



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! On behalf of the Kirktonholme Team, I would like to wish you and your family a bright and healthy 2024 and hope you are well rested and energised for the year ahead.

Whilst the holidays are now a distant memory, I would like to thank everyone who helped celebrate Christmas with us by coming to the Nativities and Carol Concert. Weren't our children amazing? It is wonderful to see the confidence grow in our children and to see the joy in their faces. I know the performances would have put some sparkle into your festive season. As part of our Christmas celebrations, we like to reach out to our community. I have had some wonderful feedback from the recipients of the heartwarming HEARTs for homes which we send out. Every child had to make a heart with a special Christmas message and these were sent to local care homes and the hospice. The Kilbryde Hospice decorated their building with P4's hearts and raised a smile with their lovely jokes. Also during the final week our wonderful choir entertained the residents of McKillop Gardens. We are very proud to be celebrating with our community.

We are looking forward to our very busy term ahead. January is Scots month at Kirktonholme. Children will be learning some Scots poems and celebrating the variety of cultures that make up Scotland. In February we will be focusing on what nurture means within our school and sharing our learning at our first Nurture showcase. In March we go all scientific coupled with the excitement of our school show, Shrek. We also have an extra special surprise for March which will be revealed soon. (Not that I enjoy building up some anticipation!!!) 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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P1 Registrations



P1 registration for children beginning school in August 2024 will take place from today, week beginning 8th January. Registration is via the online form available on SLC website. (search enrolling your child) Once you have registered a member of our office team will call you back to confirm your submission. Then you can expect a call from Mrs Clow our Depute Head who will provide you with more information and answer any questions you may have.

Nursery Applications

We are still taking Nursery applications. These now need to be made in person. Appointments can be made by contacting the school office. Applications must be made by end of February.

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Lateness & Attendance



Kirktonholme strives to ensure your child achieves the best that they can. We want to work together with you, our families, to make sure your child is happy and achieving.

One area where you can make the biggest impact is by making sure your child attends school regularly and that they arrive on time. Please do not underestimate how disruptive it can be for a child who does not attend or is late (even if only 5 minutes). This has an effect on them emotionally and with their confidence. As a result, they find it harder to mix with their peers and sustain friendships. When they feel less secure, this impacts on their learning.

I am required to get in touch if attendance drops below 90%. Over a year, 90% equates to almost a month of missed school days. We want to work with you to help overcome any difficulties you or your child are facing, so please get in touch. School starts at 8.55am. Thank you to everyone who makes attendance and punctuality a priority as you are giving your child the best start to their day.



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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 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.



Links to **Respect**

Kilbryde Hospice

Congratulations to P4 who raised £100 for Kilbryde Hospice. They presented an enormous cheque to Hope the Hospice Mascot. Well done P4!

Links to **Achievement**

Progress Jotters

Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback about the progress jotters through our survey. Jotters will be sent out again in March for you to enjoy with your child.

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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!**

- 8th Jan 24 School returns
- Online New P1 registration opens
- 19th Jan 24 P6 Bikeability starts (Fridays for 6 weeks)
- 22nd Jan 24 Parent Council meeting
- 12th & 13th Feb HOLIDAYS
- 14th Feb 24 INSET DAY school closed
- 16th Feb 24 Nurture Showcase (parents invited)
- 7th March 24 Parents Night
- 8th March 24 World Book Day
- 13th March 24 STEM workshops (parents invited)
- 22nd March 24 Special surprise!
- 26th & 27th Mar 24 School show SHREK

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day.
The next one is Friday 26th January.

Links to **Achievement**

Positivity Posters

Well done to our positivity poster winners. Their winning poster will be sent away and printed for outdoor use. It will then be displayed on our school fence for the whole community to enjoy. Congratulations!

- R1 Cody
 - R2 Jonathan
 - R3 Zoe
 - R4 Amy
 - R5 Lola
 - R6 Adam
 - R7 Jenson
 - R8 Charlie
 - R9 Hiraa
 - R10 Ellena
 - R11 Emily
 - R12 Katie
 - R13 Lara
 - R14 Millie
- I'm sure you agree Millie & Charlie's posters look fabulous!

Links to **Achievement**

P7 Residential

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