Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you to everyone for the excellent turn out we had at our Meet the Teacher event last week which I hope you found very useful. I am sure you found our staff very welcoming and friendly as the positive relationships within our school is something we work hard at and pride ourselves on. Another big thank you is extended to you as your children continue to look extremely smart in their uniforms and nearly all of them were smiling in their class photo!!
We are very proud of our new Primary 1 children who have settled into school life very easily and our magnificent Primary 7s who have risen to the challenge of being mentors to the younger children. Our Parent Council AGM will be on Wednesday at 7pm and all parents who would like to become involved in our Parent Council are warmly invited. To help you plan for the year ahead, I have included an annual diary dates page and this will also be available on our website and app too. Finally, you are all aware of our car park challenges but please only use the disabled parking bays if you have a blue badge. Thank you.
As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the Kirktonholme Team if you have any questions, queries or suggestions. Kind regards, Linda Wright

Getting Everyone Engaged @ Kirktonholme
Supporting our School

There are many ways you can support our school and it’s pupils. You can
• accompany classes on outings
• be a parent helper in the classroom
• support our paired reading programme
• assist or lead an after school / lunch club
• teach our children new skills eg host a ‘Masterclass’
• share information about your job
If you are able to volunteer some of your time, we would love to hear from you. We are hosting an information session on Wednesday at 2pm in the dining room and you are welcome to attend.

Captains & Vice Captains
I am delighted to announce our new Captains and Vice Captains for this year.
Culzean  Dean Mhyren Sophie Nathan
Dean  Aaron Rachel Finn Laura
Edinburgh Logan Orla Jay Isla
Stirling Mia Struan Jennifer Caiden
This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about responsibility and leadership. Each child in our school is member of one of these houses. Children with the surnames beginning with
A-E belong to Culzean  F-L belong to Dean
M-O belong to Edinburgh  P-Z belong to Stirling

Parent Events & sharing your child’s progress
Throughout the year you will be invited to different events which give you the opportunity to become more involved in your child's learning and to learn about their progress. This year we have planned -
Aug  Meet the Teacher
Nov  Parents' Night
March  Parents' Night
June  Written report
Each class will also be involved in an assembly showcasing an aspect of their learning. In addition to these events, we have our homework diary which incorporates homework tasks, aspects of your child’s learning journey as well as a weekly target you can support them with. Last session we were also able to provide more workshop opportunities for you and plan to do the same this year.

Wet Weather Mornings
Reminder: In the event of heavy rain children may enter school at 8.45am. Rooms 1-6 should enter through the front dining room entrance and Rooms 7-14 should enter through our main entrance. Please be advised that parents are unable to wait with children inside the building. Usually on these mornings the volume of traffic is greatly increased so please leave extra time for your journey and drop off as the car park is particularly busy.
Spotlight on Growth Mindset
Links to…our school value of Positivity & Health & Wellbeing school aim

We host our Assemblies every Monday and it is during this time we speak to the children about friendships, bullying and many other health and well being issues. We also celebrate success so please share your child’s out of school achievements with us eg swimming badges, dancing exams, fundraising etc and we will award house points for their achievements. They can also record their achievements in their homework diary.

Each month at assembly, we will be focusing on Growth Mindset. We will learn a new mantra encouraging and supporting our children to have a growth and not a fixed mindset - this has many positive effects on a child’s learning. We are also introduced a new Growth Mindset award which will be celebrated at our assemblies. Parent information leaflets about Growth Mindset were issued at Meet the Teacher.

Chaplaincy Team
The members of our chaplaincy team are
Douglas Wallace  Stewartfield
Mahboob Masih  West Mains Kirk
Jim McGilvray  Baptist Church
Iain Thomson  Free Church

Our chaplaincy team work together to support the work of the school by providing some opportunities for Religious Observance. We must provide pupils with at least 6 Religious Observance opportunities every year in addition to any traditional celebrations. These are also known as a Time to Reflect. When a minister leads Religious Observance in our school, it will be in the form of a 15 minute assembly. During these occasions pupils are invited to reflect and join in with a prayer, if they wish.

If you do not wish your child to participate in this form of Religious Observance please advise the Head Teacher in writing on an annual basis.

Dates for your diary
An annual list of dates will be issued and is available on the school website.

Listed below are some of the key dates for the this term. Please be advised that these dates can be prone to change. We will keep you updated with events in each newsletter and will give you as much notice as we can if dates do change.

Wed 5th Sept  Parent Council AGM 7pm
Thu 6th Sept  The Hobbit performance
Wed 13th Sept  R8 Library visit
Mon 10th – 14th Sept  P7s @ Lockerbie Manor
Fri 21st & Mon 24th Sept  Holiday
Fri 28th Sept  Athletics festival
Mon 8th Oct  Rm 8&9 Assembly 9.30am
Fri 12th Oct  Flu Vaccinations
Mon 15th – Fri 19th Oct  Holiday
Mon 22nd Oct  P7 Parents Open Evening at Duncarrig
Fri 26th Oct  Athletics festival
Mon 29th Oct  Rm 4&5 Assembly 9.30am
Thurs 15th Nov  Parents’ Evening
Mon 19th Nov  Inservice (school closed to pupils)
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