



## February 2026 Newsletter



### Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class

#### Applications Closing Date

The **closing date** for all Early Learning Class applications, for next session, is **February 28<sup>th</sup>** with the last date for completion of applications, by appointment, in school being Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you have a child or know of any child who will be aged two by 28/02/26, please contact the school and make an appointment to complete a nursery application form. Any applications made after this date will be classed as late applications and this decreases the chance of securing your first choice of nursery.

#### Stay and Play

Our stay and play sessions this week are linked to our digital learning programme, which is an area for development in our Improvement Plan. We hope that you enjoy the opportunity to learn alongside your child. Dates for your child's group are in the Dates for the Diary section at the end of this newsletter.



#### Summer Outing

We are delighted to share that we are going to Dean Castle on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Each child can invite one adult to come along and enjoy the day with them (if a family member is unable to attend, our staff team will all be there too). This year we are delighted to share that there will be no cost for the trip. We are extremely grateful to the school for allocating funding to cover the expensive cost of the bus and our Parent Council have given us a donation of £200 to cover the costs of ranger workshops and the use of a room for lunches. As a school we are very mindful of the cost of the school day for our families and supports from our school community are invaluable.

#### Illness

In line with NHS guidance, please do not send your child to nursery if they have a temperature.



#### Upcoming Events

Some families have been asking about dates for term three events. Where possible, these have been added to the Dates for the Diary section of the newsletter.

#### Family Learning

Our wonderful family learning packs have been going home for a few weeks now and we appreciate your positive feedback. We love the photographs that have been posted on our Google Classroom, and we will create a display with them which you will be able to see on Family Fridays.

We ask that the packs are only used with an adult present, to help get the most from them and to keep them safe. When you return the packs can you please let staff know if any items are missing or damaged?



#### Our Learning

Last month the children learnt some Scottish songs and dances as well having many other learning experiences. This month we will be including Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, Ramadan and St Valentines Day in our nursery curriculum.

#### PEEP

Miss McKendrick is looking forward to starting her next PEEP sessions at the beginning of March. She will be in touch soon with more information. We know from your feedback that many of our families are keen to participate.

## Pupil Council



Mrs Moran led a recent pupil council meeting, and our children, as usual, were full of great ideas. They would like to go back to Dean Castle for their summer outing, so have organised this. The children have requested some winter animals such as penguins and polar bears as well as more magnetic shapes and we are ordering these wish list items. They also said that they love painting and would like more painting opportunities in our outdoor area, the team have already put this request into action. Our pupils' opinions, thoughts and ideas are really valued by our team and where possible we take them onboard.



## Primary One Transition

Our transition day for all children coming to Kirktonholme Primary School in August will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 09:30-11:30. On this date the children will hopefully meet their Primary One teacher and their future classmates. Mrs Clow will lead a presentation for parents/carers when the children are with their new class.

## South Lanarkshire Council

South Lanarkshire Council have early learning pages on their website. Please follow the link below to access the valuable information.

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200184/early\\_learning\\_and\\_childcare](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200184/early_learning_and_childcare)

## Grapes



Many families are putting grapes in packed lunches, as they are a healthy and tasty snack. We would like to ask families to quarter grapes to reduce the risk of choking. Thank you!

## Dates for the Diary



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** Blue Group Stay and Play  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** Orange Group Stay and Play  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** Red Group Stay and Play  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** Yellow Group Stay and Play  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** Green Group Stay and Play  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February** School closed  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February** School closed  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February** InSet day School closed  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** Last day for Nursery applications for session 2026/27  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** PEEP one of four 3-4pm  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** PEEP two of four 3-4pm  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** Parents' Evening 3-4pm  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** PEEP three of four 3-4pm  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** PEEP four of four 3-4pm  
**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** School closes at 2:30pm for Spring Break  
**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** School re-opens  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May** Transition visit for new P1 pupils and parents/carers 09:30-11:30  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** Whole nursery outing to Dean Castle  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Nursery leaver's prizegiving  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** End of year Beach Party

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