



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and trust that you had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and support us during our many events throughout December. Your presence here at our Nativities and Concerts is very important to us and your children and is a strong indicator of the supportive community we have here at Kirktonholme. As usual, our children's performances sparkled with their confidence, enthusiasm and happiness and we were very proud of them. We are looking forward to our second term with a great variety of learning experiences planned. With the winter season now upon us please make sure you have downloaded our school app as this our quickest method of communicating with you. As always if you wish to discuss any matter, we are always here and happy to help!

Kind regards, *Linda Wright*

New Year Resolutions 2020

The start of the New Year is always a good time to remind ourselves of the high expectations we set our pupils. Here is a reminder of the expectations we have for our children

- ✓ Attend school regularly
- ✓ Arrive on time at 8.55am
- ✓ Respect the parking arrangements

Please check with your child whether they need **new gym shoes** as many of them are looking very worn.

Enrolment

Enrolment is next week for any pupils who will be 5 between the 1st March 2020 and 28th February 2021 and are due to begin school in August 2020. If you have a child, or know of one, who needs to be enrolled, please phone the office to make an appointment.

Enrolment times are

Monday, Wednesday 9.30-12pm

Tuesday, Friday 1.30-3.30pm

Please remember to bring the child's full birth certificate and 2 proofs of address with you eg utility, council tax bills, bank statements We look forward to seeing you!



High School Transfer

The paper work for High School Transfer will be issued soon to our current P7s. Remember to check their school bags and to return the forms by **Friday 24th January**. If you have any queries about these forms, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Nursery Applications

The **closing date for nursery applications is now 28/02/10**. This date is earlier than in previous years. If you have a child or know of a child due to start nursery during session 2020/21, a nursery application must be completed by 28/02/20.

Appointments for nursery applications can be made by contacting the school office.

Spotlight on

Getting Winter Ready



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.**



Dress Down Days

The last Friday of every month is *usually* Dress Down Day.

31st January 28th February 3rd April
1st May 29th May 24th June

School holiday dates

School holiday dates for 2020/21 are now available on South Lanarkshire Council's website.

Spotlight on Health & Wellbeing



It's that time of year again when we ask you to complete our health and wellbeing checks with your child. We have incorporated these into our homework diaries and class teachers will direct you to them. The purpose of this activity is to allow your child to identify how they feel about being safe, healthy, active, nurtured, achieving, respected, responsible and included. Our pupils complete these twice a year - once in August in the classroom and again in January at home with their parent. As a school we use these self assessments to identify any support which may be required for our pupils.

We hope you enjoy completing this with your child.

Healthy Eating & Nutrition

Due to the school's Nutrition and Healthy Eating Act, we are not allowed to share any birthday cakes with your child's class or hand out birthday treats or sweets.

Dick Whittington Performance

Next Monday, pupils will be treated to a performance of the Dick Whittington by M & M Productions.

Communication

Don't forget to download our app! PSA and choose Kirktonholme Primary.
See office for username and password

Dates for your diary

Please be advised that these dates 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 6 th Jan	Pupils return
Mon 13 th Jan	Enrolment Week
	Panto in school
	6.30pm Parent Council
	Rm12 Science Centre
Wed 15 th Jan	Athletics
Fri 17 th Jan	P7s@ Duncanrig Volleyball
Fri 24 th Jan	P5 Assembly 9.30am
Mon 27 th Jan	P1 Numeracy Workshop
Tues 28 th Jan	Netball festival
Thurs 6 th Feb	Inservice
Fri 7 th Feb	Holiday
Mon 10 th & 11 th Feb	Inservice
Wed 12 th Feb	R13 @ Sky Academy
Tue 25 th Feb	Cross Country Festival
Fri 28 th Feb	Parents' Night
Tues 3 rd March	World Book Day
Thu 5 th March	P1 Assembly 9.30am
Mon 9 th March	6.30pm Parent Council
	Netball festival
Thu 12 th March	P5 Swimming begins
Thu 19 th March	School Show (P6s & P7s)
Tue 31 st Mar & 1 st Apr	P4 Parent workshop
Thu 2 nd Apr	School closes 2.30pm
Fri 3 rd Apr	Pupils return
Mon 20 th April	P2 Assembly 9.30am
Mon 4 th May	Inservice
Thu 7 th May	Holiday
Fri 8 th May	Holiday
Fri 22 nd & 25 th May	P7s @ Duncanrig Transition
Wed 27 th & 28 th May	Days
Sat 30 th May	KPS Summer Fest
Mon 1 st June	P3 Assembly 9.30am
Mon 15 th June	Nursery Prizegiving
Mon 15 th June	P7 Assembly 1.30pm
Tue 16 th June	Church Service 9.45am
Tue 23 rd June	School closes 1pm
Wed 24 th June	

