



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for attending our recent Parents' Night and I am delighted to report that we had a 94% attendance rate. This is another indicator of our supportive and engaged school community - thank you! I hope you found our information leaflet about understanding your child's progress helpful and please let me remind you that your child records aspects of their weekly learning in their homework diary. Please get involved in their learning and talk to them about this.

Considering it is now December, we can finally talk about Christmas. This is an exciting and busy month for everyone and Kirktonholme Primary is no different. We have lots of wonderful events planned for you and your family's enjoyment so please check the newsletter carefully for any information relating to your child's class. If you, or family members, are attending any events I would like to remind you that our parking is **extremely limited** and suggest that you find alternative transport or parking facilities. Our first event is the Christmas Fayre on Thursday from 6-8pm and if you can help out please contact our Parent Council. 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*

## Christmas Events



Tis the season to be jolly... & come & see some school shows.

**P1 & P2 Nativity 10am & 2pm Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Tickets cost £2. P1 families will be gifted 2 free tickets for the morning performance. Additional tickets are available to purchase.

**P3-P7 Carol Concert 9.30 & 1.30 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Tickets cost £2. Families can initially only purchase two tickets and additional tickets will be available from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. We hope that this proves to be a fair system to ensure everyone gets the opportunity to see their child on stage.

*Tickets will be available to purchase through Parent Pay.*

**Christmas Parties** Every class will have a Christmas Party. Most of our parties are in the afternoon. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes, or they can change at lunchtime, or they can go home for lunch. Home lunches can be collected from the office at 12.30 and returned by 1.20pm. You will be very pleased to hear that there is **no cost** for the parties as these are subsidised by our school fundraising!

## WINTER SAFETY



The cold weather is now setting in. In the event of ice or snow, our janitor will prioritise safe pathways into the main school building from the school car park and the pedestrian gates. For your own safety, we would like to advise you to **only** use these pathways.

It is a rare occurrence for a school to not open due to bad weather. This would be communicated to you via the SLC Newsfeed, SLC Twitter Account and local radio stations. **Please check these first instead of phoning the school.**

On days like these your own judgement as a parent is crucial with respect to travelling safely in poor weather. Often just waiting half an hour later can make a big difference in getting your child to school safely.

It is essential you provide us with up to date contact details in the unusual event of the school having to close early. **If** we were to close early we would contact you via school app and/or text. Always make sure you have emergency arrangements in place.

**If you haven't got it already please make sure you download our school app. Info is available at school on how to do this.**

Please ensure all children's hats and gloves are named!

## Spotlight on Safety and Respect



Families are reminded that you are **not allowed** to double park within our car park. There have been recent incidents whereby families are parking and leaving their cars unattended, preventing staff and visitors from leaving. This is also compromising the safety of our children and is unacceptable. Please do **NOT** double park.



## H is for Happiness



### WELLBEING SUPPORTS

Our relationships are a unique quality in what makes our school special. We believe we achieve this because we put your child's health and wellbeing at the heart of our school. We offer a warm and caring environment for your child. We encourage growth mindset and resilience. When things aren't going so well we can offer variety of emotional supports. These include Listen 2 Me, Give Us A Break, Seasons for Growth, KAMs group (Kirktonholme Anxiety Management).

### EVERY MIND MATTERS



At our Parents Evening we shared with you information about how to support you and your family's emotional wellbeing. If you or a family member are feeling low, we highly recommend the Every Mind Matters website. You can take a short quiz and it then provides you with excellent strategies you can use to help you feel healthy again.

*H is for Happiness  
A is for Achievement*

*E is for Excellence  
R is for Respect*

*T is for Teamwork*

### VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION

As part of our ongoing school improvement work we hosted a group of visitors from South Lanarkshire Council. The team of visitors consisted of the Quality Improvement Manager, three Quality Improvement Officers and a Head Teacher. They visited class lessons, spoke with children, parents and staff. They were able to validate the good work going on within our school. Positive relationships and learner attainment were identified as a key strengths. Thank you to everyone who supported us during this time.

## Dates for your diary

### Change of dates due to General Election

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.

Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters am Librarians Panto in school
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P6@Bubblegum & Fluff
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Outing to Low Waters pm <b>Christmas Fayre 630-830pm</b>
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Nativities 10 for 10.30am 1.30 for 2pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>P1 &amp; P2 Nativity 10am &amp; 2pm</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> school closed
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery Party 8.45am for all P1&2 Party (pm) Parents can attend at 2.30pm Room 14 Sky Academy Christmas Service (pupils only) P7 Party
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P3 & P4 Party
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol concert 9.30 and 1.30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7pm Duncanrig Christmas Concert
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P5 &amp; P6 Party</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dress Down Day School closes 2.30pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Pupils return
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Enrolment Week for new P1s



Dress Down Days are the last Friday of every month.  
All school holiday dates are available on SLC website.

### Spotlight on Community

### Spreading Christmas Cheer



At this time of year, we take great pride in our Choir going on Tour. They will be visiting Hairmyres and the Memory Café. Our choir consists of P5, P6 and P7 pupils. Our Nursery children will also be making a festive trip to McKillop Gardens.

**PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE PARENT COUNCIL IF YOU CAN HELP OUT AT OUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE! WE WILL GRATEFULLY RECEIVE ANY DONATIONS.**