



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

Our very best wishes for 2025 from all the team at Kirktonholme!

Primary One Registration



If your child is due to start Primary One in August 2025, you must register them for school. School registration forms will be available on South Lanarkshire Council's website from Monday 6th January. Schools will begin to contact families from Monday 13th January 2024, after the online forms have been completed. Parents/carers will need their child's **full birth certificate and two proofs of address in the name of the parent/carer completing the registration documents.** If you would like to discuss any aspect of school registration, please speak with Mrs Wright or Mrs Clow.

Early Learning Class Applications

The **closing date for Early Learning Class applications is 28/02/25.** If you have a child or know of a child due to start nursery during session **2025/26**, an application form should be completed by the closing date of **28/02/25.**

Please telephone the school office for an appointment to complete an application form.

Any family wishing to make a transfer request for next session should request the form from Mrs Clow or Mrs Moran.

Toothbrushing



We aim to brush teeth after lunch every day to develop knowledge of both the importance of brushing our teeth and the actual process itself. Please encourage your children to brush their teeth regularly at home too.

Car Parking



Please ensure that you display your nursery car parking pass on your dashboard this helps our school staff to identify cars that are parked in the wrong area.

Road Safety



If you bring a car into our car park, our designated nursery parking area is adjacent to our door. Remember to follow our one-way system to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Spotlight on Learning



We are continuing to put a spotlight on vocabulary every month and we will include our focus words at the end of each newsletter, please look and consider using these words at home to promote vocabulary acquisition.

Research shows that children need to hear a word many, many times before they will start to use it themselves and that having a wide vocabulary will help support future academic progress.

We have carefully selected words that we hope will help the children learn more about their world.

Winter Walk



We are planning to take groups of children out and about in our local community again this term. Prior to any walk parents/carers will be asked to sign consent forms. If you have completed a PVG form we may ask for your help on the outings. We are planning on taking one group out at a time. Mrs Moran has previously carried out a risk assessment.

Focus



As well as continuing our Winter focus, we are going to be learning more about Scottish language and traditions, this is in line with the rest of the school who will also be learning more about Scotland. The children will be able to look at our Google Classroom to see some photographs of their learning.

Kirktonholme's Parent Power Up

Our PEEP sessions for this term will run from Thursday 27th February until Thursday 27th March (excluding Thursday 6th March due to our next Parents' evening). Miss Mckendrick will be in touch with all families nearer the starting time.

Coffee Morning



We are planning another coffee morning on Friday 7th February and hope that you will be able to come along.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Reece's family for their support for our Christmas party. Your generosity was really appreciated.

Payment Benefit

On 15/02/21 Social Security Scotland launched a Scottish Child Payment benefit for some children under the age of six. To check if your family is eligible visit mygovscot or telephone 0800 182 2222.

Please also see the Cost of the School Day section on our school website for further supports.

South Lanarkshire Council also has information for low-income families on their website, please look to see if there are any additional supports that you may be entitled to.

Who is coming to collect?

If the adult collecting your child changes from the one stated at drop off time, could you please inform the school office? This request is made with the safety and security of the children in mind.

Contact Details



Are your contact details and those of your emergency contacts are up to date? If there has been a change, please inform the school office.

New Shoes



If your child's feet have grown recently and they need new shoes, please consider easy fastening shoes to help encourage independence. Remember to check that indoor shoes, left in nursery, still fit.



Stay and Play

Our Stay and Play session for this term will be during week beginning 10th February between morning drop off and around 09:30, please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for your child's day. On our last InSet day our staff team took part in South Lanarkshire Council training linked to UNCRC children's rights. Our team are keen to share their learning with families and children and this will be the focus of our Stay and Play sessions.

Christmas Hampers

We raised a grand total of £455.00! This was only possible because of your generosity and our team are all extremely grateful for your support.

Vocabulary Spotlight



horse goldfish cow pig
sheep dog cat rabbit



Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 06/01/25 Primary One

Registration

Friday 7th February

Coffee Morning 9am

Monday 10th February

Red Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 11th February

Green Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 12th February

Orange Group Stay and Play

Thursday 13th February

Blue Group Stay and Play

Friday 14th February

Yellow Group Stay and Play

Monday 17th February - Wednesday

20th February School closed for half term holiday and InSet day

Thursday 27th February

PEEP session 1 of 4

28th February Closing date for nursery applications for session 2025/26

Thursday 6th March Parents'/Carers' Evening

Thursday 13th March

PEEP session 2 of 4

Thursday 20th March

PEEP session 3 of 4

Thursday 27th March

PEEP session 4 of 4

Friday 4th April school closes for Spring break at 14:30

Tuesday 22nd April School reopens.

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