



October 2023 Newsletter



## Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

### Google Classroom



Everyone should have received information on how to log into our Google Classroom. The photographs and other materials on our Google Classroom will let the children see the things that they have been up to in nursery and help them share their learning with their families.

Items posted on our Google Classroom must not be copied or reposted. Thank you for your understanding.

### Annual Planner 2023/24

We have put some key dates in our annual calendar:

Parents Night Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Nativity Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (morning)

Christmas party Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Leavers' Prizegiving Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)

**Please note that these dates are subject to change if circumstances change.**

### Adult Helpers

Part of our curriculum involves visits out with nursery and we would be grateful of any parent/carer helpers. All adult helpers require a PVG, so if you would have some time to spare, please complete the online PVG application and email it to our school office (address at the end of this newsletter). Our office team will then forward it for processing.

### Kirktonholme Has Talent

We know that our Kirktonholme community is very talented and if any parents/carers have any talents that they would like to share with the children or our team, please get in touch.

### Care Inspectorate

As you may be aware we had a routine, unannounced, Care Inspector visit in September. Our team would like to thank all the families who took time to either speak with the inspectors and/or return their questionnaires. Our finalised report is now available to read on the Care Inspectorate website. It highlights many of our strengths and has some suggestions for our consideration. There are no requirements for us to address and our next Care Inspectorate visit is expected to be in line with their rolling programme of establishment inspections.

### Packed Lunches



Recent South Lanarkshire Council guidance for packed lunches recommends that they have a small ice pack included in them to keep food fresh. If any families do not have ice packs at home or forget to put them in lunch boxes, do not worry as we have purchased some for use. If you do not wish us to put an ice pack in your child's lunch box just let the team know, we will follow your wishes.



## **Stay and Play**

We would like to offer families the opportunity to stay and play with their children, to give you a flavour of what your children are doing when they are with us. Each group's families are invited from the start of the session until around 09:30 (please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for your date). Due to the size of our playroom we ask that a maximum of two adults attend and that no younger children attend.

## **School App**

If you do not yet have our school app, please ask Mrs Moran or the school office for details. Our app is a very useful way of keeping up to date with school news.

## **Car Park**

We are lucky enough to have a designated parking area adjacent to our nursery entrance. We request that families only use the nursery parking bays to drop off and collect their child from nursery. If you also collect a child from school then please consider using alternative parking out with the school grounds.

Our signposted staff parking area is for staff only.

The disabled bays are strictly for use by blue badge holders or with prior permission from Mrs Wright.

## **Updated policies/guidelines/procedures**

We update our policies and procedures annually. If you would like any help to find anything in particular please speak to our Team Leader, Mrs Moran.

## **How do we keep families informed?**

As a team we strive to ensure that families feel well informed about all aspects of nursery life. We aim to do this through; monthly newsletters, annual questionnaires, stay and play sessions, telephone calls with a member of the leadership team prior to your child starting, daily contact with staff, parents' evenings, invitations to events, etc. If there is any aspect of your child's learning that you would like to know more about, please ask the team.



## **Nursery Applications**

All Early Years application forms should be completed on South Lanarkshire Council's website. Any family who has a child who will be three on or before 28/02/25 should ensure that an application form is submitted on or before 20/02/24.

## **Fancy Dress**

We will be having a dressing up party with fun and games on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We have no theme and children can dress up as any character they wish. If your child does not like dressing then they do not have to, dressing up is optional.

Please do not bring accessories for costumes, as these can get easily lost and be very upsetting for the children.



## **The Great Outdoors**

A big thank you to Mrs Watt for organising new paint for our outdoor area and to our whole team for their painting expertise. Our revamped outdoor area is looking fabulous!

## Dates for the Diary



### *Stay and Play dates*

**Monday 2nd October Yellow Group**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Blue Group**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October Green Group**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October Orange Group**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October Red Group**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October Parents Night**

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

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November School closed  
for InSet day**

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January School reopens**

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