



September 2023 Newsletter



## Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

### welcome

A warm welcome back to our returning families and an equally warm welcome to the families who are joining us this session. Our team are looking forward to working with you all and are excited for the year ahead.

### Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play event of the session will be during week beginning 2nd October.

Our Stay and Play sessions give our children an opportunity to share their learning with their families. Up to two adults per child are invited to come in and see our Early Learning Class in action. Families are invited in at the start of the session until around 09:30. Please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for each group's date.

We are really looking forward to your visit.

### Newsletters

Newsletters for our Early Learning Class and school are normally published on the first working day of each month and will be posted on our school website and the school app. Please take the time to look at the newsletters to ensure that you are aware of everything that is happening in our school and you do not miss key dates/events. If any family has difficulty accessing our newsletters online, please speak with Mrs Moran, Mrs Clow or the school office.



### Lunchtime

At lunchtime each group has their own table that is decorated with flowers and a talking point of the day. On a Friday we will soon be reintroducing our Golden Table. The team select children for lots of different reasons, to have a place at the Golden Table.

A reminder that our school is a nut free zone, please do not send any nuts with packed lunches including chocolate and nut spreads.

### Who do I belong to!



Please **label everything** that your child brings to school. This will help staff reunite you with lost items of clothing.

### Google Classroom



All children will soon be issued with their Glow email address and a temporary password. Password should be changed for security purposes. For safety and security no part of this online platform may be copied, shared or reproduced for personal use.

We are encouraging all our families to have the Kirktonholme Primary School App. Our App details are available from the school office and nursery. We use our App to give notifications to families e.g. late start due to snow, dress down days, etc.

**Clothing Grant for 3 and 4 year olds.** Children aged 3 and 4 who meet the eligibility criteria will get a clothing grant, which is currently £130 per year. Most families that are eligible will be automatically provided with the grant based on information held by the team at benefits and revenue, however parents can also apply. The Council's web site will be updated with the information for 3 and 4 years olds, and can be found by searching online for South Lanarkshire Council school clothing grants.

### **Dress for the weather**

In East Kilbride it can seem as if we experience four seasons in one day and as outdoor learning is such a big part of our curriculum, please dress your child for the weather and ensure that they have suncream in their bag.

### **Car Park**

Our car park is very busy, but we are fortunate to have a parking area designated for our nursery, this area is the parking bay facing the nursery door. If you have a blue disabled badge please email a copy of it to the school office for the attention of Mrs Wright to enable you to make use of our disabled spaces.

### **Focus**

Our first focus of the session, as chosen by the children, is Bears. This focus is expected to be wide ranging depending upon the interests of the children.

We may even squeeze in a teddy bears' picnic!

### **What have I been up to?**

If your child takes part in activities outwith nursery, please share their achievements with us. We always enjoy sharing celebrations and achievements with everyone and it gives the children a further opportunity to shine!



### **Shoes and bags**

Children can keep indoor shoes in school to change into each day, they can also bring a water bottle and a bag with a change of clothing.

### **Dates for the Diary**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** School Closed

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** School Closed

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** Yellow Group Stay and Play

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** Blue Group Stay and Play

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** Green Group Stay and Play

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** Orange Group Stay and Play

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** Red Group Stay and Play

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** School closes for October week break at 3pm

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** School reopens

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** School closed for InSet day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Nativity 09:30

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** School closes at 2:30pm for Winter break

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