

Kirkton



Primary School

November 2018

Head Teacher's Welcome

As we head into autumn/winter season and the possibility of adverse weather becomes more likely, it is important that the school has up-to-date emergency contact information for every pupil. Please inform the office of any changes to mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

In the event of changes to school routines caused by weather, we will use Twitter in the first instance to share updates. We will also use our text messaging system (however, this can only be accessed by staff from school so cannot be relied on if staff are unable to get to school!)

Our Adverse Weather plan has been updated and approved by Facility Services – details of this are outlined below. This will be implemented in the event of heavy snow fall.

Please ensure pupils come to school dressed for the forecasted weather with an appropriate jacket and footwear and, if possible, with a change of socks in their bag.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Lynne Brennan

Primary 2 Class Assembly

Primary 2 put together a fantastic Harvest assembly, last Friday, learning lines, singing songs, acting – not an easy task in front of your family and peers. We would like to thank all of you who contributed to the Foodbank donations. The response has been overwhelming, as always, so thank you for your generosity.

Lost Property

We have a significant amount of lost property, some of which has been in the school since before the holidays. We have distributed everything which has names in them. Please assist us in preventing items of school uniform being lost or misplaced by labelling all items of clothing, footwear, bags and packed lunches with the child's name.

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Hallowe'en Disco

Thank you very much to our fabulous PTA for organising our Hallowe'en Discos last week. A great time was had by all with some fantastic costumes on show.

Thanks for the Chocolate!

Many thanks to all of you for the chocolate donations during our recent Dress Down Day. The amount received was overwhelming (and definitely in danger of making its way to the staffroom!)

Luckily the stash was picked up very quickly on Friday morning, so all donations are safely tucked away ready for the Christmas raffle!

Tesco - Bags of Help

I am delighted that our application for Bags of Help has been successful. This means that from 1st November until 31st December, customers of Tesco can help us raise money to develop our approaches to Forest Schools. The project with the highest number of votes will receive £4,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £2,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £1,000.

The store participating is:

6400 Carluke ML8 5AL Superstores

Special Civic Ceremony for Thomas Caldwell

Last week, the Council coordinated a Special Civic Service in honour of Sgt Thomas Caldwell VC who, 100 years ago, was awarded the highest honour for bravery by the British Army.

A memorial paving stone was laid in the Market Square during a Service of Dedication on Wednesday 31 October 2018.

Our Primary 7 class recently took part in a writing competition about Thomas Caldwell and their work is now being displayed in the Paper Box. Mrs Thomas along with some Primary 7 pupils attended the ceremony to represent our local community and the school.

You may have noticed the new signs erected around Carluke to commemorate our Victoria Cross soldiers. I am delighted announce that each school has also been given one of these signs. It has been placed in our entrance for all to see and remember.

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Weekly & Monthly Updates - What's Happening at Kirkton?

To keep up to date with what's happening within the school, a weekly overview and monthly calendar is published on our Twitter account and school app. We hope you find this useful.

Keeping in Touch

Our main method of communication continues to be the App and school Twitter account, which can be accessed at www.twitter.com/@KirktonPrimary. It is not necessary to have a Twitter account to view the page. If you do have a Twitter account, follow @KirktonPrimary to keep up to date.

Text Messaging will continue to be used to inform parents/carers of important information and attendance. Please inform the office if your mobile phone number has changed.

In our aim to keep parents/carers as fully informed as possible, the school will:

- publish a monthly newsletter
- send home letters via 'pupil post'

School Website, is still undergoing some TLC and we hope it will be fully functioning soon. If you have any questions or comments, please get in touch. You can telephone the school on 01555 772466 or email gw14kirktonpsoffice@glow.sch.uk

The teachers escort the pupils to the school doors at the end of the day, but this is not always the best time to speak with them as they are supervising the pupils. If you wish to speak in person to a member of staff, please contact the office to arrange a mutually suitable appointment.

Attendance and Time Keeping

Please ensure you contact the school office by telephone if your child is unwell and unable to come to school. The school will attempt to contact you by 10am if your child hasn't reported for school and we have had no notification from you. Time keeping continues to be a concern for us as a school as a significant number of children are not arriving to school before the 9am bell. We appreciate that there will be the odd occasion where families will be running a little late for one reason or another, but we ask that you endeavour to get children into school on time as valuable teaching time can be missed. In line with North Lanarkshire policy, we must mark children as 'late' if they are not in school for 9am. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

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Sickness and diarrhoea

Children experiencing these symptoms should not return to school for 48 hours following the last period of sickness/diarrhoea.

Head Lice

Head Lice is a common problem in primary schools and parents/carers are asked to regularly check hair for signs of lice or eggs. We are not permitted to inform individual children or classes if there is an outbreak of lice. Further information can be found at

<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/25-Head%20Lice-Facts%20Detection%20Treatment-April18-English.pdf>

Adverse Weather Plan

In the event of heavy snow fall, the Adverse Weather Plan will be implemented. This has been developed by SLC Facility Services to take account of safe systems of work for Janitorial staff working in extreme weathers.

- The HT will make the decision that the Adverse Weather plan is to be implemented and inform parents/carers via Twitter and text message (if possible).
- The janitor will unlock the gates at the car park entrance only.
- The janitor will create a safe pathway from the gate to the main entrance and ensure all fire doors are clear.
- All pupils and staff will enter via the Main Entrance.
- No other gates will be opened and there will be no access paths created in the playground.
- Local weather conditions will be monitored and parents/carers will be kept informed via Twitter and text message. We thank you for your co-operation and understanding in the event of any weather-related disruption. All decisions taken will be in the best interest of pupils and staff.

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Dates for the diary

As always, we are a busy school and dates can change.

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16 th	P 4/3 Class Assembly	19 th	In-Service Day 3
W/B 19 th	Daily Writing	W/B 19 th	Language Focus Week
30 th	P7 Class Assembly	30 th	Non-Uniform Day

December

12 th	School Show – rehearsal	13 th	School Show (pm)
14 th	School Show (am)	17 th	P5/6 Party
18 th	P3/4 Party	19 th	P7 Treat
20 th	P1/2 Party	21 st	Non-Uniform Day
21 st	2.30pm finish		

January

18 th	P6 Class Assembly	25 th	Non-Uniform Day
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February

11 th & 12 th	HOLIDAY	13 th	In-Service Day 4
15 th	P4 Class Assembly	22 nd	Non-Uniform Day

March

1 st	P5 Class Assembly	26 th – 28 th	School Panto
29 th	Non-Uniform Day	29 th	2.30pm Close

April

19 th	Good Friday	22 nd	Easter Monday
26 th	Non-Uniform Day		

May

3 rd	P3 Class Assembly	6 th	HOLIDAY
7 th	In-Service Day 5	16 th	Parental Consultations
24 th & 27 th	HOLIDAY	31 st	P1 Class Assembly
31 st	Non-Uniform Day		

June

28 th	Non-Uniform Day	28 th	1pm Close
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