Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back! I hope you have had the most relaxing and enjoyable break with your families. Before we look forward to our final term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our P6 and P7s, Mrs Souter and staff on a magnificent school show. Every year our shows surpass themselves and this year was no different. This is testament to the dedication and hard work of our pupils and staff and a huge extended team who support and enable your children to be the best they can be.

As we move into the summer term, there are many more opportunities for you and your family to get involved in the life of our school, with events such as the Parent Council’s K Fest and our Sports Festival. Please check the back of our newsletter for dates and times. This is always an exciting term with lots of events, time to look back on our achievements and make plans for moving forwards. As always if you wish to discuss any matter, we are always here and happy to help!

Kind regards,  Linda Wright

Getting Everyone Engaged at Kirktonholme

Outdoor Week
One of our priorities this year has been to increase the amount of outdoor learning our children are engaged in. We will be celebrating outdoor learning with an Outdoor Week in May, and the first event for this is our Parent Council’s K Fest on Saturday 11th May. More information on this will follow...

Wild Squirrel Competition
Mrs McCaig and her outdoor learning team organised a competition recently and the prize was for one child from each class to participate in an outdoor experience with Wild Squirrel. The children took part in some team building activities, built dens, lit fires and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate which was certainly needed in the cold weather. We are looking forward to more workshops with Wild Squirrel including a parent workshop on outdoor activities.

Playground Equipment
Thank you to our Parent Council who have been working with our Pupil Council to identify some new playground equipment for the children. We are looking forward to even more active playtimes in the summer term.

Dance Festival
Congratulations to our magnificent dancers in room 4 who performed in the recent East Kilbride Dance Festival. I may be biased, but I think they stole the show! Great job room 4!

Inspiring & Engaging our Learners
Creativity Week
Our learners are looking forward to using their creativity skills this week with our annual Spring Bonnet and Easter Egg competition. I know their entries will be egg-scellent! (sorry ☹️)

Spotlight on Health and Wellbeing
During the summer term, part of our health and wellbeing curriculum focus is on Relationships and Parenthood. In this part of the curriculum, your child will develop an understanding of how to maintain positive relationships with a variety of people. They will become aware of how thoughts, feelings, attitudes, values and beliefs can influence decisions about relationships, and sexual health. Your child will develop their understanding of the demanding role and responsibilities of being a parent or carer. More information about this is available on the website ParentZone.

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

School Lunches
We have been informed by South Lanarkshire Council, that the cost of a school lunch has now increased to £1.70. This price increase will take effect in conjunction with the new summer menu on Tuesday 23rd April.
Do you know what your children are doing on their phone?

Many of our children are lucky enough to have phones but are we lucky enough to know what they are doing on their phones? As parents this can be very difficult to keep up to date with. Children are becoming more sophisticated in their use. As parents we need to be aware of our responsibility, especially when our child’s misuse can result in breaking the law, for example, What’s App has a minimum age limit of 16. You can find out more by talking to your child, checking their phone and on www.nationalonlinesafety.com.

Keep your child safe!

Growth Mindset Monthly Mantra

Our mantra this month is

The Power of Yet!

In this week’s assembly, we have been talking to the pupils about things they have learned to do, such as:

- Walking, talking and running;
- Riding a bike;
- Swimming.

Imagine if they had given up without trying? What if they became upset about making mistakes and didn’t want to try again? Think of the world of opportunities open to our children if they just remember that, just because they don’t know how to do something, it doesn’t mean they won’t or can’t. We call this THE POWER OF YET! Never give up challenging your child to overcome their fears or mistakes and always remember that one little word can make all the difference - YET!

To learn more about this, watch Carol Dweck’s Ted Talk “The Power of Believing that you can improve”?

Dates for your diary

Please be advised that these dates and times 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 15th April      Pupils return
Wed 17th April      Creativity Week
Thu 18th April      P1s Summerlee Trip
Fri 19th April      Easter Holiday
Mon 22nd April      Easter Holiday
Wed 24th April      P5s Farm Trip
Mon 29th April      7pm Parent Council
Wed 1st May         Football festival
Mon 6th May         Holiday
Tues 7th May        Inservice
Fri 10th May        Athletics
Sat 11th May        K Fest 11-1pm
Mon 13th May        Outdoor Week
 Rooms1-3 Assembly 9.30am
Tues 14th May       P2s Calderglen Trip
Wed 22nd & 23rd May P7s @ Duncanrig Transition Days
Fri 24th May        Holiday
Mon 27th May        Holiday
Fri 31st May        Sports Festival 10-12pm
(Sports Day – families welcome)
Mon 3rd June        P5s at Calderglen (Sports)
Th 13th & Fr 14th June P7s@Calderglen Transition Days
Mon 17th June       Nursery Prizegiving 1.30pm
Wed 19th June       P1-6 Prizegiving 9.30am
Fri 21st June       P7 Prizegiving 1.30pm
Mon 24th June       Staff v pupils netball
Tue 25th June       P7 Ceilidh 7pm
Thu 27th June       Church Service 9.45am
Fri 28th June       School closes 1pm

As much as we love our furry friends, please be advised dogs are not allowed in the school playground.

No Dogs