

# MRS N'S NOTES



YOUR WEEKLY UPDATE OF LIFE IN KIRKSHAW'S



## CHILD PROTECTION

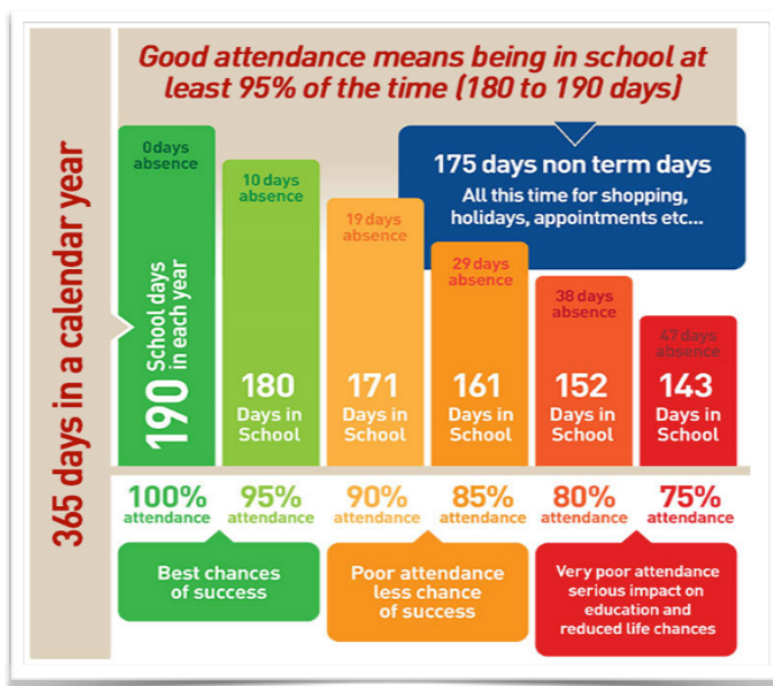
Any child protection concerns should be shared with the child protection coordinator for the school and nursery: **Mrs Alison Nicolson, Head Teacher.**

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

We often need to change children's clothes during the school day and with autumn now here I expect we will be doing this more and more! It is a good idea to keep a spare pair of socks in your child's bag for those 'just in case' moments. Could I ask that any clothing sent home is laundered and returned to school as soon as possible? Thank you. We are fast running out of age 5-6 underwear already this session!

## MATHS & NUMERACY

We will be taking part in Maths Week Scotland 30 September to 6 October 2019. Each class in the school will be carrying out a range of planned activities around pattern in numbers. Why not set your own numeracy challenges at home? Whether it is counting, adding or learning tables - every little helps!



## Every Day Counts!

As we approach the end of Term 1, I am once again looking at attendance across all classes in the school. I know that in an exam 90% may sound like a good mark, but when it comes to attendance this is actually quite concerning. 90% attendance across a whole school year is the same as having a day off every fortnight. As you can expect, this level of absence is going to affect your child's progress in class. We know it will affect attainment in academic subjects, but keep in mind the fact that it also affects routines, friendships, extra curricular activities and more.

Some families arrange holidays during term time and ask for work to take away. We do not encourage this as extra homework tasks cannot replace the *TEACHING* that goes on during their time out of school. No matter how skilled





## NURSERY NEWS

Mini Movers continues next week and then ends with our final session and Graduation on 8th October. Letters detailing this event should have come home. If not, see Miss Findlay to find out more.

Remember to read our home-learning leaflets to help you and your child play together.

Bookbug is back...this time with a numeracy theme for Maths Week! Looking forward to welcome you here on Thursday

**Please remember the Jellybean Man if you can. Nursery families are invited to contribute £2 per week to our nursery fund. This money goes right back to your child in the form of daily snacks and local outings.**



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your child is in a particular curricular area they will require additional support when they return to school.

However, I know that children regularly become unwell during the school term and if your child is ill we **do** ask that you keep them at home until you are confident they are no longer contagious and able to cope with a full day at school. I am delighted at the number of families who are contacting us early each morning to notify us of any absences. **Please continue to phone the school office and update us to ensure we know where every child is and know they are safe and accounted for.** If we cannot make contact with you we will telephone all emergency contacts to establish the safe whereabouts of your child. If we cannot make any contact a house-call would need to be arranged by myself, social work or the police. We will obviously aim to keep such visits to a minimum, so we value your help here in contacting us at the earliest opportunity.

### *In Other News...*

We will accept Harvest donations from Tuesday of next week, culminating in our Harvest Festival on Friday.

We look forward to welcoming some S4 pupils from Coatbridge High School next week as they carry out a week of work experience as a classroom assistant. Developing our Young Workforce!

### *Don't Forget...*

Next week we will have **Week 3** Lunch Menu, plus:

Monday 30.9.19	HOLIDAY MONDAY It is MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND - get involved!
Tuesday 1.10.19	Look out for Homework coming home Mini Movers in the nursery Healthy Families Club
Wednesday 2.10.19	We will welcome any Harvest donations any day this week
Thursday 3.10.19	Garden Warriors working with Toni Bookbug Sessions with a Maths Week theme!
Friday 4.10.19	Harvest Celebration Kodaly Music for P.5 School Choir
Following Week	School closes for October Week holiday on 8th October