

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**. In her absence, Mr Sharp and Mrs McGarry (Principal Teachers) will take on this role.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Please remember to telephone the school office if you know your child is going to be absent. It is **crucial** that we know that **all of our pupils are accounted for**. We are duty-bound to ensure your child is safe and will continue to attempt to make contact using all emergency telephone numbers at our disposal, followed by home-visits, involving other services, if necessary.

PARENT COUNCIL

Our Parent Council are hard at work this month. Arts & Crafts Clubs have started after school, making items to sell at our upcoming Christmas Market. Start saving your pennies as they will have loads of goodies to sell in December! They are also set for the first Disco of the year next week. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**



Welcome Back to Term 2!

Here we are, ready to face the autumn already! Don't forget the clocks go back by one hour this Sunday, 27 October. Next week we have our Parent Council Hallowe'en Discos and our Fancy Dress Parade in school too. We are looking forward to seeing what amazing creations you have been working on this year! Letters came out earlier this week with arrangements for Thursday. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

I continue to monitor pupil absence and will be in touch with those families who are falling below the expected level of attendance set by the local authority and Scottish Government. As much as we want to see everyone in school when they are fit, we do appreciate there are legitimate reasons for your child being absent throughout the school year. **If your child has a period of vomiting or diarrhoea, please follow NHS guidelines and keep them at home until they have had no symptoms for 48 hours.** If you are ever in doubt over exclusion times from school following an illness, we have a checklist at Reception that covers most common ailments.





NURSERY NEWS

What a treat to come back from our holidays to new flooring in our playrooms and toilets. We hope you agree that the new wood-effect really brightens up our learning environment.

With this in place and our new tables too, we are now all set to start our *Loving Lunches* next week. Letters came home earlier this week detailing how this will work. If you have any questions about this, please ask any one of the nursery team.

Mindfulness sessions continue each week. Everyone is enjoying these sessions, led by Miss Ralston and Mrs New.

Remember we will be having our Hallowe'en Parties during our normal sessions on Thursday.



BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SUCCEED

Homework is now up and running and most learners have got into a new routine. Please remember that **READING BOOKS** should be put back into your child's school bag every night. These books are used in class almost every day, so **MUST** be available to allow lessons to proceed. It is also worth remembering that Homework jotters **must** be returned on a Friday morning to count towards Class of the Week.

Please remember that we **do not** have the facilities to share pupil birthday cakes from P.1 to P.7. Teachers are often on their own within the classroom and are not able to deal with this within a normal working day. Unlike the nursery, we do not have designated food preparation areas in every room. The likelihood of food-contamination or allergies is too great a risk to take.

In Other News...

We held our second Fire Drill of the session this week. I am delighted that we continue to be able to evacuate the building in less than 2 minutes. If you are a frequent visitor to our school building, please familiarise yourself with all our Emergency Exits and Assembly Points. If you are not sure of these, why not ask your child to tell you? You will be impressed at how much they know about keeping safe in school.

Don't Forget...

We continue with **Week 2** of our existing menu next week. The new menu will start in three weeks.

Monday 28.10.19	P.7 Bikeability - final session Miss Hughes, teaching student, starts in P.1 Loving Lunches start in the nursery P.4 Multi-Sports Lunch Club (P.6 Sports Leaders)
Tuesday 29.10.19	Mr Sharp to internet safety training Mrs Nicolson working with self-improving schools group P.2 Multi-Sports Lunch Club (P.6 Sports Leaders)
Wednesday 30.10.19	P3 Multi-Sports Lunch Club (P.7 Sports Leaders) Staff from CHS to visit P.6 - Public Speaking competition P.4-7 Multi-Sports After School Club Parent Council Hallowe'en Discos (Evening Event)
Thursday 31.10.19	P.5 Multi-Sports Lunch Club (P.6 Sports Leaders) 1pm - Fancy Dress Parade!
Friday 1.11.19	Celebration Assembly - Peer Mediation P.1 Multi-Sports Lunch Club (P.7 Sports Leaders) Fun 31
Following Week	Arts & Craft Club back on this week. Scottish SPCA visit