



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well I can't believe we are already into the month of November. I hope you are suitably recovered from the trick or treating last night and as always Mrs Wright is very grateful for any extra sweeties collected! (reminder - no nuts in school please). October has been a very busy month and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you who managed to complete the Education Scotland questionnaire or indeed meet with the Inspection Team. During the Inspection Week, your children were an absolute credit to you and the team were warmly welcomed. The inspection was positive, and we are looking forward to them publishing our report within the next couple of months.

This morning I had the pleasure of attending our inaugural football match against St Kenneth's. Again, your children were a credit to you. Their behaviour, their determination and their teamwork were outstanding. In addition, to this their football skills resulted in two wins. Go KPS! Both schools are looking forward to working more with each other in the future.

We have lots to look forward to this coming month, beginning with Parents' Night. Appointments can be booked using the online booking system for Parent Portal although your appointment will be in person. Prior to the Parents' Night we will issue your child's Progress Jotter and a tracking report and ASPs for some children. This month the children will be celebrating Book Week and Climate Change.

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



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Parents' Night

Parents' Night will be on Thursday 7th November between 3.30 and 5.30 and 6.30 and 8.30pm. Please book your appointment through the online booking system on Parent Portal. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

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Halloween Discos

Thank you to our amazing Parent Council for providing your children with a wonderful Halloween disco. We are so lucky to have such a supportive Parent Council who give up their own time to provide such lovely experiences for our families. Thank you!

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Neurodiversity Parent Session



Building on the success of our last Attachment workshop, we are delighted to announce we will be hosting another parent workshop. The focus will be a Neurodiversity Parent Information Session. This session will be run by our Education Psychologist, Lisa Whitehead. This session is open to all parents, whether your child has a neurodiversity diagnosis or not. It will give you ideas of how to support your child. The workshop starts at 9.15 and will be hosted in our dining room. We anticipate it will last an hour. To help us manage our numbers, please phone the school office if you would like to attend.

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Our Captains will be selling poppies this week.

Children may bring in a donation to buy one.

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Bonfire Themed Lunch

Tuesday we have a themed lunch

Firecracker pizza

Banger on a finger roll

Ham finger roll

Tuna or cheese sandwich



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Lateness and Attendance



Our drive for reducing lateness and increasing attendance continues. We closely monitor this and you can expect a letter from school when we are concerned. If you are experiencing any issues with lateness or absence please do not hesitate to get in touch as we may be able to help. Children need to be at school and there on time to have the best opportunities to be successful and achieve, both academically and socially. As a parent this is the best way you can support your child.

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Bikeability

Our P7s will be taking part in level 2 Bikeability from Tuesday 12th November. The Bikeability programme will last all week. Bikes can be left at the bike shed with a secure lock. We are on the lookout for any old bikes to help some of our children learn this important skill. If you have any outgrown bikes suitable for P6 and P7 and you are willing to donate them, we would be over the moon to receive them! Thank you!

Links to Achievement

Our community

Please respect our neighbours and do not throw any rubbish out of your cars. Thank you.

Links to Respect and Happiness

Chaplaincy Team



We are very lucky at Kirktonholme to have a Chaplaincy team who work closely with us.

Our school chaplains are

David Graham Baptist Church
Mahboob Masih West Mains Kirk

Our Chaplains support the life and work of our school and provide opportunities for Religious Observance. Schools are required to provide 6 opportunities for RO each year and we facilitate these through some of our assemblies. If you do not wish your child to participate in Religious Observance, you are required to put it in writing to the Head Teacher.

Links to Teamwork

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!

- Tues 29th Oct ELC PEEP sessions
every Tuesday for 4 weeks 3-4pm
 - Wed 30th Oct Halloween Discos P1-P7
 - Fri 1st Nov St Kenneths Football match
 - Mon 4th Nov P1 photo in Evening Times
 - Tues 5th Nov P3&P4 after school club (4wks)
 - Thurs 7th Nov P5 Trip to Lanark Agricultural Centre
Childsmile to see Nursery, P1 & P2
PARENTS' NIGHT 3.30-8.30pm
 - Fri 8th Nov Sportshall Athletics
 - Mon 11th Nov INSERVICE DAY - school closed**
 - Tues 12th Nov Odd Sock Day (Antibullying week)
 - Fri 15th Nov Neurodiversity Parent Session 9.15
ELC Stay & Plays 9-9.35am
 - Mon 18th Nov ELC Green Group 9-9.35am
 - Tues 19th Nov ELC Orange Group 9-9.35am
 - Wed 20th Nov ELC Blue Group 9-9.35am
 - Thur 21st Nov ELC Yellow Group 9-9.35am
 - Fri 22nd Nov ELC Red Group 9-9.35am
 - Week begin 18th Nov Scottish Book Week - come and read with me (times tbc)
 - Sat 30th Nov Christmas Fayre
 - Tues 10th Dec pm ELC Nativity
 - Wed 11th Dec 9.30am P1&2 Nativity
 - Thur 19th Dec P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30am & 1.30pm
- The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next one is Friday 29th November.

NO SPEEDING PLEASE

Please keep our children safe. Cars should NOT be speeding in our car park or surrounding areas.

Links to Achievement

Sports



We have made a new connection with St Kenneth's Primary and are looking forward to our inaugural match today at the new football facility. Go KPS!