill Primary School



UNCRC Article 28

Every child has the right to an education.

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Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

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