



Dear Parents/Carers,

It just seems like 5 minutes ago I was writing the November newsletter! It was great to see everyone during our Parents Night and thank you for taking part in our Cost of the School Day consultation. We hoped you enjoyed sharing your child's learning when they brought home their Progress Jotter. Over the month of November, we celebrated Book Week and again it was lovely to have some of you in school to read with your child. In this day and age, reading for pleasure is a past time that seems to be less popular. It is an area where you as a parent can have the greatest impact on your child's learning and their future achievements. Please keep encouraging your child to read for pleasure. Last week all classes were learning about Global Goals. Our children have shown a great passion for Global Goals and have been learning about important issues such as poverty and equality. I think we may have nurtured a few social activists - sorry! This year our famous KOP conference will be taking place during the children's assemblies so they can share their learning with each other. Mr Constable and I were recently asked to present at South Lanarkshire Council's Sustainability Conference. There, we had the opportunity to share the amazing sustainability work we have been doing for years at Kirktonholme, to over 100 delegates. Another very proud Head Teacher moment!

Preparations are now well and truly underway for our Christmas events. We are really looking forward to our Nursery Nativity and our P1 & P2 Nativity and we hope you will be able to join us. Each family will have received two tickets for our P1& P2 performance. Tickets are currently on sale for the P3-P7 Carol Concert and money raised from this, funds our Christmas parties. Please see the diary page for the dates. 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

## Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



Learning is the **HEART** of Kirktonholme

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### Links to **Teamwork**

#### Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to our magnificent Parent Council for giving up so much of their time to organising our Christmas Fayre. Our Christmas Fayre was a wonderful community event. It was lovely to see everyone attend and we really appreciate your support, whether that be through providing donations, helping on the day or helping with the organisation of it. A fundraising total will be posted soon. We are hoping to use the fundraising to help provide all children with a school trip this year.

We are working with other nurseries within our local area and we are gathering information about transition experiences. We kindly ask our new P1 parents to keep a look out for a very short survey about our transition programme from nursery to P1.

## Written by Grayson, Ollie and Jack P4

### Links to **Excellence**



#### Kilbryde Hospice

Kirktonholme Primary School are helping Kilbryde Hospice this year. We hope to raise money for them by having a Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 11th December. A small donation is what we are asking for to collect in our special 'Hope' the mascot boxes. We will have Kilbryde buckets at the Christmas Carol Concert for any spare change. In the New Year we are going to have our Superhero Day which will be in February.

Kilbryde Hospice is a special place where people go when the hospital can't make them better. They provide a happy environment to ensure their patients are comfortable and well looked after. We found out that £10 a day is what it costs to provide meals for each patient therefore we hope to raise as much money as possible to help them.

### Links to **Teamwork**

#### Christmas Lunch 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

Roast turkey or Steak pie

Wear your Xmas jumper and bring a donation



## Links to **Teamwork**

### Community Spirit

We are very proud to be part of our community. This year our choir will be on tour at Hairmyres hospital and then the Kilbryde hospice. We will also be visiting one of the local care homes. The children bring such joy especially at this time of year and we know their visits are very much appreciated.

## Links to **Achievement**

### Enrolling for school

Children who are age 5 between 1 March 2025 and the end of February 2026 are required to register their child for starting school in August 2025 by completing an online registration form which will be available from **Monday 6 January 2025**. The registration form is available on the SLC website [Enrolling your child for school - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

A member of the school team will be in touch the following week to finalise the registration.

## Links to **Respect**

### LOST PROPERTY



We have collected a huge number of clothing items, all of which have no names on them. I have reminded children that they are responsible for looking after their things. I would appreciate you reminding them too. I quite sure you are as frustrated as me with losing their jumpers etc.

**Please NAME all clothing items including hats, scarves and gloves. If their name is on the clothing, it will be returned to them.**

## Links to **Achievement**

### Athletics

Good luck to our Athletics team who are competing in the East Kilbride finals this week.

## 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!**

**I have highlighted parent events in yellow**

Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sportshall Athletics
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P6 @ Christmas Unwrapped P3 & P4 Xmas party
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>2pm Nursery Nativity</b> Pm Choir on tour - <b>Hairmyres &amp; Kilbryde Hospice</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>9.30am P1&amp;2 Nativity</b> Xmas Lunch Xmas jumper day - bring a donation
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P5 & P6 party    Choir on tour
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Party    P1 & P2 Party
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P7 Party
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30am &amp; 1.30pm</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School closes at 2.30pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School returns 8.55am
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SAVE THE DATE
	<b>Scots Culture Showcase in classrooms</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Nurture showcase in gym hall</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed - holiday
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed - holiday
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed - Inservice Day
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parents Night</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> March	KPS celebrate World Book Day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>STEM Parent Workshops 2pm</b>

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next one is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Links to **Achievement**

### Award winners



Kirktonholme has achieved an International Schools Award as well as a Beacon Award for our Young Tree Champions project. These awards are a result of the sustainability work which Mr Constable leads in our school. Go KPS!

The KPS 12 days of Christmas starts on Thursday.

I have attached an overview to help you know when any events are on in school.