



### Applications Closing Date

The **closing date** for all Early Learning Class applications, for next session, is **February 28<sup>th</sup>**. If you have a child, or know of any children, due to start nursery next session families should contact the school and make an appointment to complete an application form. Any applications made after this date will be classed as late applications and this decreases the chance of securing your first choice of nursery.

### Family Friday

As part of our ongoing commitment to partnerships with families we are going to invite parents/carers into the playroom on Fridays to collect their children instead of collecting them at the entrance doorway. This change will be effective from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Parents/carers should arrive at their usual time to collect their child. At our upcoming Parents' Evening we will ask for your feedback on this change.



### Focus

Mrs Moran has had her voting stones out again and the children have chosen Castles as our topic. As always, our team respond to the interests of the children so we will also be learning about lots of other things too.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings give both our staff team and families an opportunity to discuss children's learning progress and nursery life engagement. In October almost all of our families attended a meeting to discuss their child's progress. Thank you!. Our next Parents' Evening is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, if you know that you will not make that date, please speak to Mrs Moran and we will arrange an alternative time.



### Change of Clothes

Please put a change of clothes in your child's nursery bag. Please return any school clothing that you may have at home, as we are running low on some items. Remember to replace indoor shoes if your child's feet have grown.



### Pupil Voice

Mrs Moran held a Pupil Council meeting in January and representatives from each group were chosen to attend. Everyone attending had the opportunity to have an input into the running of our nursery. The children talked about things that they liked about nursery, Family Friday and home learning packs. They told us that our glue sticks are not any good, so we have ordered new ones. The children also requested more/new prams and dolls, so we will investigate this. They said that they liked the idea of Family Friday and are enjoying the home learning packs. It is always valuable to hear the children's views on our nursery and take these into account, where possible, to help us to continuously improve our nursery.

### Family Learning

Our fantastic family learning packs have been going home for a few weeks now and your feedback has been really positive. We love the photographs that have been posted on our Google Classroom and we have created a display with them. We ask that the packs are only used with an adult present, to help get the most from them and to keep them safe. When you return the packs can you please let staff know if any items are missing or damaged?



### Scots

Our children enjoyed our recent Scots topic and sang a wonderful rendition of Bonnie Wee Jeannie McColl to each other. It was braw!

## Home Time

A gentle reminder to try your upmost to collect your children on time.

## PEEP

Miss McKendrick held our first of four literacy PEEP sessions on Tuesday. We are thrilled that seven families have joined the group and everyone seemed to have a great time. A big thank you to Miss McKendrick for all her hard work!

## Grapes



Many families are putting grapes in packed lunches as they are a healthy and tasty snack. We would like to ask families to quarter grapes to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you!

## Coffee Morning



Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 08:55 and 10:00. Please come along for a chance to catch up with friends and make some new ones.

## Primary One Transition



Our transition day for all children coming to Kirktonholme Primary School in August will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. On this date the children will hopefully meet their Primary One teacher and their future classmates. Mrs Clow will lead a presentation for parents/carers when the children are with their new class.

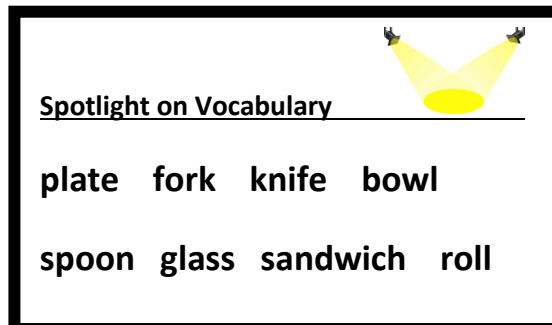
## Lunchtime Learning



At lunchtimes all our children are now going up to the serving hatch to collect their lunches, instead of being served them by their key worker. The children are all managing marvellously well with this change and their independence levels are increasing. The next step will be to ask the children to tidy away their trays after lunch. Maybe at home children could help too. This month's vocabulary spotlight will focus on words related to our dining experiences.

## Stay and Play

Our next Stay and Play session will be in March and we have included the dates for each group below. There will be more information in the next newsletter.



## Dates for the Diary



**Tuesdays 3-4pm** Early Literacy Parent Power Up PEEP sessions for invited families

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**February** School closed for half term holiday and InSet day

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

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** Coffee Morning 9-10am

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** Parents'/Carers' Evening

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** Green Group Stay and Play

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** Orange Group Stay and Play

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** Blue Group Stay and Play

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** Red Group Stay and Play

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** Yellow Group Stay and Play

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** school closes for Spring break at 14:30

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** School reopens

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May** Nursery/Primary One parent and child transition event 09:30-11:00

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