



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy December! I hope those pesky elves haven't been giving you too much trouble in recent days but judging by the stories from the children, they are more creative than ever. We have many activities planned for our children over the next few weeks and I will issue our 12 days of Christmas countdown with this newsletter so you can keep up with our goings-on. To make life a bit easier for you, I have highlighted in yellow the days that affect you as a parent.

Of course the season to be jolly started last weekend with our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our school. There was a real sense of community and it was lovely to see you all. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and hard working Parent Council who organised a fun and enjoyable community event. They are very committed to providing experiences for you and your family. Not only did we all have a good time, but over £2000 was raised in the process. Absolutely wonderful! Thank you to our Parent Council.

Whilst we have the exciting seasonal fun to look forward to, the learning and teaching continues. I hope you enjoyed the experience of having your child's progress jotter home. Your children have been very enthusiastic in wanting to share their learning with you. One child told me, "I got to show my Gran and she loved it! She said my story of the little old lady was just like her!" Now wouldn't that warm your heart? Please return all jotters as soon as possible (and don't forget to write them a comment)

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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## KOP conference



We hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual KOP conference on Friday. This was an opportunity for our children to share their learning on climate change and sustainability. Our famous icons Captain Climate Change and his sidekick Stick Boy were in attendance. Please take the time to ask your child what they learned at the conference - you will be amazed and I'm sure they could teach some of the world leaders a thing or two!

Well done to Mr Constable and Room 10 on their very hard work.

### Tell us what you think

We would love to hear your views about the progress jotters and reports we issued recently. Please look out for the short survey.

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## Nativities & Carol Concert



The children are busy practising for their shows. This year parents are invited to the

- ❖ Nursery Nativity on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am (no ticket required)
- ❖ P1 & P2 Nativity on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

2 tickets will be issued to our P1&P2 families. We ask that if you are not attending that you return the tickets please.

- ❖ P3-P7 Carol Concert on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 and 1.30pm

Tickets for the Carol Concert will be £2 each. This is one of our few fundraisers for the year and pays for the children's Christmas parties. Tickets will be on sale via ParentPay. There is a limit of 2 tickets per child and more will be released closer to the time. Any children in receipt of means tested free school meals will receive a **free ticket**.

Doors will open 10 minutes before each performance and remember there is VERY limited parking.



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## Getting Winter Ready



It is a very rare event for schools to close due to weather conditions. In the unlikely event this does happen, we will notify you as soon as possible by our school app. South Lanarkshire Council would also put out a notice on media channels such as the radio, X (formerly known as Twitter) and Facebook. Please be make sure any post is a current one and not one from previous years. Don't be caught out.

My advice to parents is if the weather is bad in the mornings, please take your time. We won't mind if you are late on this occasion, as long as you get here safely!

On cold and icy days, our janitor will salt one clear path into the school grounds. Please remind your child to stay on this path in order to keep them safe. Thank you.

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## 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!*

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	KOP3 conference
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir @ Bosfield Sheltered Housing
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Athletics FINALS
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P3 & P4 party
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas lunch (order in advance) Christmas jumper day
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am ELC Nativity 2pm P1&2 Nativity
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service P5 & P6 party
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P7 party
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am P3-P7 Carol Concert 1.30pm P3-7 Carol Concert
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Nursery party am & P1 & P2 party pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	school closes 2.30pm

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next one is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

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## READING SCHOOLS

We have applied for Reading Schools status. As part of this work all P4-P7 classes have visited the library. Rhona has been most welcoming. All children now have a library card I would encourage you to take them again to EK library. Thank you to our parents who were able to come in during Book Week and read to their child. The biggest support you can do for your child's learning, is to encourage a love for reading.

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## Football Fixtures



Our football team has been busy over the past few weeks. They lost against Long Calderwood but secured an excellent victory against Auldhouse Primary. Training will resume in January.

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## P1 Registrations



P1 registration for children beginning school in August 2024 will take place in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> January. Applications should be made online. You will need the birth certificate and two proofs of address. We are still taking Nursery applications. This can be completed online or by phoning the school office. Applications must be made by end of February.

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Thank you for all payments so far. The remainder (£120) should be paid by the end of January. Total amount paid will be £190.

This is the last week for homework and dance club.

Please hand in any out grown party clothes and Christmas jumpers for our pop up Xmas Swap Shop.