Dear Parents/Carers,
The eternal month that is January has now ended and we can look forward to slighter lighter nights in February. The cold weather obviously continues and with that comes the reminders of our adverse weather procedures. On days when the weather is challenging, my advice to you is to get here as safely as you can, even if it may mean you are slightly late. It is still a relatively rare occurrence for schools to be closed and this decision is made by South Lanarkshire Council. Keep yourself up to date with their Newsfeed and Twitter and of course make sure you have our app downloaded as this is the quickest way I can get a message to you. (Details of how to download our app are available in school) Please also keep to the treated pathways for your own safety around our school.
As always if you wish to discuss any matter, we are always here and happy to help!

Kind regards,
Linda Wright

Inspiring & Engaging our Learners
Growth Mindset

We hope our children have been inspired by the many visitors they have had in school recently. Ricky Munday's visit has been a highlight of the year for us. He shared his Everest adventures with our younger children and our older children also learned about his challenging work in Antarctica. His message was very clear – you never give up! We want our children to learn how to overcome challenges in both learning and life and be able to apply a growth mindset to what they have been learning.

Inspiring & Engaging our Learners
Paired Reading Programme

Our Parent Paired Reading Programme is proving to be a great success in supporting our children and increasing their attainment and pleasure in reading. We are only 3 months into this project and we are already seeing a very positive impact. A sincere thank you to the parents who are involved in this! If you are interested in helping and can dedicate a spare 20 minutes (or longer) then we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Souter for more information.

Inspiring & Engaging our Learners
Literacy

As one of our strategies to inspire our children to write, Terry Anderson a Scottish Cartoonist has been working with Room 8, 9, 10 and 11. Room 10 and 11 children learned about the craft and techniques of cartooning and using onomatopoeic words. Rooms 8 and 9 learned how to develop and illustrate a character.

Parents’ Night

Our next Parents’ Night will be Tuesday 5th March. We will be sending out appointment letters soon so we can make the necessary arrangements. Please have these returned by the end of next week. Thank you.

Lockerbie Manor 2019

Initial deposit of £50 is required for September’s P7 Lockerbie Manor trip. Please pay this by Monday to secure your child’s place.
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.

- Tues 5th Feb: Room 10@Stirling Castle
- Thurs 7th Feb: Netball festival
- Fri 8th Feb: SLC Athletics Final
- Mon 11th & 12th Feb: Holiday
- Wed 13th Feb: Inservice
- Mon 18th Feb: Parent Council 7pm
- Tues 19th Feb: P1 Numeracy Workshop
- Mon 25th Feb: R10 Assembly 9.30am Robotics Week
- Tues 5th March: Parents’ Night
- Wed 20th March: Football Dance Festival
- Thurs 21st March: P5 swimming starts
- Wed 27th & 28th Mar: School Show (P6s & P7s) 1pm and 6.30pm
- 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 Outdoor Week
- Mon 13th May: Rooms1-3 Assembly 9.30am
- Wed 22nd & 23rd May: P7s @ Duncanrig Transition Days
- Fri 24th May: Holiday
- Mon 27th 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 Ceilidh 7pm
- Thu 27th June: Church Service 9.45am
- Fri 28th June: School closes 1pm

Communication
Don’t forget to download our app! PSA and choose Kirktonholme Primary.
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Spotlight on the cost of the school day
We are looking for the views of parents to help us evaluate the cost of the school day in order to minimise this. This will be discussed at the next Parent Council and if you have any views you would like us to take into consideration please email our school office or get in touch with the Parent Council. We will also be talking to our children about this too.

Growth Mindset Monthly Mantra
Our mantra this month is
A goal without a plan is just a wish!
Your children will be learning about this at Monday’s assembly

Can you help us?
We are looking for some help related to our show.
- Someone to film our show and has access to the necessary equipment.
- Access to a van on 18th or 19th March to transport staging from Mossneuk Primary to Kirktonholme Primary.
Please contact Mrs Souter if you can help!

Dress Down Days
The last Friday of every month is Dress Down Day.
22nd February 29th March 26th April
31st May 28th June

World Book Day
We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and children can dress up as book characters. However, I would encourage that it is not necessary for you to buy new costumes. We do not wish to add expense - it is possible to be creative by using existing clothes from home.

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