



Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

School Vision and Values

At the top of our newsletter and around our school our school vision is highly visible. Our pupils and staff decided that Learning is the HEART of Kirktonholme with our values being Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork.

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

Flu Vaccine

We have been asked by NHS Lanarkshire to share the following message with you:

Child Flu Vaccine - Help Beat Flu with a Wee Scoosh!

The flu vaccine for children is quick, easy, and painless—it's just a wee scoosh up the nose!

👉 **Call NHS Lanarkshire on 01698 687456** to book your child's flu vaccine appointment.

The vaccine is given once a year, usually between September and December.

Because flu viruses are constantly changing, a new vaccine is made every year to ensure the best protection.

For more information, visit: Child flu vaccine | NHS inform.

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.



Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play sessions of the year, linked to wellbeing, are planned for later this month, please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for your child's date. The sessions will give your child the opportunity to share their nursery learning experiences and their learning journal with you.



Target setting

This session we are continuing with personalised targets linked to Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and Literacy. Targets will be identified through learner conversations with 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 the school office for details. Our app is a very useful way of keeping up to date with school news.



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.

Car Park



Please remember to be a courteous user of our car park.



Theme

The children have decided that our theme for the next few weeks is shape and colour as well as taking a look at Autumn. As always, our staff plan responsively which means that learning does not always link to our focus.



Pupil Council

Our pupils are keen to take on leadership roles and Mrs Moran will be working with our children this month to establish further pupil leadership opportunities.



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.

Early Literacy Development

We currently have a Primary One NELI literacy programme that supports the development of key literacy skills and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to pilot the new NELI pre-school pre-school programme. Each week our team will be sharing a new story that introduces key vocabulary as well as having targeted learning sessions with some children. This literacy opportunity builds upon our previous spotlight on vocabulary initiative.

How do we keep you 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 **28/02/27** please contact our school office to make an appointment to complete an application form. Appointment times are available on the first Tuesday of every month, but if this does not suit your family we will endeavour to 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 Friday 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 bank 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.

Dates for the Diary



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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