



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class



A warm welcome back to our returning families and an equally warm welcome to the families who are joining us this session. Our team are looking forward to working with you all and are excited for the year ahead.

Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play event of the session will be during week beginning 16th September. Mrs Thorpe will be leading the Health and Wellbeing themed sessions in our gym hall. Our Stay and Play sessions give our children an opportunity to share their learning with their families. Up to two adults per child are invited, from the start of the session until around 09:30. Please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for each group's date.



Newsletters

Newsletters for our Early Learning Class and school are normally published on the first working day of each month and will be posted on our school website and app. Please take the time to look at the newsletters to ensure you are aware of events and key dates for your diary. If any family has difficulty accessing our newsletters online, please speak with Mrs Moran, Mrs Clow or the school office.

Relationship Policy

As part of our nurturing and attachment based approach we will be introducing the school's new VIP awards and emotional check-ins.

Every child will be chosen to be a VIP several times throughout the year, giving everyone in nursery an opportunity to celebrate their unique qualities.

In line with the whole school, we are updating our self-registration to include our new emotional check-in with key workers. Our new emotional check-in is aimed at helping our team to enhance our health and wellbeing programme.



Lunchtime

At lunchtime each group has their own table that is decorated with flowers and a talking point of the day. On a Friday we will be having a VIP table.

Packed Lunches

A reminder that our school is a nut free zone, please do not send any nuts with packed lunches including chocolate bars and spreads that contain nuts.

We ask that if you are giving your children grapes in their packed lunch that they are quartered, in line with guidance from the Care Inspectorate. Care Inspectorate have also advised that carrot batons are chopped up and that raisins are not given. These requests are made to avoid choking hazards.

Care Inspectorate have also requested that children having packed lunches have a cool pack in their box to keep food fresh. We can provide these for any child who does not have one.

Who do I belong to?

Please label **everything** that your child brings to school. This will help staff reunite you with lost items.

Google Classroom

All children will soon be issued with their Glow email address and a password.

For safety and security no part of this online platform may be copied, shared or reproduced for personal use.

School App

We are encouraging all our families to have the Kirktonholme Primary School App. Our App details are available from the school office and nursery. We use our App to give notifications to families e.g. school news, celebrations, late start due to snow, events, etc.

Clothing Grant for 3 and 4 year olds.

Children aged 3 and 4 who meet the eligibility criteria will get a clothing grant, which is currently £130 per child, per year. Most families that are eligible will be automatically provided with the grant based on information held by the team at benefits and revenue, however parents can also apply. Information can be found by searching online for South Lanarkshire Council School Clothing Grants.

Dress for the weather

In East Kilbride we can experience many types of weather in one day and as outdoor learning is such a big part of our curriculum, please dress your child for the weather and ensure that they have sunscreen in their bag.

Car Park Parking Permit

We encourage our families to either walk to school or to park and stride, but we appreciate that these options are not always possible.

As a result of a suggestion from one of our families, we will be trialling parking permits for our nursery families. Each family will be issued two permits and we ask that these are displayed inside your vehicle when parked in the designated nursery area, which is the parking bay facing the nursery entrance. As we are a big school if the nursery area is full please find alternative parking out with school grounds.

If you have a blue disabled badge please email a copy of it to the school office for the attention of Mrs Wright to enable you to make use of our disabled spaces.

Theme

This session's first theme is, All About Me. This focus is expected to be wide ranging depending upon the interests of the children. Our staff team also plan responsively so some groups may investigate other themes.

Staffing Update for Orange and Blue Groups

From week beginning 23rd September our Blue Group will continue to be led by Miss Smith on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and we will have a new member of staff on Thursdays and Fridays. Our Orange Group will be led by Mrs Thorpe on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons and Mrs Murray on Wednesday mornings, Thursdays and Fridays.

Parent Council

We would like to thank our Parent Council for their donation at the end of last session. We were able to buy some treats for our end of term beach party and purchase the ingredients to make play dough for the term ahead. Our Parent Council are very active and value the support of our families, they meet once a month and if any family is interested in joining please get in touch with them as they are always delighted to welcome new members (contact details are available from the school office).

What have I been up to?

If your child takes part in activities out with nursery, please share their achievements with us. We always enjoy sharing in celebrations and achievements and it gives your children a further opportunity to shine!



Shoes and bags

Children can keep indoor shoes in school to change into each day, they can also bring a water bottle and a bag with a change of clothing. Please make sure that you label everything clearly.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th September Orange Group

Stay and Play

Tuesday 17th September Blue Group

Stay and Play

Wednesday 18th September Yellow Group Stay and Play

Thursday 19th September Red Group Stay and Play

Friday 20th September Green Group Stay and Play

Friday 20th September School Closed

Monday 23rd September School Closed

Wednesday 2nd October Parent/Carer coffee morning until 10am

Friday 11th October School closes for October week break at 3pm

Monday 21st October School reopens

Tuesday 29th October PEEP session one of four (more information in the next newsletter) 3-4pm

Tuesday 5th November PEEP session two of four 3-4pm

Monday 11th November School closed for InSet day

Tuesday 12th November PEEP session three of four 3-4pm

Monday 18th November Green Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 19th November Orange Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 19th November PEEP session four of four 3-4pm

Wednesday 20th November Blue Group Stay and Play

Thursday 21st November Yellow Group Stay and Play

Friday 22nd November Red Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 10th December Nursery Nativity 2pm

Monday 16th December Christmas Party

Friday 20th December School closes at 2:30pm for Winter break

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