Dear Parents/Carers,

Lots of preparations are underway for the many events we have planned this term. The first of which is our Parent Council’s Summer K Fest. This is a great day out for the family to come and feel part of our school community (and also an opportunity to soak Mrs Miller and myself!) More information can be found below about this event.

Our main focus this term is to use our outdoors more and our Outdoor Festival will begin with the Summer Fest and end with a whole school Giant Picnic. During the week, our classes will all be involved in outdoor challenges including some creative work to brighten up our playground area.

You should also have received an invitation to a parent and child workshop with our new partner Wild Squirrel. Children should be prepared for any weather conditions, be than sun, rain or snow!

Thank you to Mrs McCaig and her outdoor team for coordinating these events.

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**

**Parent Council**

Summer K Fest on Saturday 11th May 11am -1pm
Please support our school and Parent Council by
- Volunteering to help
  (contact facebook page or school office)
- Donating items for the
  - class hampers,
  - tombolas - bottle, kids and adult
  - homebaking
  - raffle prizes

It promises to be a great day out for the family and we look forward to seeing you there.

The Parent Council is one of the excellent ways you can support your child and become more involved in the life of the school. New members can be accepted at the Annual AGM on the 2nd September.

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**Spotlight on How Good Is Our School?**

*Successes & Achievements*

This is the time of year we look back at, and remind ourselves of, our successes and achievements. We talk to our staff and pupils about this and this helps us form our plans for the following year.

Parents have a voice in this too so please look out for our questionnaire but let me remind you that you are always welcome to contact me directly to suggest, discuss, propose any thoughts, opinions or feedback you have.

Our children have told us already about some of their highlights which makes our school a special place to be:

- Outdoor area
- Lockerbie Manor
- Creativity
- Egg comps
- Generation
- Robotics
- New learning in maths
- School show
- New clubs
- School app
- New maths equipment
- Growth mindset
- ICT
- Rubix cubes
- 89% in our school are good readers
- Cartoonist & drawing
- Air quality Day
- P5 music
- Famous scots
- School Fairs
- Ricky Monday
- MSP visits

Our work for 2018/2019 along with our attainment data will be collated in a school Standards & Qualities report which will be shared at the Parent Council AGM and you can access in September.

The results of our recent reading questionnaire can be found on our website.

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**New Uniforms?**

You can order online at [www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk](http://www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk) or from the school office.
Spotlight on SNSAs

Our children in P4 and P7 have now completed the new SNSAs, which have been set by the Scottish government and P1s will be sitting them later this term. SNSA stands for Scottish National Standardised Assessment. All children in these year groups are required to sit these assessments. Please do not confuse this with the English system of testing as this is very different. It involves your child taking part in an online quiz for Reading, Maths, Spelling and Grammar. The tests take approx. 40 minutes to complete. Almost all of our children have quite 'enjoyed' this online experience and have performed well. We will not be publishing any results from these SNSAs and teachers use them as part of their own assessment and professional judgement as to how well your child is progressing. Please be rest assured that if we had any concerns about your child’s progress we would be in touch with you. If you have any questions regarding the SNSAs then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Growth Mindset Monthly Mantra

Our final monthly mantra for the year is

I’VE GOT THIS!

In our assembly next week, we will be sharing our final growth mindset mantra. Self-talk or using your “inner voice” is an excellent tool for everyone to practise.

Children need to understand the difference between the fixed mindset messages and the growth mindset messages they hear, so they can re-frame them and go on to overcome the challenges they face. For example, instead of saying, “I don’t get this!” they could try saying “Can I look at this another way?”

Carol Dweck suggests that making a plan and visualising how you will carry it out will help you use the growth mindset when faced with failure and struggle, bad situations that can easily knock you off course when or if you let them. Make a plan with your child to help them learn or overcome something this summer! Perhaps learning to swim or ride their bike, or even to get through 3 books! Anything is possible!