

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.

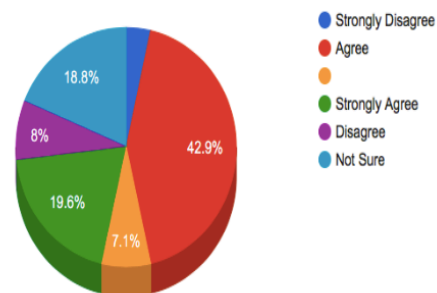
HEALTH & WELLBEING

I had a visit from Councillor Woods this week, who is also concerned about parking and traffic congestion on Old Monkland Road at the end of the school day. I assured her that as a school community we are committed to tackling this too, for the health and wellbeing of our children. As well as concerns over safety on the road, we also need to consider air pollution with a great number of cars sitting with their engines idling. Thank you to everyone who continues to 'Park & Stride'.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't forget Christmas Lunch will be served on Wednesday. If your child has not ordered this, they **MUST BRING THEIR OWN PACKED LUNCH**. No Pack-a-Snacks or other options will be available that day.

Results as a chart: 'I know how I would go about applying for free school meals and clothing grants.'



Money Matters

Many thanks to everyone who took the time to complete our recent parental survey on the cost of the school day. 112 families took part; which is our greatest return on a questionnaire yet. This is most encouraging, as the more who take part, the more confident we can be that we are getting a true picture of your opinions. A full breakdown of your feedback will be posted on the app and website over the coming days, but we have already identified some key areas where we can make an immediate difference. As you can see from the chart above, more than one third of parents in our sample are not sure how to apply for grants available. Other comments suggested that help may be needed when completing these forms. In the new year, we will offer informal drop-in sessions for parents and carers, where we can tackle this and your other suggestions. At this time of year, everyone is conscious of how much we are spending, so I must give a HUGE thanks to everyone who has donated to our various charity collections over recent weeks. You have been more than generous! *On a similar theme, can I remind you that school staff DO NOT expect personal gifts at any time of year.* If your child wants to show his or her





NURSERY NEWS

Lots of festive fun at our Christmas themed Bookbug this week. Many thanks to all the families who have taken part this term. We will restart these sessions in the new year. Please come along, even if you haven't been before - you will be made most welcome.

Ms Ralston has sent out her Talking Tips for the month. Take time to read these. If there are any bits you are not sure about, please ask; we are here to help.

If you want to purchase tickets for our Carol Concerts, remember these are still on sale. Either leave your money with Nursery staff, or pop into the school office at 11.30am-12pm or 2pm-3pm.



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teacher or support worker their appreciation, we would be delighted to receive a handmade card or drawing. Please do not spend money on us - we really do want to cut the cost of your school day.

In Other News...

If you haven't heard yet, our football team were over the moon to win their latest match 6-2 this week. Mr Gall was yet again proud of the sportsmanship and team spirit that shone through. GO KIRKSHAW'S!

I had the pleasure of visiting all classes at work in Maths this week. I am most impressed with the mental agility of learners at all stages. The confidence in manipulating numbers and the willingness to 'have a go' is amazing in every class. If you haven't done so, ask your child to show you some of the strategies they use in NUMBER TALKS, letting them pick the numbers and the sum... you will be amazed!

We kicked off the festive season with a performance by our school choir this afternoon (Friday). Led by Mrs McGregor, the children sang like angels. The pressure is now on to keep up this high standard as we practise for our Carol Concert. Thank you for supporting us in this annual fundraiser. Remember, every penny from ticket money goes straight back to your children for those little extras, such as their Christmas Parties.

Don't Forget...

We continue with **Week 1** of our new menu.

Monday 09.12.19	We are off to the Pantomime - Oh, yes we are! Remember school uniform and a small snack. Packed lunches or Pack-a-Snacks will be eaten back in school.
Tuesday 10.12.19	Primary 4 & 5 Party
Wednesday 11.12.19	CHRISTMAS LUNCH Any available Carol Concert tickets go on general sale today, with no limit to number per family.
Thursday 12.12.19	GENERAL ELECTION SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED TO PUPILS
Friday 13.12.19	Primary 6 & 7 Party Snap Shot Jotters will be coming home.
Following Week	Parties continue Carol Concerts - Mon. (pm), Tue. & Wed. (am) Parent Council Christmas Market