



Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK! I hope you have had a wonderful summer despite the weather! It would appear that summer is just beginning. A special welcome is extended to our new Kirktonholme children and their families. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and working with you and your child. Welcome to our KPS family!

Your children are looking extremely smart in their uniforms - thank you for making this effort. It was great to see you all at our recent Meet the Teacher event and we hope it has provided you with the first steps of building a positive relationship with your child's teacher. Please share what you think of the Meet the Teacher event as we are always open to feedback. The feedback link is

<https://forms.office.com/e/fYd69pCWVF> and can also be found on the school app.

We have also extended an invitation to any brave P2-P7 parents to join your child's class at a Loose Parts workshop next week. These will take place in the playground and you can enter via the white playground gate. We hope this is another opportunity to foster relationships with us. We appreciate not everyone can make these type of events but please be rest assured we have a planned programme of a variety of opportunities at different times and on different days so we hope you can be involved at some point.

We have had a busy start to the year already and we are really excited about our fun filled year ahead at Kirktonholme. I have included a diary page for you to make a note of all the planned events and diary dates. As always, if you have any questions, queries or suggestions do not hesitate to get in touch with the team. We are very approachable and only to happy to help.

Best wishes, Linda Wright

PS Please download our school app as all communication is issued through this. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username Kirktonholme and password is 2023.

Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



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Care Inspectorate

This week our nursery class had an unexpected visit from Care Inspectorate. Thank you to all of our families for returning the surveys. I am delighted that they were able to recognise the strengths we have in our team, the level of care and the opportunities for play and learning we are able to provide your children. They also made comment on the strong community we have at Kirktonholme. We are so lucky to have such a great community. Thank you for your support.

Wish list: Can you help?

We are looking for -

Toy cars puppet theatre Lego/Duplo
Jigsaws (100 piece&under) board games

😊 Please hand in any donations to school office😊

Links to Teamwork

Classes 2023/24

I am delighted to confirm the following teaching team for this year.

Early Learning Class Mrs Moran, Mrs Young,
Mrs Murray, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Watt, Mrs Lynch,
Miss McKendrick, Miss Smith, Mrs Anthanopolous

P1	Room 1	Mrs McGhee
P1	Room 2	Mrs Everett
P1/2	Room 3	Miss Ferguson
P2	Room 4	Mrs Henderson
P2/3	Room 5	Mrs Bromley
P3	Room 6	Miss McAdie
P4	Room 7	Miss Ferguson & Miss Little
P4	Room 8	Mrs Prentice & Mrs Scott
P5	Room 9	Mrs Collins & Mrs McLaughlin
P5	Room 10	Mrs Johnston & Mr Constable
P6	Room 11	Mrs Niewcasz
P6	Room 12	Miss McWilliam
P7	Room 13	Miss Scott
P7	Room 14	Mrs L Miller

Mrs Wall is also part of our teaching team.

Mrs Clow DHT has responsibility for nursery & P1

Mrs V Miller has responsibility for P2, P3 & P4

Mrs Souter has responsibility for P5, P6

Mrs Wright has responsibility for P7



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Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be hosting their AGM on Monday 11th September at 6.30pm and you are warmly invited to attend. It is a great way to get to know the school and an opportunity to meet other parents. The Parent Council support our school in a variety of different ways. You can keep up with the Parent Council using their Facebook page and minutes of meetings are posted on our school website.

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Parents in the playground

Our playground is supervised from 8.45am

Parents please remember...

- ✚ to remain at the back of the playground (this makes our supervision much easier)
- ✚ do not approach other children
- ✚ no dogs allowed (even in arms)
- ✚ no smoking or vaping
- ✚ say hello and chat to other parents and staff

Links to **Respect**



Car Park

Our school car park continues to be an area of significant challenge for both you as parents and us as the school team. We must work together to keep our children safe. **Please try to use other means of travel to school or alternative dropping off or collecting points, avoiding the car park and Dornoch Place where possible.** In the morning the car park is available for drop off only and children must use the pavements. Do NOT allow your child to exit on the driver's side. Please be prepared for congestion delays if you choose to enter Dornoch Place. The only parents allowed to park in our car park are nursery parents and families in possession of a blue badge. Blue badge owners should have contacted the school in advance providing evidence of their status. I appreciate the frustrations some of you have experienced using the car park and my advice is to plan ahead and make alternative arrangements.

School lunches

P1-5 children are entitled to a free school lunch. Please help your child by checking the menu the night before so they know what they will choose. If they do not like the choices then please provide a packed lunch. The new menu started on Monday and menus are available on our school website and SLC website. School lunches are now £2.00 and should be paid for using Parent Pay.

Links to **Achievement**

Parent Portal

Parent Portal will be issuing annual data checks soon. Please check your data and make any changes. If you haven't joined this portal, you must do so as this will now be the formal method of communication from SLC and our school. If you need any help please get in touch with the office.

Parent Channel

<http://www.westpartnership.co.uk/parent-channel/>

There is a new Parent Channel from the West Partnership which provides free online content on how to help children with their learning. Don't forget we have links to an online learning resource for children on our website.

- ELC & P1 choose Early Level
- P2-P4 choose First Level
- P5-P7 Second Level

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Outdoors



As part of our curriculum we access outdoors regularly for exercising and learning so children will require practical clothing such as waterproof jackets. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It may be worth them keeping a spare pair of shorts/leggings/joggies in their schoolbag just in case.

We are a NUT FREE school
NO Nutella or Snickers please

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING, SCHOOL BAGS, PACKED LUNCH BOXES & WATER BOTTLES.