Dear Parents/Carers,

Apparently this is the summer term, although the recent weather would make you question that! One of the casualties of the rain has been our recent Sports Festival which we hope will go ahead this Friday. Parents are welcome to come and watch from 10am-12pm and fingers crossed we have better weather then.

The weather, however, has not held us back with the many outdoor learning events we have had recently. We were overwhelmed by the huge response from you for our family engagement workshops and will be arranging more of these after the summer break to try and give everyone the opportunity to be involved. All children, however, have had many outdoor experiences which they have loved including den building and our week ended with a giant picnic! A special thank you to Mrs McCaig for organising many of the outdoor events.

There may be only four weeks left until the summer break, but we have many events still to prepare for so there is no winding down for us!

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**

**Thank you**

On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our very hardworking Parent Council and volunteers for all of the support they have provided throughout the year. Our children benefit greatly from the experiences and resources the Parent Council provide for us. This year’s Summer Fest was another success and whilst the fundraising is an important aspect, I was delighted that we had the opportunity to come together as families within our school community. A special thank you is extended to everyone who supported this event.

With the money raised over this year, the Parent Council have gifted us many items including playground toys and we are looking forward to receiving and using Robotic Kits to enhance our children's technologies learning. Also, all of our nursery and P7 pupils will be gifted new school ties for their new schools. I also rely upon the Parent Council to guide, challenge and support me and some of our school decision making.

Thank you for all of your time, effort, opinions and motivation in making our school the best place for our children.

A particular thank you is extended to Kirsty Neill who has ‘served’ 10 years on our Parent Council. We will miss Kirsty’s abundance in contributions and are sad to see her move on.

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

**Reporting**

We will be issuing our end of year school reports at the end of next week. Previous parent evaluations have told us that our reports are too long. This year you can expect your child’s report to be shorter with a sharper focus on your child’s strengths and their next steps on how to improve their learning further.

Alongside the teacher’s report on your child’s progress, you will find a pupil report written by your own child. They will share their achievements with you in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing along with one of their Magic Moments from the year. Please take the time to discuss both reports with your child and return the parent and pupil response sheet.

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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. Our preference is that children wear a shirt and tie to school. This is the most cost efficient option for parents as blue school shirts are readily available in supermarkets and do not require a logo. School ties are available from the office. Polo shirts are allowed on gym days.

Remember: P1-P5 wear the royal blue jumpers and P6&7 wear navy jumpers.

Please be advised that we do not permit our children to wear hoodies to school.
**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.

Changes and additions are in italics.

- **Mon 3rd June**  
  P5s at Calderglen (Sports)

- **Fri 7th June**  
  Sports Festival 10-12pm  
  (Sports Day – families welcome)

- **Tue 11th June**  
  P4 Tennis Festival (tbc)

- **Th 13th & Fr 14th June**  
  P7s@Calderglen Transition Days

- **Mon 17th June**  
  Nursery Prizegiving  
  1.30pm for 2pm

- **Tue 18th June**  
  P7s Blair Drummond

- **Wed 19th June**  
  P1-6 Prizegiving 9.30am  
  (by invitation only)

- **Fri 21st June**  
  P7 Leavers’ Assembly 1.30pm

- **Mon 24th June**  
  Staff v pupils netball

- **Tue 25th June**  
  P7 Cellidh 7pm

- **Wed 26th June**  
  P7s @ Sky Academy

- **Thu 27th June**  
  Church Service 9.45am  
  Parents welcome to attend

- **Fri 28th June**  
  Nursery beach party  
  School closes 1pm

**Lost Property**

We are hoping to host another lost property event soon for you (date to be confirmed) to claim any lost uniforms. If there is any lost property left after this event, we plan on redistributing any unclaimed uniforms to those who are in need. If your child's name is on their uniform then it will be returned to them.

**Spotlight on Success**

South Lanarkshire Council Achievement Awards

Congratulations to Lewis P7 and Eva P5 who have been awarded a South Lanarkshire Council Achievement Award at a special ceremony today. Lewis has been an excellent role model to the rest of the school and has shown great determination and motivation in his learning. Eva is being recognised for her growth in confidence and trampolining achievements. We are very proud of them and hope they and their families enjoy their well earned success!

**T is for Teamwork**

Giving Back to our Community

Just when you thought our school show had finished...a mini version of it has been ’on tour’ performing to the Memory Café. Later this week they will be on the road again and performing to the elderly at Universal Connections. We love being able to give back to our community and spreading some Kirktonholme happiness. We also believe it creates a sense of community responsibility with our children as they grow up.

Throughout the year our nursery children have been spreading their good cheer with regular trips to McKillop Nursing Home.

**Summer Learning**

Many of our children believe that learning only seems to happen in the classroom! We tell them often that learning happens all of the time and in a variety of places. Here are some simple ideas of how to keep your children engaged during the summer holidays. We would love to hear of any learning adventures upon their return to school:

- Spend as much time outdoors eg den building, nature hunts
- Practise riding their bike
- Go on a journey
- Visit different places
- Make a short film on your phone
- Participate in the library’s summer reading challenge – say hello to Rhona when you are there!

**Sad News**

Councillor Sheena Wardhaugh has sadly passed away and we would like to pass on our condolences. Sheena officially opened Kirktonholme Primary in June 2011.