

# Kirkton Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well it's December and almost time for us to welcome 2020, but we still have lots happening.

Mrs Black will be leaving us at the end of the term to take up a new position closer to home in Edinburgh. Mrs Black has been working in Kirkton for 11 years and has worked with lots of children families initially as a class teacher and more recently as Principal Teacher. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the school and to the support she has given to me personally over the past 18 months, she will be missed. We are in the process of recruiting for another Principal Teacher and we will pass this information to you as soon as we can.

Miss Holt will also be moving to a permanent position in Aberdeen during December, Miss Holt has been with us each Thursday and Friday since August. We would all like to wish her well in her new post.

We are delighted that Mrs Smith will be returning from her maternity leave in January and we are looking forward to welcoming her back to the team.

Our last Open Hour based on Emotion Works was a great success and I would like to thank everyone who came.

Over the past few weeks I have been in classes focusing on the quality of learning and teaching in each class. I continue to be impressed with what is happening in each class on a daily basis. As a school we have been working hard on our improvement priorities and this will continue into 2020.

We hope you will be able to join us for some of our festivities during December.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

**Lynne Brennan, Head Teacher**

## Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019**, please ensure you have ordered your lunch. To get us all in the festive spirit, pupils can wear their Christmas Jumper/T-shirt or something equally festive on this day.

## Pre loved Christmas Jumpers

As December is Christmas jumper month, we are looking for any pre-loved/outgrown jumpers that we can add to our pre-loved rail. We are encouraging recycling and will be focusing on the enormous environmental benefits or upcycling. We are encouraging parents to help themselves to a jumper they feel could be used. Any items which are not used by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** will be donated to a local charity shop. We hope you will support this initiative.

## Christmas Parties

All Christmas Parties will take place in the school on the following dates. They will all start at 1.20pm and finish by 3pm. There will be no early lunches on this day. Children who are going home, should be collected from the main door at **12.15pm**. For supervision reasons, pupils who have gone home at lunchtime cannot return into the school building until the bell rings at 1.00pm and should be back for 1.15pm. Children who are getting changed at school will have their lunch as normal and staff will be on hand to help children get changed at 1.00pm at the end of lunch. Parents will be unable to help children get ready for the party.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – P5 & P6,

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – P7 (fun afternoon),

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - P3 & P4 and

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – P1 & P2.

P1 & P2 might get a visit from a special visitor (approximately 2.30pm) and parents are welcome to attend (1 per pupil, due to space – no buggies).

### PTA Movie Night

Our PTA have organised a movie night for all the children on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm until 7.45pm. (All children must be signed in and collected by an adult).

There will be a choice of movies **Elf** or **Arthur Christmas**. Children will receive a snack box with a drink, popcorn and sweet. Children can come wearing something Christmassy, in their jammies and bring a cushion/beanbag. (If your child has any dietary requirements, please intimate on the tear-off slip being return to school).

Due to Health & Safety restrictions, parents are not able to stay unless they are helping. If you are able to help on the night, please let the school office know and we will pass on your details.

### November Right of the Month

**Article 24:** ALL children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food. Our challenge this month is **Reverse Advent**

We are hoping to help give local families in need a special Christmas meal this year by donating high quality items, which will be sent to Clydesdale Foodbank.

Suggested items are

- tinned meats
- long life milk
- biscuits
- readymade mash
- tinned pies
- cheese sauce
- mince pies
- Christmas crackers
- candy canes
- Boxes of chocolate.

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We are asking our children to bring an item to donate to the local food bank by **Monday 9th December**. Classes will work together to create a class hamper. This will be donated to Clydesdale Foodbank on **Wednesday 18th December**.

If any individual families would like to take part we would willingly pass any items onto the foodbank on your behalf, please hand anything into the office by the end of the day on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Poppy Appeal Scotland**

Thank you to everyone who supported this and to our global Citizenship Champions, as a school community we raised £178.78.



### **Playground Safety - We are a dog free zone.**

Apologies for this being included again but to ensure the safety of all members of the school community, only guide/assistance dogs are allowed into the school grounds. Please note this includes the car park area and the grassy area outside the school office as these areas are still being used as dog exercise areas. Our children's safety is our number one priority.

As a school we are vigilant to this but we have had children ending up with dog dirt on their shoes which is unacceptable.

Thank you for your support with this

### **Christmas Service**

Our Christmas Service will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at 9.45am in Kirkton Parish Church. As always, we would welcome any support in walking our children to and from the church, if you are able to help, please come into school for 9.15am and we will assign classes. Even if you are unable to help with walking over we would love for you to join us for this very special celebration.

### **Adverse Weather Plan**

In the event of heavy snow fall or icy conditions, 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/Janitor will make the decision that the Adverse Weather plan is to be implemented and parents/carers will be informed via Twitter and text message (if possible).
- The janitor will unlock the gates at the car park entrance only if safe to do so.
- 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, parents, staff and visitors.

# Pupil Newsletter



This month's edition is from the Global Citizenship Champions.

## Meet our team:

<b>P1</b> Harris Brown Sophie Small Ellie Watt	<b>P3</b> Kyle Bruce Grace Hall Lucia Mowat	<b>P5</b> Grace Brown Bethany Hunter Gregor Mackie Lexie Miller Harris Ramsey	<b>P7</b> Megan Baxter Emily Bunyan Emma Gilluley Mac McKay
<b>P2</b> Sarah Black Calum Hunter Marley O'Connor	<b>P4</b> Connor Black Holly Knight Lucas McCabe Esme McGuinness Jack Smith	<b>P6</b> Chloe Black Darcy Rutherford	

## This year's aims

This year, we aim to encourage Global Citizenship throughout our school and in doing so we want to raise money and awareness for different charities throughout the year.

## Our achievements so far

So far, we organised a Design a Poppy Competition and a Poppy Hunt to raise money for Poppy Scotland. We chose this charity because we wanted to help ex-service men and women and thank them for their service to the county. Through these events we raised a massive £178.78! Thank you to everyone who donated and a special mention to Daniel Haston P7 and Anna Cunningham P2 who were the joint winners of the Design a Poppy Competition – although it was a really hard decision as all the entries were amazing and so creative!

## Pupil comment

*"I really liked organising the Design a Poppy. It was fun." From Marley in P2*

## Miss Fox and the Global Citizenship Pupil Voice Group.



## Dates for the diary

In order to keep parents informed we have included all the dates we have finalised to this point. More dates will be given as they are agreed. As always, we are a busy school and dates can change. We hope you find this useful.

<u>Day &amp; Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Warburtons Visit – P3 & P4
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Glee Choir singing at Tesco between 11am and 12 noon
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Mrs Gilchrist – Enhanced Leave
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Show Rehearsal – Grandparents welcome – additional information to follow
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Show – 1pm start. Doors open at 12.45pm - additional information to follow
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTA Christmas Movie Night – 6pm
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Show – 9.15 am start. Doors open at 8.55am - additional information to follow
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>In-service Day</b> <b>School closed to pupils due to General Election</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Primary 5 & Primary 6 Christmas Party (pm)
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Primary 7 Christmas Celebrations (pm)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Primary 3 & Primary 4 Christmas Party (pm)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Primary 1 & Primary 2 Christmas Party (pm)
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Service – Kirkton Church 9.45am
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2.30pm Close</b> for Christmas Holidays
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Pupils Return
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January</b>	New Home Learning Block
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>P5OT Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents &amp; Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-Service Day</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>February Holidays</b>
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>In-Service Day</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>P3 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents &amp; Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	New Home Learning Block

<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>P6 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents &amp; Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Open Hour – Expressive Arts 2.15pm
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	2.30pm Close for Spring/Easter Holidays
<b>6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Spring/Easter Holidays</b>

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Pupils Return
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	New Home Learning Block
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Open Hour – Applying Maths Skills 11am
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>P3 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents &amp; Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>In-Service Day</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	New Home Learning Block
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parent's Night</b>
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P1 Class Assembly 9.30am – Parents &amp; Carers Welcome (Doors Open at 9.15am)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Home Learning Tasks Due to Teacher
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Non Uniform Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	1pm close for Summer Holidays

**Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.**

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If you have any comments or feedback, please complete this slip and return it to the school office.		
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Pupil:</b>		