



Kirktonholme Primary School NurseryClass

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.

Lunchtime



Our lunchtimes are a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy the company of others, each group has their own table decorated with flowers and a chatty card conversation prompt. If your child has a packed lunch please put a cool pack inside to keep it chilled, avoid all nut products and if giving grapes please quarter them lengthways. We are now a few weeks into our new menu and if your child would like to try something new we can organise a taster.

Flu Vaccine



A few weeks ago families were asked to decide whether they wished their child to receive the flu vaccine at nursery. 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, and this is administered via children's noses. 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, please speak to our Team Leaders Mrs Moran or Miss Mckendrick.



Stay and Play

Our first Stay and Play sessions of the year, linked to wellbeing, are planned for week beginning 5th October, please see the Dates for the Diary section at the end of the newsletter for your child's date. Our children love having a family member visit our nursery to play and learn alongside them. Stay and play sessions run from nursery opening time until around 09:30 and up to two adults per family are invited along.

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.

Car Park



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



Questioning

Our world is a fascinating place, and our team use key questions to encourage creativity, understanding and analysis. Some 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.



Theme

Our theme of families will continue for a little while longer as the children requested. We will also incorporate Autumn learning opportunities into our days as well as planning responsively to react to our children's interests.

PVG

A huge thank you to all the adults who contacted our team and volunteered to become a member of the PVG register, once applications have been processed, we will be planning some out of nursery learning experiences. As always families will be required to give permission in writing for outings.



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.

No medication should be administered in pupil water bottles at any time



Staying in Touch

As a team we strive to ensure that families feel well informed about all aspects of nursery life and a valued partner in their child's education. 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, 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.



Vision Screening

NHS Vision Screening team will be visiting the nursery to work with our pre-school pupils on Thursday 1st October, if any follow-up is required families will be notified.



Nursery Applications

If you have, or know of, a child, who will turn three before **29/02/28** 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 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 30th 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 in the school foyer 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 always optional.



Parent Power Up

Miss Mckendrick will be running four weekly PEEP sessions (see dates for the diary) and she will be giving families more information after the October break. PEEP sessions are a super way to meet other families and to support each other and in the past families have chosen to talk about routines, early numeracy, early literacy amongst other things.

Dates for the Diary



Thursday 1st October Vision Screening for Pre-school pupils

Monday 5th October Green Group Stay and Play

Tuesday 6th October Blue Group Stay and Play

Wednesday 7th October Yellow Group Stay and Play

Thursday 8th October Red Group Stay and Play

Friday 9th October Orange Group Stay and Play

Friday 9th October School closes for October week break at 3pm

Monday 19th October School reopens

Tuesday 27th October PEEP session

one of four (more information from Miss Mckendrick will follow) **3-4pm**

Friday 30th October Fancy Dress Party

Tuesday 3rd November PEEP session **two of four** 3-4pm

Monday 9th November InSet day 3, school closed

Tuesday 10th November PEEP session **three of four** 3-4pm

Thursday 12th November Parents' Evening 15:30-17:30

Tuesday 17th November PEEP session **four of four** 3-4pm

Tuesday 8th December

Nursery Nativity 2pm

Monday 14th December Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December Sibling Stay and Play

Tuesday 22nd December School closes at **2:30pm** for Winter break

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