



Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe we are now into the month of October? I don't know about you, but I am still waiting for summer. We have a few parent events planned for this month. Our nursery class has Stay and Play sessions this week and our P1 parents have been invited to a Parent Workshop today. Next week we will be hosting our Parents Night and the online booking system has been sent through Parent Portal so if you have not joined yet, I would make sure you do. Our friendly office team are here to help if you need any. We will eventually be weaning ourselves off of the school app and using Parent Portal as our main form of communication so it is worth getting this set up.

This year we are aiming to become a Reading School and as part of this we are re-establishing the strong links we have with East Kilbride library. Between now and December all of our P4-P7 classes will visit Rhona at the library and she will come to visit the P1-P3 classes. Letters will be issued (via Parent Portal) soon and we are always on the lookout for parent helpers. So please don't be shy in volunteering if you are able. We would also like your help by filling out a parent survey about reading. Please click on the link to access. These surveys work best if you are using Google Chrome.

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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 too happy to help.

Best wishes, Linda Wright

PS Currently we are still using our school app for communication. Download the App called PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username Kirktonholme and ask our office for the password.

Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



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Parents Night

Parents Night is Thursday 12th October from 3.30-5.30 and 6.30 - 8.30pm. Online booking of appointments is via the new Parent Portal so please make sure you have joined. Any problems with this then please contact the office team.

Wish list: Can you help?

Thanks to everyone who has donated for our new Nurture space. We are delighted with our goodies and will put them to good use.

This month we are looking for any old dressing up /costumes so we can have a Halloween pop shop for anyone who needs a costume. We are also looking ahead to the big C and if you have any old Christmas jumpers please hand them in too. 😊

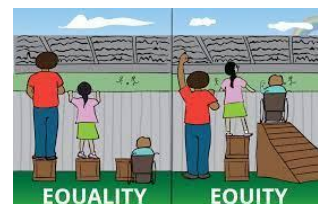
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Participatory Budget

Thank you to the Pupil Council for organising our community vote and thank you to everyone who took part. I'm glad our voting system is not closely scrutinised as I believe there was some attempt at swaying some of the adult votes!!! The results are in and the winner is...

SCHOOL TRIPS

This is a great result as the cost of transport for trips is astronomical so this will allow all children to participate and it is a way to enhance equity within our school. The Pupil Council will be working on arranging trips for every class in the school. Look out for the letters on Parent Portal and we will be looking for parent helpers to accompany the classes.





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Heart Groups

This week our P4-P7 will be participating in our HEART groups. These are groups led by the pupils where they take responsibility to lead and improve aspects of our school. They will meet every month on a Wednesday afternoon. We will be looking for any parents who would be interested in joining us.

The groups are

- ✚ Captains
- ✚ Pupil Council
- ✚ Eco Warriors
- ✚ Health & Wellbeing Ambassadors
- ✚ STEM leaders
- ✚ Rights Leaders
- ✚ Reading Schools
- ✚ Making a difference
- ✚ Creativity
- ✚ Culture Club

This is one of the opportunities we facilitate for your child to participate. I'm looking forward to seeing all their improvement projects in action.

Links to **Respect**

Chaplains

As part of the curriculum, our children learn about world religions. This is Religious Education. In addition, a few of our assemblies will include a short religious observance eg a story and a prayer. We work in partnership with our school Chaplains who are David Graham, East Mains Baptist Church and Mahboob Masih West Parish Church and they help to deliver the religious observance, including events such as the Christmas and Easter Service. If parents wish to withdraw their child from religious observance, this is required in writing to the school.

Links to **Excellence**

Care Inspectorate

Our report is now available to read online. The Care Inspectorate recognised the positive relationships within our nursery and the strength we have in our staff team who work very well together. It is pleasing that the Inspectors were able to validate what we already know and love about our nursery!

Links to **Teamwork**

Diary Dates

A full list of dates has already been issued but here is a reminder, along with some new events. Health warning - these dates can be prone to change!

Every Friday until 10th Nov P7 Bikeability

Every Tuesday until 21st Nov P6 Swimming

Mon 2nd Oct ELC Stay and Play Yellow Group
P1 Parent Workshop

Tues 3rd Oct ELC Stay and Play Blue Group

Wed 4th Oct ELC Stay and Play Green Group

Thur 5th Oct ELC Stay and Play Orange Group

Fri 6th Oct ELC Stay and Play Red Group

Thur 12th Oct Parents Night 3.30-8.30pm

Mon 16th-20th Oct HOLIDAY

Thur 26th Oct Halloween Discos

Mon 30th Oct P7 Parents info night @Duncanrig
(parents & children invited)

Mon 13th Nov INSERVICE DAY

Week begin 13th Nov

Scottish Book Week - come and read with me

Sat 25th Nov Christmas Fayre

Fri 1st Dec KOP conference

Thu 14th Dec am ELC Nativity pm P1&2 Nativity

Wed 20th Dec P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30 & 1.30

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day.

The next one is Friday 27th October and dressing up costumes can be worn on this occasion.

Links to **Achievement**

Sports Festivals

This year we will be taking part in the Athletics Festivals at John Wright Sports Centre and we will be playing football and netball against our local schools. Thank you to our staff who volunteer to coach these teams in their own time. It is much appreciated.

Links to **Achievement** P7 Residential

£50 payment is due before October holiday.

We are a NUT FREE school
NO Nutella or Snickers please

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. THANK YOU 😊