Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and trust that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support us during our many events throughout December. Your presence here at our Nativities and Concerts is very important to us and your children. As usual, our children’s performances sparkled with their confidence and enthusiasm and we were very proud of them.

We are looking forward to our second term with a great variety of learning experiences planned, including lots of visitors for the children to learn. With the winter season now upon us please make sure you have downloaded our school app as this our quickest method of communicating with you.

As always if you wish to discuss any matter, we are always here and happy to help!

Kind regards,
Linda Wright

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New Year Resolutions 2019

The start of the New Year is always a good time to remind ourselves of the high expectations we set our pupils. Here is a reminder of the expectations we have for our children:

- Attend school regularly
- Arrive on time at 8.55am
- Respect the parking arrangements

Please check with your child whether they need new gym shoes as many of them are looking very worn.

Enrolment

Enrolment is next week for any pupils who will be 5 between the 1st March 2019 and 29th February 2020 and are due to begin school in August 2019. If you have a child, or know of one, who needs to be enrolled, please phone the office to make an appointment.

Enrolment times are:
- Monday, Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm
- Wednesday, Friday 9.30-12pm

Please remember to bring the child’s full birth certificate and 2 proofs of address with you eg utility, council tax bills, bank statements. We look forward to seeing you!

High School Transfer

The paper work for High School Transfer will be issued soon to our current P7s. Remember to check their school bags and return the forms by Friday 25th January. If you have any queries about these forms, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Lockerbie Manor 2019

Our current P6 pupils and parents are invited to learn more about their P7 trip to Lockerbie Manor in September. The meeting is on Tuesday 15th January from 5-6pm. A separate letter will be issued about this.

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Spotlight on Health & Wellbeing

It’s that time of year again when we ask you to complete our health and wellbeing checks with your child. We have incorporated these into our homework diaries and class teachers will direct you to them. The purpose of this activity is to allow your child to identify how they feel about being safe, healthy, active, nurtured, achieving, respected, responsible and included. Our pupils complete these twice a year - once in August in the classroom and again in January at home with their parent. As a school we use these self assessments to identify any support which may be required for our pupils.

We hope you enjoy completing this with your child.
**Dress Down Days**
The last Friday of every month is Dress Down Day.
25th January  22nd February  29th March
26th April    31st May      28th June

**School holiday dates**
School holiday dates for 2019/2020 are now available on South Lanarkshire Council’s website.

**Dates for your diary**
Please be advised that these dates can be prone to change. We will keep you updated with events in each newsletter and we will give you as much notice as we can if dates do change.

Mon 7th Jan    Pupils return
Mon 7th Jan    Panto in school
Wed 9th Jan    Ricky Mundy visit
Fri 11th Jan   Athletics
Mon 14th Jan   Enrolment week
7pm Parent Council
Tue 15th Jan   5pm Lockerbie Manor meeting
Thu 17th Jan   P7@Physics Fights Crime
Fri 25th Jan   P7@ Duncanrig Volleyball
Mon 28th Jan   R6&7 Assembly 9.30am
Thu 31st Jan   Nursery Highland Games
Thurs 7th Feb  Netball festival
Mon 11th & 12th Feb  Holiday
Wed 13th Feb   Inservice
Mon 25th Feb   R10 Assembly 9.30am
Robotics Week
Tues 5th March  Parents’ Night
Wed 20th March  Dance Festival
Thurs 21st March  P5 swimming starts
Wed 27th & 28th Mar  School Show (P6s & P7s)
Fri 29th March  School closes 2.30pm
Mon 15th April  Pupils return
Creativity Week
Wed 17th April  P7 Easter Code
Fri 19th April  Easter Holiday
Mon 22nd April  Easter Holiday
Mon 6th May    Holiday
Tues 7th May   Inservice
Mon 13th May   Outdoor Week
R1-3 Assembly
Wed 22nd & 23rd May  P7s @ Duncanrig Transition Days
Fri 24th May    Holiday
Mon 27th May    Holiday
Fri 31st May    Sports Festival 10am
(Sports Day)
Mon 17th June  Nursery Prizegiving
Wed 19th June  P1-6 Prizegiving 9.30am
Fri 21st June  P7 Prizegiving 1.30pm
Tue 25th June  P7 Celidh 7pm
Thu 27th June  Church Service 9.45am
Fri 28th June  School closes 1pm

**Spotlight on Curriculum**
During the month of January, we focus on the Scottish dimension of our curriculum. Pupils will be reading (and analysing) some Scots texts and learning some new Scots vocabulary. We will be finding out more about some Scots people of faith. If you are interested in finding out about other ways to support your child’s learning, then please visit [www.scotslanguage.com](http://www.scotslanguage.com)

**Growth Mindset Monthly Mantra**
Our mantra this month is Feedback is a gift - accept it. Our children will learn more about what this means next week at our assembly.

**Inspiring our Learners**
We are expecting an inspiring visit from Ricky Mundy this week. He will be sharing his experiences about climbing Everest.
Also, Primary 4-6 will be taking part in Air Quality workshops.

**Beauty & the Beast Performance**
Pupils today were treated to a performance of the Beauty & the Beast by Hopscotch Theatre. Thank you to our Parent Council for supplying the delicious ice cream to every pupil.

**Communication**
Don’t forget to download our app! PSA and choose Kirktonholme Primary.
See office for username and password