



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

School Vision and Values

Returning families may have noticed a refresh in our school vision and values logo at the top of our newsletter and around our school. Our school vision is, Learning is the HEART of Kirktonholme with our values being Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork.

We feel that these values are relevant to all of our school community, and we strive to live up to them.



Spotlight on Vocabulary

Last session we introduced our spotlight on vocabulary initiative. The more words that children understand the more learning is accessible to them. Each month we will have a spotlight on vocabulary section in our newsletters and we encourage families to reinforce this learning at home. This month our focus is body parts.



Key Questions

Our team use some key questions to encourage creativity, understanding and analysis. Three key questions that we use are I wonder why....?, What do you think? and What if...?

We are also encouraging our children to use these questions when playing and learning with adults and their friends to promote curiosity in the world around them.



Stay and Play

Staff and children were thrilled with the fabulous support from families at our recent Health and Wellbeing Stay and Play sessions. Your positive feedback was appreciated, and it helps us to plan future sessions.

Our next Stay and Play sessions are planned for November.



Target setting

This session we are introducing personalised targets linked to Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and Literacy. Targets will be identified through learner conversations amongst our children, their key workers and families. Targets will be personalised for each child and should be attainable. Targets will be stored in children's Learning Journals which are kept in our playroom. Our children love to share their Learning Journals, so please take the time to look at them with your child during weekly Family Fridays, Stay and Play events and Parents' Evenings.

School App

If you do not yet have our school app, please ask Mrs Moran or the school office for details. Our app is a very useful way of keeping up to date with school news.

Car Park



The last newsletter introduced our new nursery parking permits. This idea came from one of our families and we are delighted that you have shared positive feedback about this new initiative.

Updated policies/guidelines/procedures

We update our policies and procedures annually. If you would like any help to find anything in particular, please speak to our Team Leader, Mrs Moran.



Theme

The children have decided that our theme for the next few weeks is Autumn. As always, our staff plan responsively which means that learning does not always link to our focus.



Pupil Council

Mrs Moran held the first Pupil Council meeting of the session recently and asked the children for their suggestions to improve our nursery. They asked for SIMOA (the purple elephant that reminds us to keep safe) to visit our outside area, more (toy) pets, a dog bed and they would like to draw purple pictures! We have taken all these fabulous ideas onboard.



Water Bottles

To encourage healthy hydration habits and in line with advice from our health colleagues, we kindly request that only water is put in the bottles that children bring to nursery every day. Please speak with Mrs Clow or Mrs Wright if you would like to discuss this advice further.

How do we keep families informed?

As a team we strive to ensure that families feel well informed about all aspects of nursery life. We aim to do this through; monthly newsletters, regular feedback requests, notices on the nursery door, displays, stay and play sessions, telephone calls with a member of the leadership team prior to your child starting, daily contact with staff, parents' evenings, invitations to events, our school app, school website, etc. If there is any aspect of your child's learning and development that you would like to know more about or share with us, please speak to the team.



Nursery Applications

If you have, or know of, a child, who will turn three before 28/02/26 please contact our school office to make an appointment to complete an application form with Mrs Clow or Mrs Moran. Appointment times are available on the last Wednesday of every month but if this does not suit your family, we organise another suitable time.

Fancy Dress



At Kirktonholme we love any excuse for a party, and we will be having a dressing up party with fun and games on Tuesday 31st October. We have no theme, and children can dress up as any character they wish. We do not want families to purchase costumes especially for this event and will have our costume swap shop again, which will be available after our October break holiday. We have lots of costumes available and this initiative helps our school to encourage sustainability.

Please do not bring accessories for costumes, as these can get easily lost and be very upsetting for the children. If your child does not like dressing then they do not have to, dressing up is optional.

Coffee and Chat



Our first coffee morning of the session will be on Wednesday 2nd October in our school dining hall from 08:45. Please come along to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. These events are informal, everyone is welcome, and Miss Mckendrick and Mrs Clow will be serving.

Dates for the Diary



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



Spotlight on Vocabulary

lips elbow knee neck

hand eye eyebrow ankle

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