



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for participating in our recent sponsored event. Our House Captains had the responsibility of organising this event and chose the sponsored silence which the staff were delighted about!! Please extend our sincere thanks to any family and friends who contributed to our fundraising - it is greatly appreciated. Our total so far is an excellent £1400. The monies raised help us provide additional experiences for our children such as theatre shows. Please send in any other money by the end of the week and we will update you with a final total.


Thank you also to everyone who has signed up to Parent Pay. At last we have an online payment system and I know many of you will be delighted with this as we have been trying to implement this for many years. You will soon be able to pay for school trips etc through this system. If you do not wish to use this payment system please ask at our office and they will issue you with a payment card. This will allow us to become a cashless school.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the Kirktonholme Team if you have any questions, queries or suggestions. Kind regards, *Linda Wright*

## School Improvement Plan




Every year we focus on areas for improvement. This year's priorities are:

Develop our teaching of Numeracy 




Implement Talk 4 Writing (a new resource which encourages children to learn, draw & write stories)

Family wellbeing - offering a variety of supports 



Refresh our antibullying policy & practices 'Respect Me'

Keep developing the way we teach using research, ICT, outdoors and play 

## Class Assemblies



We are looking forward to our first class assembly Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October which is being hosted by Primary 4 (Rooms 7 and 8). Class assemblies provide our children with the opportunity to share some of their learning with you, their parents, and the rest of the school. Class assemblies are held in the gym hall and begin at 9.30am. Door usually open at 9.20am and assemblies typically last between 15-20 minutes. Due to our lack of space, we respectfully ask that only one or two guests per child attend.



Primary 4's assembly will be based on Harvest. Primary 2 are looking for any food donations. All donations will be gifted to Loaves and Fishes a very worthwhile cause who we have supported for a number of years.

## Spotlight on our Attainment at KPS



We are very proud to inform you that we are consistently performing above the National and South Lanarkshire average in Reading, Writing, Listening and Talking and Numeracy. We know that there are many dimensions to being a successful school and all of this information is available in our Standards and Qualities report. This is available upon request and will be posted on our website.

## Getting Everyone Engaged @ Kirktonholme Supporting our School



Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent Helper workshop. If you couldn't make it but still wish to help out then please get in touch by contacting our school office leaving your name and number. Grandparents are also welcome 😊



## Spotlight on Numeracy

*Engaging our learners*



We have been driving forward our numeracy teaching to continue to increase our attainment in this area.

1. In August our teaching and support staff were trained in using Numicon - an excellent hands on maths resource which helps learners visualise maths concepts.
2. We have resourced all classes with Numicon materials. Our children are also using maths journals to record their progress.
3. Mrs Ferguson has created maths strategy posters which have been introduced to all classes.

One way you can help develop your child's numeracy skills is by practising mental maths at home. Mental maths refers to the rapid recall of number facts, for example, knowing your times tables off by heart or knowing without having to work it out that 4 and 6 will make 10. Mental Maths can be practised anywhere, chant or sing your number bonds to 10 or your times tables on the bus, walking to the park, etc. There are lots of great songs on youtube (always remember to check the content first and supervise your child when using youtube). Use the homework diary to help you.

## Spotlight on Health & Wellbeing

**Bikeability**



Congratulations to our P5 and P6 pupils who have all been participating in our Bikeability training and achieved level 1 and level 2. We strongly believe that riding a bike safely is a life skill that all children should learn. This is the reason Bikeability is part of the Kirktonholme PE curriculum. Our nursery children take part in 'Play on Pedals,' and we hope to extend this further. Thank you to all our families who have made sure that your children are equipped to take part in this important training. A special thank you to Mrs McCaig for leading this area.

## Dates for your diary

*An annual list of dates will be issued and is available on the school website.*

Listed below are some of the key dates for the this term. Please be advised that these dates can be prone to change. We will keep you updated with events in each newsletter and will give you as much notice as we can if dates do change.

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P4 Assembly (Rm7&8) 6.30 Parent Council Meeting
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Vaccines Netball festival
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dress Down Day
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Holiday
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Football festival
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Athletics festival
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	P1 Parent Workshop 2-2.45pm
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween Discos from 6.30pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Dress Down Day
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	P6 Assembly (Rm11&12) 6.30 Parent Council meeting
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30 6.30-8.30pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> & Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	INSERVICE DAYS (school closed to pupils)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dress Down Day
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters am
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Nativity
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P5 & 6 Party
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P1 & 2 Nativity 10am & 2pm
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Party (am) P1&2 Party (pm) Parents can attend at 2.30pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service P7 Party
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P3 & P4 Party
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol concert 9.30 and 1.30pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dress Down Day School closes 2.30pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils return

## Lockerbie Manor

Congratulations to our P7s who have returned from their amazing residential trip. The staff from Lockerbie have complimented our children on their outstanding behaviour. Well done everyone! Thank you also to our staff who gave up their own family time to take the children away for a week.  
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