



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class



A warm welcome back to our returning families and an equally warm welcome to the families who are joining us this year. Our team are raring to go and are looking forward to the session ahead.

Stay and Play

Our first family Stay and Play of the session will be during week beginning 27th October.

Up to two adults per child are invited, from the start of the morning until around 09:30. Please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for each group's date.



Newsletters

Newsletters for our Early Learning Class and school are normally published on the first working day of each month and will be posted on our school website and app. Please take time to look at the newsletters to ensure you are aware of nursery events and key dates for your diary. If any family has difficulty accessing our newsletters online, please speak with Mrs Moran, Mrs Clow or the school office and we can issue a paper copy.

Who do I belong to?



Please **label everything** that your child brings to school. This will help staff reunite you with lost items and save any upset.

Lunchtime



We see lunchtimes as a great opportunity to come together and enjoy the company of others. At lunchtime each group has their own table which is decorated with flowers and a talking point of the day. On a Friday we will be having a VIP table, where pupils are selected for a wide variety of reasons to be our VIPs. Over the course of the session all children will have an opportunity to be a VIP.

Packed Lunches



A reminder that our school is a nut free zone, please do not send any nuts with packed lunches including chocolate bars and spreads that contain nuts.

We ask that if you are giving your children grapes in their packed lunch that they are quartered, in line with guidance from the Care Inspectorate. Care Inspectorate have also advised that carrot batons are chopped up and that raisins are not given. These requests are made to avoid choking hazards.

Care Inspectorate have also requested that children having packed lunches have a cool pack in their box to keep food fresh. If you do not have one please speak to Mrs Moran and we will provide one.

Google Classroom



All children have been issued with their Glow email address and a password. For safety and security no part of this online platform may be copied, shared or reproduced for personal use.

School App



We are encouraging all our families to have the Kirktonholme Primary School App. Our App details are available from the school office and nursery. We use our App to give notifications to families e.g. school news, celebrations, late start due to snow, events, etc.

Clothing Grant for 3 and 4 year olds.

Children aged 3 and 4 who meet the eligibility criteria will get a clothing grant. Most families that are eligible will be automatically provided with the grant based on information held by the team at benefits and revenue, however parents can also apply. Information can be found by searching online for South Lanarkshire Council School Clothing Grants.

Car Park Parking Permit

We encourage our families to either walk to school or to park and stride, but we appreciate that these options are not always possible.

As a result of a suggestion from one of our families, we have permits for our nursery families. Each family has been issued two permits and we ask that these are displayed inside your vehicle when parked in the designated nursery area, which is the parking bay facing the nursery entrance. As we are a big school if the nursery area is full please find alternative parking outwith school grounds.

If you have a blue disabled badge please email a copy of it to the school office for the attention of Mrs Wright to enable you to make use of our disabled spaces.

Please be a courteous user of our car park.

Theme



This session's first focus is, Being Healthy. This focus is expected to be wide ranging depending upon the interests of the children. Our staff team also plan responsively so some groups may investigate other focuses.

Dress for the weather



In East Kilbride we can experience many types of weather in one day. Outdoor learning is an integral part of our curriculum and we ask families to please dress your child for the weather and ensure that they have suncream in their bag.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rachel Cunningham to our team. Mrs Cunningham is an experienced practitioner who will be job-sharing with Mrs Thorpe and together they will be leading the Orange Group. I am sure that you will all make Mrs Cunningham feel very welcome.

We do our utmost to keep families up to date with staffing, however when we have an absence or an unexpected staffing change, we are not always able to give advance notice of this. If we have a vacancy and it is covered by supply staff, who are not on a long-term temporary contract, Mrs Moran is your first point of contact as she will be overseeing the daily work of the children.

What have I been up to?



If your child takes part in activities out with nursery, please share their achievements with us. We always enjoy sharing in celebrations and achievements and it gives your children a further opportunity to shine!

Shoes and bags



Children can keep indoor shoes in school to change into each day, they can also bring a water bottle and a bag with a change of clothing. Please make sure that you **label everything** clearly.

Dates for the Diary



Wednesday 10th September Coffee

Morning, 9am in nursery staffroom

Friday 26th September School Closed

Monday 29th September School Closed

Friday 10th October Sibling Stay and Play

Friday 10th October School closes for October week break at 3pm

Monday 20th October School reopens

Thursday 23rd October PEEP session **one of four** (more information in the next newsletter) 3-4pm

Monday 27th October Orange Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 28th October Red Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 29th October Yellow Group Stay and Play

Thursday 30th October Green Group Stay and Play

Thursday 30th October PEEP session **two of four** 3-4pm

Friday 31st October Blue Group Stay and Play

Thursday 6th November Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Monday 10th November InSet day 3, school closed

Thursday 13th November PEEP session **three of four** 3-4pm

Thursday 20th November PEEP session **four of four** 3-4pm

Tuesday 9th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Thursday 11th December Sibling Stay and Play

Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Party

Friday 19th December School closes at **2:30pm** for Winter break

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