



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is difficult to believe we have reached December already. It feels like Christmas is well and truly upon us. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, volunteered and organised our super Christmas fayre. Our children really enjoy these family events and we are so appreciative of the support you give. Thank you to everyone who managed to come into school to read with their child during Book Week. When parents ask us what they can do to help with their child's learning, the one most impactful thing you can do is encourage your child to read. You can do this by reading to them, reading with them, visiting the library, exploring topics of their own interest. We hope our P1-P3 parents enjoy the Book Bug Bags which were also issued.

The festive activities begin with a bang next week. I have updated the diary section to help you keep on top of all events and there have been a few diary changes for party dates so please check the most up to date version. Our Kirktonholme 12 days of Christmas countdown starts next Thursday and I will issue this to parents so you can track what is going on in school.

Finally, please can I ask you to share with any family members who collect your child from school that our car park is a one-way system and our service road (which runs in front of the main entrance) should not be used.

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. Ask office for details. App is PSA & choose Kirktonholme Username kirktonholme and password is 2025.

Keeping Kirktonholme Community Connected



Learning is the **HEART** of Kirktonholme

Happiness Excellence Achievement Respect Teamwork

Links to **Happiness, Respect and Teamwork** **Emotion Coaching**

We are often asked how to support parents with their child's behaviour. In school, we use emotion coaching and this week our Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors will be reminding children of what this is and our teachers will reinforce this with some lessons. You will find a copy of a very helpful parent leaflet for you in your child's schoolbag.

Links to **Teamwork**

Our choir will be out on tour over the next couple of weeks. They will be visiting Loaves & Fishes, Hairmyres hospital and Bosfield Care home. We are always thrilled to bring some good cheer to our community.

Links to **Respect and Teamwork**

Carol Concert



Tickets will go on sale tomorrow for our Carol Concerts which includes children from Room 4 to Room 14. There are two performances on Thursday 18th December at 9.30 and 1.30pm. Each family may purchase a total of 2 tickets. Tickets are £2 each. If you order more (our system is unable to restrict the numbers) we will provide you with a refund so please only order the two. If we have any tickets left over, we will put them on sale on Monday 15th December. Please buy your 2 tickets in advance of this date otherwise you may not get to see the concert. For health and safety reasons we cannot squeeze you into our hall. All monies raised subsidises our Christmas parties. **Car park reminder - during our concerts there is VERY limited car parking. Please be respectful to our neighbours and consider not using a car.**



Links to *Happiness, Excellence, Achievement, Respect and Teamwork*

A Message from the Room 14 Captains

Oscar, Lewis, Hiraq, Clara and Aria

We have been involved in a very exciting project. The Captains of St Kenneth's invited us to their school for a tour and a talk. We have been challenged with deciding a joint project to help our schools or local community. We've narrowed down our many ideas and Kirktonholme's favourite ideas are

- organise a multisports event for some of the classes

- put book boxes around our community

We are looking forward to meeting with them again in the New Year. We have also been invited to the official opening of the new train station which we are very excited about this. Keep an eye out for us in the news!

The Captains of Kirktonholme hope to see you at the Nativities and Christmas Carol Concert.

Links to *Happiness and Teamwork*

Miss Little will be inviting the parents of children who attend our **Treehouse** to some **celebrations** in December. Watch out for your invitation.

Links to *Happiness and Teamwork*

Parent Council News

The Christmas Fayre total was an amazing
£2180.68

Links to *Happiness, Achievement and Teamwork*

After School Clubs



This term our children have been benefited from a variety of after school clubs. We are grateful for the coaches provided by Active Schools. We have had dance clubs run by Duncanrig leaders, football coaching and Multisports by University Sports students as well as athletics by Mrs Miller. We have also been delighted to have Lily and Ella return from last year's P7 to volunteer to run a dance club. We hope to provide more after school opportunities in the New Year.

Links to *Excellence and Teamwork*

Health & Wellbeing Survey

Almost all of our P5-P7 children have participated in the South Lanarkshire Council's Health Survey. Only those with permission completed this. Thank you for your support and we look forward to receiving our results so we can inform our teaching and supports for our school.

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!

Parent events are highlighted

Thur 4th Dec Choir @ Loaves & Fishes

Fri 5th Dec Choir @ Hairmyres

Mon 8th Dec P3 & P4 Xmas party

Tues 9th Dec 2pm ELC Nativity

Wed 10th Dec 9.30am P1&2 Nativity

2 tickets per family have been issued

P6s@ Christmas Unwrapped

Choir @ Bosfield

Thurs 11th Dec Xmas jumper day

donation for Kilbryde Hospice

ELC Sibling Stay & Play

Xmas dinner (order in advance)

P5 & P6 Xmas party

Mon 15th Dec P7 Xmas party

Tue 16th Dec Nursery party

P1 & P2 party

Thur 18th Dec P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30am & 1.30pm

Fri 19th Dec School closes at 2.30pm

Dress Down Day

The last Friday of the month is Dress Down Day. The next ones is 19th Dec.

Links to *Achievement*

P7 Millport Trip

The final payment of £150 is due by 20th Dec.

Links to *Happiness*

Christmas Parties

On Christmas Party days, children can wear their party clothes to school or change into them at lunchtime. Please remember they will still be going outdoors to play.