Dear Parents/Carers,

It is incredible to think we are now in the month of March and the children enjoying being able to sunbathe at playtimes during this week, however, you may still need to be mindful of adverse weather procedures for this coming week. We have our fingers and toes crossed that we will not need to cancel our World Book Day as we did last year!! More information can be found below regarding World Book Day and our Parents’ Night on Tuesday.

Also this month we are very excited to be performing our P6 and P7 school show. This year’s show is Beauty and the Beast and I am confident that this will be another outstanding success so don’t miss out – we will be issuing ticket letters soon.

Prior to this we will be celebrating Science Week including a special Air Quality Day of Action on Tuesday 19th March. There are lots to be keeping us busy!

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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**Getting Everyone Engaged at Kirktonholme**

**Parents’ Night**
Tuesday 5th March

Our Parents’ Night will be hosted in our school gym hall and appointment times have already been issued. We will also have some other information available.

- We are able to offer a crèche facility during the evening appointments only and this will be in the dining room
- Mrs Souter will be available to discuss ASPs for some children
- Mrs Angela Bromley will be offering some parental advice on Internet Safety and can help with ‘troubleshooting’ advice for anyone who has been having technical difficulties with RMEasimaths
- Parent Council will be issuing a short questionnaire
- We will be gathering your opinions, ideas and thoughts about our school

We are looking forward to seeing you 😊

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**Inspiring & Engaging our Learners**

**Robotics Week & ICT**

This week your children have all experienced a fantastic Robotics workshop. They have been using the programme Lego Robotics or Edison. This has been part of our ICT programme with the aim to encourage a love of innovation and technology. In addition to this, Mrs Angela Bromley our very own ICT guru, has been teaching most of our children ICT this year and we have been so impressed with our children developing their skills, knowledge, understanding and expertise in this area. Please take the time to ask them what they have been learning...

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**World Book Day**
Thursday 7th March

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

Classes will be celebrating the joy of reading on this day!

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**Happy 1st Birthday to our Kirktonholme App!**

We see this as one of our successes over the past year and we would like to hear if you feel the same. Look out for a short evaluation on it at Parents’ Night.
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.

Fri 1st March Cross Country
Tues 5th March Parents’ Night
Thu 7th March World Book Day Mousetale Puppets
Fri 8th March P6 Scottish Parliament (helpers needed)
Wed 20th March Football Dance Festival
Thu 14th March International School Meals Day Netball Festival
Tue 19th March Air Quality Day of Action P1 Grandparents Afternoon
Wed 20th March Football festival Room 4 @ Dance festival
Thurs 21st March P5 swimming starts
Wed 27th March School Show (P6s & P7s) 1pm and 6.30pm
Thu 28th March School show 6.30pm
Fri 29th March Dress Down Day 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
Sat 11th May K Fest 11-1pm
Mon 13th May Outdoor Week Rooms1-3 Assembly 9.30am
Wed 22nd & 23rd May P7s @ Duncranrig Transition Days
Fri 24th May Holiday
Mon 27th May Holiday
Fri 31st May Sports Festival 10am (Sports Day)

Mon 17th June Nursery Prizegiving 10am
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

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

Growth Mindset Monthly Mantra
Our mantra this month is "Mistakes are opportunities for learning!"

The only guarantee you have with your children is that they will make mistakes - both in their learning and their actions.

It is incredibly important that we teach our pupils that mistakes are a part of this learning process by doing 3 things:

1. Normalising mistakes: it is what we do NEXT that really counts!
2. Value mistakes as learning opportunities
3. Coach them through the mistakes and help them to figure it out by themselves.

Our children need to know mistakes are natural and nothing to fear, but something to embrace! This helps to build their resilience both now and for later life.

“The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake. You don’t learn anything from being perfect.” Adam Osborne

Your children will be learning more about this at Monday’s assembly.

Phones in school
Please remind your child that phones are not allowed to be used in school. We understand that some children need to carry a phone with them but they should be turned off and not used within the school premises. Please talk to your child about this rule.

Competition Entries
Thank you for the magnificent competition entries for the K-Woodland Art Competition. There is no doubt we have many creative and talented families. All entries have now been submitted so watch this space...

Competition Winner
Well done to Rebecca in P1 who won £150 Halfords voucher for taking part in the Taster Challenge.