



## December 2023 Newsletter



### Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

#### Focus



Christmas and Winter are our focuses of the month! We will be immersing ourselves in all things glittery and festive!



#### Christmas Hampers



Our team would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to donate something for our hampers. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity. We raised the wonderful amount of £244.20 at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday!

We received so many donations that we have been able to make hampers to raffle at our Nativity too. The funds raised will enable us to purchase things for our learning activities that our budget does not stretch to.

Thank you very much everyone, we know that we are lucky to have such supportive families!



#### Parent/Carer Coffee Morning



We are holding a coffee and mince pies morning on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in our school dining hall at 9am and you are warmly invited to attend. We hope this event will give our families a chance to get together and make some new friends.

Miss McKendrick has been on some training recently and will take a few minutes of your time to share her ideas

about parental engagement for next term.



#### Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Children can wear party clothes to nursery, but please do not buy anything especially for the party, as play clothes will be fine.

The day will be full of festive fun and we are keeping our fingers crossed for an appearance from a very special Christmas visitor!



#### Christmas Lunch

Our Early Learning Class Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and you will have ordered your lunch with Mrs Moran already. If you chose not order a Christmas lunch please provide a packed lunch on this date, as there will be no other lunch options available.



#### Sibling Stay and Play

We will be inviting older siblings, who attend Kirktonholme Primary School, to visit our nursery on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December to play with their younger brothers and sisters. This event is always great fun and our children love to share their learning with their families.



#### Place 2 Be

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11-year-olds offering practical advice on supporting and managing behaviours.

## Thank You!

A huge thank you to Morrisons Stewartfield who donated flour and oil for our play dough and biscuits for our party. We really appreciate Morrison's generosity!



## Nativity

The performance of our Miracle in Town Nativity will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The children and staff team are working extremely hard on this year's special production, and we are really looking forward to showcasing your hardworking and talented children. The performance will be in the school hall at 09:30 and doors will open around 09:15. All welcome and make sure you have your hankies at the ready!

***Please note that no part of the Nativity can be reproduced for your own personal use or photographs posted on social media.***

If possible, could children wear a light coloured, short sleeved, top on this day? The lights on the stage are very warm and this will help to keep the children cool under their costumes.

We will be inviting siblings to watch our dress rehearsal, to ensure that they can see their brothers and sisters shine!



## Questioning

As a team we have had a focus on questioning to support and encourage thinking skills, curiosity and problem solving in the world around us. Three of the questions that we are going to be using are;

I wonder why...?

What do you think...?

What if...?

## Scottish Book Week



We had a great day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November when our two Primary Six classes came and read to our Nursery children. Primary Six particularly enjoyed getting to know our children as they will be our Primary Seven buddies for Primary One next session and they also enjoyed having a play!



## Primary One Registration



If your child is due to start Primary One in August 2024, you will have to register them for their local school from week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. The enrolment form should be completed on South Lanarkshire Council's website. To enrol your child in school you will need your child's full birth certificate and two proofs of address, usually dated within the last three months, in the name of the adult completing the enrolment form. If Kirktonholme Primary School is your catchment school, even if you are making a placing request out, we will be in touch to give you some information about starting school once you have completed the online enrolment form.

If any parent would like to discuss any aspect of school registration, please speak with Mrs Wright or Mrs Clow

Everyone at Kirktonholme would like to send you and your families our very best wishes for the festive season and new year ahead!

Diary dates are overleaf..!



## Dates for the Diary



**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Coffee

Morning 9am

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas lunch

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

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Sibling stay and play

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

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

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** Primary One Registration opens

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday**

**13<sup>th</sup> February** Half-term holiday

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February** InSet day, school closed

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February** Closing date for nursery applications for session 2024/25



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