

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

It may be winter, but our teachers will still be looking for any opportunities to take learning outside whenever they can. Please remind your child to wear a warm, waterproof jacket to school each day, even when it may appear milder. We love living in Scotland, but we know how unpredictable the weather can be.

Literacy & English

Story Sacks and Book Bags continue to be sent home to all families in Primary 1 and Primary 2 on a fortnightly basis. Please remember, these are intended to be shared and enjoyed with your child, with an adult at home taking the lead. These books are not taught in school in the same way reading books are. Do not expect your child to be able to read all texts independently.



Community Partnership

Have you heard the news? Our school football team has a new sponsor. Don't we look smart! Many thanks to Steven McCormick of SJM Tyres who has provided us with a new kit, including jackets for the coaches. If you are passing the school playground over the coming weeks, you will see me proudly wearing mine! I'm not sure I can complete with Mr Gall when it comes to coaching and training, but I will certainly be cosy when I am cheering the team on during upcoming matches. Thank you, Mr McCormick - you're a star!

Our Sports Committee is still meeting regularly, continuing to promote sports across all classes with a wide range of activities on offer. As well as after-school clubs, we also have an increasing number of lunchtime and breakfast clubs available. Many of these are planned and run by our young sports leaders, allowing all our learners to complete their pathways. As always, huge thanks must go to Mr Sharp for his vision and drive here.

We have had a few more families contact us this week about registering children for Primary 1, starting in August. If you forgot about this, or know of any families who have missed it, could you please contact the school



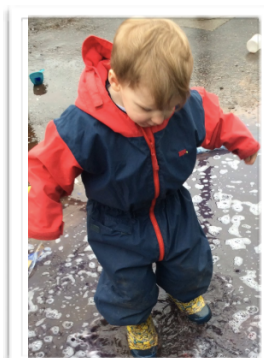


NURSERY NEWS

Looking forward to meeting with many of you at our next Coffee and Chat session, held on Thursday 30th January in the school library. There will be a morning and afternoon meeting to tie in with your child's nursery session. All parents and carers are more than welcome to come along and share your ideas and opinions. Speak to Miss Ralston if you want to know more.

Please remember our Jelly Bean Man. Our nursery fund is running very low at the moment. All contributions would be gratefully received, allowing us to purchase daily snacks and take part in more community outings.

Please check your child has a change of clothes in nursery at all times. The wet Scottish weather will not keep up indoors!



office on 01236 632054 as soon as possible to arrange a time to come in and see us.

Remember our Sponsored Walk! It is only a few weeks until we hit the streets of Coatbridge to raise funds for our upcoming trips. For only 20p you can guess the number of steps taken by one pupil and possibly win a prize! Every 20p raised will be gratefully received. Next week a permission letter will be coming home, with a return slip for any family members who hope to join us. Look out for these in school bags.

In Other News...

Do you, or a member of your family, work in banking or finance? Are you able to help audit our School Fund? If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact Mrs Nicolson directly to discuss what this would involve. Alternatively, if you would be interested in joining a School Fund Committee, working alongside school staff throughout the session, please give Mrs Nicolson a call to discuss this further.

Or perhaps you would rather be involved in our new Coffee and Chat group. Building on the success of this group in the nursery, we are hoping many of you will use the school as a safe place to meet and share ideas, concerns, problems and possible solutions. Letters coming home about this next week.

Don't Forget...

Next week is **Week 1** of our lunch menu.

Monday 27.01.20	School Show Club after school Mrs Nicolson to ICT course after school 6pm - Parents' Workshop with a Maths focus
Tuesday 28.01.20	Fluoride Varnishing for nursery - P.4 pupils Mr Sharp and Miss Ralston both out at training events 3pm - P.4-7 Athletics and Family Cooking Clubs
Wednesday 29.01.20	Don't forget to return permission slips for our Sponsored Walk, planned for 14th February
Thursday 30.01.20	Nursery Coffee and Chat meetings (am and pm) Mr Sharp and Mr Gall both out at training events
Friday 31.01.20	Kodaly Music for Primary 5 School Choir (P.5-7) 3pm - P.3-5 Girls Football
Following Week	3rd Feb - Parent Council Meeting 7pm Dental Health Checks - P.1-P.7 CHS Burns Supper