

MRS N'S NOTES



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE OF LIFE IN KIRKSHAW'S



HEALTH & WELLBEING

As we aim to promote healthy lifestyles for all, we will continue to encourage all our learners to drink **water**. All pupils are encouraged to drink plain water throughout the day. Pupils should bring their own water bottles to school and these can be refilled as necessary and accessed throughout the day. Fizzy juice should not be brought to school, but kept at home as a treat.

LITERACY

Homework does not officially start until the beginning of September, but we would encourage all learners to keep reading! Please remember the school library, our Literacy Hub, is available to all families before or after the school day...**EVERY** day! Fiction and non-fiction books can be borrowed by any family members.

NUT ALERT

Please remember we are a nut-free school. Due to children with allergies we must insist **NO NUT PRODUCTS** are brought into the building.



Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to a new term; catching up with all the adventure stories from your summer holidays. Everyone looks so smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support in this!

Please check that all items of clothing and school equipment are marked with your child's name. We already have a number of lunch boxes and water bottles that have been separated from their owners!

Following your feedback last session, I will continue to provide weekly updates through Mrs N's Notes; posting these on the school website, with access through Twitter and the Piota App, **with a few key changes**. I intend to include reminders for the week ahead within the notes, rather than make an additional post on a Sunday. In addition, I will send a paper copy home to any families who are not able to download the digital copy of the notes. As an Eco School, we continue to look at ways we can cut down on the amount of paper we send home, but **if you would rather have a paper newsletter weekly**, please return the tear-off slip attached.





NURSERY NEWS

What a busy week we have had. Our newest learners have settled in amazingly well and are already learning our nursery routines. As you can see above, we all love preparing our snacks! Next week we will be exploring a bit further afield, visiting other areas of the school building.

Arriving at the beginning of a session is a very busy time in nursery, so we would ask that you **bring your child to their key worker** as soon as you arrive, before they head off to play. That lets our staff start the day by welcoming your child in person and gives us the chance to catch up on any news you have to share.

We are still missing some changes of clothing. If you haven't done so yet, could you please bring a change of clothes next week, making sure that all items are clearly marked with your child's name. This included soft shoes, which often 'wander' from shoe boxes.

Next week, Miss Ralston is looking forward to starting her Mindfulness work once again. I am going to make a point of joining her - I just love these calming sessions she runs!

Look out for Bookbug and Coffee & Chat starting soon.

New Behaviour Policy

We are currently reviewing our Behaviour and Positive Relationship Policy. The main difference your children will notice is that Golden Time and the Golden Pathway have been **replaced** by **Fun 31**. This relates to Article 31 of The Convention on the Rights of the Child; all children have the right to play. Any misbehaviours will be dealt with throughout the week as they occur, rather than waiting for a Friday. As our new policy takes shape, we would appreciate your input. You will be kept fully informed if your child requires additional support following school rules. Thank you for your continued support as we aim to get it right for every child.

Wider Achievements

We will continue to celebrate all your child's achievements, whether these happen in school or not. This session we are introducing a new **Gold Book**, to help us keep track of all these success stories. A Nomination Form, to be included in this book, should be completed alongside an adult at home. These forms were sent home this week, but can also be downloaded from the website or app, or collected from the office.

Don't forget...

Next week we will have **Week 2** Lunch Menu, plus the following events taking place:

Monday 19.8.19	Look out for important letters coming out this week, including information about photographs, iPayment, homework and data check forms.
Wednesday 21.8.19	Meet the Teacher event for P.1-7 at 3pm. See information letter already issued.
Thursday 22.8.19	Garden Gang starts again. Have you seen how good the front of our school looks right now? It's fabulous, thanks to our young gardeners!
Friday 23.8.19	Celebration Assembly for P.1-7. <i>If your child has an achievement to share, parents and pupils should fill in a nomination form together to have it added to the Gold Book before assembly.</i>
Monday 26.8.19	6.00pm: Fundraisers AGM 7.00pm: Parent Council Meetings
Thursday 29.8.19	6.00pm : Homework Workshop for Parents (Look out for invitation letters which will be issued next week)