



Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK! It would appear that we are already back into our routines and that the summer holidays are now a distant memory. In fact, I think we have had more wet weather starts this year already compared to last year in total! Our primary 1s have settled in beautifully along with some new children. Your children are wonderful at welcoming others into our school. We welcome our new families into our KPS family and we are looking forward to working and learning with you over the time you are with us.

Well done parents for your children looking so smart in their uniforms. (Please make sure they are all named so we can return any lost items!) Another well done to everyone who is getting to school on time. KPS starts at **8.55** and we expect everyone to be here by then. This is a very important part of the day and your child's routine and if your child is late, it unsettles them. Even if they are only 10 minutes late, this can amount to nearly an hour of lost time in the classroom each week. The best thing you can do for your child is get them to school and on time. If you are having any difficulty with this, please contact us and we can help.

We are excited to see you at Meet the Teacher on Wednesday. We have very limited childcare for this event, so if you are able to find alternative care for your children, that would be much appreciated.

I have already issued a parent calendar of events so you can plan ahead, and I have tried to have events on different days and at different times to accommodate everyone's circumstances. We hope to see you at some of these events over the year. We are really excited about our fun filled year ahead at Kirktonholme.

We are also anticipating a visit from Her Majesty Inspectors which provides an opportunity to show off our fabulous school. 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 Please download our school app as all communication is issued through this. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username kirktonholme and password is 2024.**

## Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



Learning is the **HEART** of Kirktonholme

Happiness Excellence Achievement Respect Teamwork

### Links to Excellence

#### School vision logo

Kirktonholme has entered a new era (well, if it is good enough for Taylor Swift!) With the help of our children, we have refreshed our school vision logo accordingly to reflect our focus on nurture and sustainability.



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### Links to Teamwork

#### Classes 2024/25

I am delighted to confirm the following teaching team for this year.

Early Learning Class Mrs Moran, Mrs Young, Mrs Murray, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Watt, Mrs Lynch, Miss McKendrick, Miss Smith, Mrs Anthanopolous

- P1 Room 1 Mrs McGhee
- P1 Room 2 Mrs Everett
- P2 Room 3 Mrs Ferguson (Principal Teacher)
- P2 Room 4 Mrs Henderson
- P3 Room 5 Mrs Bromley & Mrs Collins
- P3 Room 6 Miss McAdie
- P4 Room 7 Ms Smith & Miss Little
- P4 Room 8 Mrs Prentice & Mrs Scott
- P5 Room 9 Mrs McLaughlin
- P5 Room 10 Miss McMillan & Mr Constable
- P6 Room 11 Mrs Johnston & Mrs Wall
- P6 Room 12 Mrs Melvin formerly Miss McWilliam
- P7 Room 13 Mr Scott
- P7 Room 14 Mrs L Miller (Principal Teacher)

Mr Constable & Mrs Wall have teaching responsibilities across the school.

Mrs Clow DHT has responsibility for nursery & P1

Mrs V Miller has responsibility for P2, P3 & P4

Mrs Souter has responsibility for P5, P6

Mrs Wright has responsibility for P7



## Links to **Teamwork**

### Parent Council

Our Parent Council will be hosting their AGM on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm and you are warmly invited to attend. It is a great way to get to know the school and an opportunity to meet other parents. The Parent Council support our school in a variety of different ways. You can keep up with the Parent Council using their Facebook page and minutes of meetings are posted on our school website.

## Links to **Teamwork**

### Parents in the playground

**Our playground is supervised from 8.45am**

Parents please remember...

- ✚ to remain at the back of the playground (this makes our supervision much easier)
- ✚ do not approach other children
- ✚ no dogs allowed (even in arms)
- ✚ no smoking or vaping
- ✚ say hello and chat to other parents and staff

## Links to **Respect**



### Car Park

Our school car park continues to be an area of significant challenge for both you as parents and us as the school team. We must work together to keep our children safe. **Please try to use other means of travel to school or alternative dropping off or collecting points, avoiding the car park and Dornoch Place where possible.** In the morning the car park is available for drop off only and children must use the pavements. Do NOT allow your child to exit on the driver's side. Please be prepared for congestion delays if you choose to enter Dornoch Place. The only parents allowed to park in our car park are nursery parents and families in possession of a blue badge. Blue badge owners should have contacted the school in advance providing evidence of their status. I appreciate the frustrations some of you have experienced using the car park and my advice is to plan ahead and make alternative arrangements.

## School lunches

P1-5 children are entitled to a free school lunch. Please help your child by checking the menu the night before so they know what they will choose. If they do not like the choices then please provide a packed lunch. The new menu started on Monday and menus are available on our school website and SLC website. School lunches are now £2.17 and milk is 30p and should be paid for using Parent Pay.

## Links to **Achievement**

### Parent Portal

We have issued the annual data checks on Parent Portal. Please check your data and make any changes. If you haven't joined this portal, you must do so as this is the formal method of communication from SLC and our school. If you need any help please get in touch with the office.

## Links to **Respect and Happiness**

### Health & Wellbeing Quiz

I have posted our Health and Wellbeing quiz in your child's Google Classroom. If your child is in P1-P3, please help them to complete this. If your child is in P4-P7, please remind them to complete this. We use this information to influence our assemblies and health and wellbeing programme. There is the additional incentive of an extra playtime for the class with the most completed quizzes. 😊

## Links to **Achievement**

### Outdoors



As part of our curriculum we access outdoors regularly for exercising and learning so children will require practical clothing such as waterproof jackets. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. It may be worth them keeping a spare pair of shorts/leggings/joggies in their schoolbag just in case.

**We are a NUT FREE school**  
**NO Nutella or Snickers please**

## Links to **Achievement**

Our P4-P7 children enjoyed a performance of the 'Secret Garden' last week by M&M productions.