



**Kirktonholme Primary School Early Learning Class**

**Parents' Evening**



Our next parents' evening is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March and all families should now have their appointment times. If you are unable to attend, please speak with Mrs Moran and an alternative arrangement will be made. Parents' evenings are a great way for our team to share more information about your children's strengths and next steps as well as learning more about how your children are getting on outside of nursery.

**PEEP**

Our new four-week block of PEEP sessions will begin on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3-4pm. Miss Mckendrick has already issued information to families, and we hope that lots of you can make the sessions. Our PEEP sessions are a great way for families to share learning tips and younger and older siblings are invited also.

**Payment Benefit**

Social Security Scotland has a Scottish Child Payment Benefit for some children under the age of six. To check if your family is eligible visit mygovscot or telephone 08001822222. Please also see the Cost of the School Day section on our school website for further supports.

**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!

**Clothing**

If your child has borrowed clothes from us, please wash and return them.

**Useful Website**

Play Scotland have some excellent play ideas for families, please have a look at their website if you are looking for some inspiration.

**Jump Start Jonny**

Jump Start Jonny is coming to our school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March as part of his 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour!

He is a firm Kirktonholme favourite who has been a huge supporter of our school health and wellbeing programme. The staff team and children are all very excited about Jonny's visit as we often use his online dance classes as part of our P.E. programme.

There are some free dance routines on Jump Start Jonny's website using this link

<http://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/visit-videos>

Feel free to try a few dances at home.



**Stay and Play**

A huge thank you to all the families who managed to come along to our stay and play sessions last month. The children really enjoyed sharing their learning and we really appreciated your positive and constructive feedback related to our digital technology curriculum.



**World Book Day**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day and everyone is invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book, as always, this is optional. Some of our older pupils are looking forward to coming into nursery to share their favourite stories with our children.

**Speech and Language Therapy**

If you have any concerns related to your child's communication development and would like advice from the NHS Lanarkshire Speech and Language Therapy team, their helpline number is 01698687606 and their email address is

[slt enquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:slt enquiry@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk)

## ELC/Primary One Transition

As part of our transition programme, for all children moving to school in August, our pre-school children are going to be visiting our Primary One classes on Wednesday afternoons from the end of March until late May.

Mrs Moran and our team will also be leading transition activities in nursery that have been planned by a transition working party in the local area for all nurseries to help aid a smooth nursery/school transition for all children.

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 09:30-11:30 new Primary One children and up to two adults are invited into school for a transition event.

## Summer Outing

Our annual summer outing is planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We are going on a bus to Dean Castle for a day of fun. We are delighted that our school Parent Council and school are generously paying for the costs of the bus, ranger activities and indoor lunch space. One adult per child is invited to come along with us and enjoy the fun. Our staff team will be in attendance for any child without an accompanying adult.

## Home Learning

We would like to thank families for their lovely comments and photographs about our recent home learning packs. This week will be the last week of the packs, and the children will choose their favourite pack to bring home. We will be including a short child and adult feedback form, to help us improve our service. We would also like to say a huge thank you to families for taking such good care of our packs, your support is appreciated!

## Focus

The children have chosen to continue with space for a little while longer and then investigate Spring and Easter.



## Spring Walk

We will be going for short Spring walks this month (see dates for the diary section below for your child's walk date). We will be going out one group at a time, and will require a signed consent form, which will be issued soon. If any parent/carer has a PVG for the school, and would like to join us, please speak to Mrs Moran.



## Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** PEEP one of four 3-4pm
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day celebration
- 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
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** Yellow Group Spring Walk 09:45-10:30
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** Orange Group Spring Walk 09:45-10:30
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** PEEP four of four 3-4pm
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** Red Group Spring Walk 09:45-10:30
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** Blue Group Spring Walk 09:45-10:30
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** Green Group Spring Walk 09:45-10:30
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** School closes at **2:30pm** for Spring Break
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** School re-opens
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday School Closed
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** InSet Day School Closed
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Bank Holiday School Closed
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday School Closed
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** 1:45pm Nursery Leaver's Prizegiving
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** End of year Beach Party
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** School Closes 1pm

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