



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we're in our final term. We only have eight weeks left of this school year, and as usual, they will be very busy. We will have transition events and celebrations for our Primary 7s as well as our Early Learners moving up to Primary 1. Of course, we will also be celebrating the achievements of all our Kirktonholme learners.

Thank you to everyone who voted for our Giant Decorated Egg, which was on display in the Town Centre. Our children showed off their artistic talents when designing and decorating it, and I was so proud of their ideas and skills. Kirktonholme was pipped at the post by Murray Primary but we did win £300 Waterstones vouchers as runner up.

Mrs. Wright has been absent since before our Spring Break but we hope she will return in a couple of weeks. In the meantime, I have been doing my best to fulfil her role ably supported by our Leadership Team, Karen Clow and Samantha Souter. All our staff have been extra supportive and helpful. Mrs. Lisa Miller and Mrs. Lynsey Ferguson have also been taking on additional duties as Acting Depute Head Teachers. What a wonderful Kirktonholme team!

As always, if you have any questions, queries or suggestions do not hesitate to get in touch. We are very approachable and only too happy to help.

Best wishes, Mrs. Valerie Miller, Acting Head Teacher

P.S. We are still using our school app as our main source of communication. Download the App called PSA & choose Kirktonholme.

The username is kirktonholme and ask our office for the password.

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You are invited to our P1 - P7 Open Afternoon on Thursday 23rd May from 1.45pm to 2.45pm. During our Open Afternoon you will have the opportunity to visit your child's class where you can share their learning and participate in some activities with them. Your children are always excited to share their learning journey with you. We hope you can come in and join us and we look forward to seeing you then. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any prams.

Links to **Happiness**



Jump Start Jonny

Our special visitor, JUMP START JONNY, did not disappoint when he visited in March. Everybody participated in his workout routines and had a wonderful and energising time. It has been a real highlight of the year. Whoopa!



A special thank you goes to everyone who sponsored our children for this event. Your generous donations will be used to benefit all our children at Kirktonholme.



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Sports Day

We are looking forward to our Sports Day this Friday. Children should wear their sporty clothes for the day. Please ensure they have a warm jumper/jacket and a water bottle. Keep fingers crossed for dry weather.

P1-3@9.15-10.15am P4-7@11-12.15pm

Parents are welcome to spectate from the outside of the MUGA pitch.



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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!

2 nd May 24	Inservice - no pupils
3 rd May 24	Sports Day
6 th May 24	May Day Holiday
14 th May 24	After school - new P1 families not attending our nursery walkaround
24 th -27 th May 24	Local Holiday
30 th May 24	9.30am New P1 transition visit
30 th & 31 st 24	P7 Duncanrig Visits
8 th June 24	Summer Fayre 11am-2pm
20 th June 24	Afternoon - Leavers Ceremony Evening P7 - Disco
26 th June 24	1pm close - Happy Holidays!

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The May one will be Friday 31st May.

Links to **Excellence**

Transition



Our transition programmes are already underway. We support children as they move on to the next stage of their education. We aim to reduce anxiety by familiarising children with their new environment.

P1 transition includes:

- P1 & ELC weekly programme
- 14th May -afterschool walk round for children who don't attend our Early Learning Class.
- 30th May 9.30-11.30am - transition visit for children and parents

P7 transition includes:

- Numeracy lessons by Duncanrig teacher
- 30th & 31st May - 2 day visit with typical S1 timetable
- Transition Mission pupil profile completed by each child

Staff are also in regular contact with all necessary educational establishments, and we provided enhanced transition when required.

Links to **Achievement and Teamwork**

SHREK



Last term closed in dramatic fashion with our Primary 6 and 7 learners putting on an amazing performance of Shrek. Not only were they impressive with their acting, singing and dancing skills, but we were blown away by their confidence.

Our evening performances were sell-outs and we connected with our community by inviting a local care home and the Memory Café to our matinee.

Thank you to all our wonderful staff, and a parent or two, who supported our children in producing another outstanding show.

