



# Kirkhill Star



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**Be All You Can Be - We C.A.R.E.**

Dear Parents/Carers,



As I write this the sun is still shining and I can hear classes coming down from having individual photographs taken. Every child is looking really smart and I'm sure the photos will be beautiful.

### **Oor Wullie**

I hope you all got a chance to catch up with all the big Oor Wullie statues around the city during the summer holidays. I was lazy and waited until they were all together in Marischal College and what a display they were. I was really proud of our school as our very own model was displayed alongside the professional ones. Wullie will be returning to Kirkhill soon and will take up residence in our entrance hall.

### **Pounds for Primaries**

We are collecting the vouchers from the Evening Express to give us the chance to win money for our school. Please ask your friends and family to keep tokens too. All tokens should be handed in at the main office where there is a collection box. If we work together I'm sure we can collect the most tickets.



### **Aldi Collect and Win**

Aldi are running a campaign for schools to collect stickers for a poster. If we fill the poster we are in with a chance of winning a cash prize of £20000 to build a health legacy for our school.

### **Cromdale**

Our P7 pupils have returned from Cromdale full of new skills. The stars for the week were

Lucy Kennedy, Mya Robb, Nicholas Lonie and James Cruickshank. Well done to everyone who went on the trip. The tutors and staff were impressed with your behaviour and resilience.

### **Medication**



This was in last month's newsletter. We are still missing spare inhalers for some children. Can I remind parents to ensure all children who have inhalers have a spare one in school. Any other medication which is administered during the school day should be brought into school and the appropriate forms completed. Remember we require the original packaging to allow us to see what has been prescribed.

### **Parents in School**



When the doors open in the morning it is for all the children to enter school by themselves. (Please see the attached Aberdeen City Policy) Should a parent wish to speak to a teacher they must enter by the front door and ask at reception to speak to the teacher, or make an appointment to meet with the teacher. Adults causing congestion and being in school without signing in at the front of school is a health and safety issue. Chatting to a teacher in the corridor is also not confidential and takes the teacher's attention away from the class.

A phone call to the school office re doctors/dentist appointments is all that is required whilst discussions about your child's educational wellbeing and progress require an appointment to be made with the teacher, deputies or myself in order that quality time can be given to your concerns.

Just because we are in school doesn't mean that we are necessarily available as review meetings, meetings with the parents or teaching commitments may well have been scheduled for that day. We will make every effort to see you as any concern important to you is obviously important to us – appointments just make it easier for everyone.

### **School Playground Safety**

The school grounds during morning break (10.15 – 10.45am) and lunchtime Monday – Friday (12.15 – 1.00pm) should **NOT** be used as a short cut to the shops etc.



You know who you are but you should remember that to many of the pupils and playground staff you are a stranger. Those of you with youngsters at secondary school should also remind them that they are not allowed in the playground at this time. This rule exists for the safety and protection of Kirkhill Nursery/Primary pupils.

### **Staff Car Park**



I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of access to the staff car park. No parents should park in the staff car park or drop off pupils there. The car park is small and even with just staff cars can become very congested. Pupils coming into school through the staff car park are in danger from reversing traffic etc. and they should only use this door for breakfast club, on wet lunchtimes, if they are late or going to or from an appointment.

I must ask that Nursery parents in particular adhere to this request as there have been a number of near misses.

### **Dogs in School**

Again, just a reminder that dogs should not be in the school grounds at anytime or tethered to the school gates. This is Aberdeen City Council's policy and is in the interest of the health and safety of our children.



### **Parent Update 25 September 3.15 – 6.15pm**

You should have managed to book your parent update appointment by now. If you haven't please contact the office who will allocate you a slot.

Attendance is important as this is protected time for you to talk about your child to the teacher.

### **School Uniform/Naming of Clothes**

As you are aware we strongly recommend the wearing of school uniform. Children without uniform will be offered a sweatshirt when classes are going on trips.



P6 & P7 - Black sweatshirts

P1 - P5 - Grey sweatshirts  
Nursery – Purple sweatshirts.

It is really important to name your child's sweatshirt and gym shoes. They are all the same so you need a name to identify whose uniform it is!

We have a number of good quality second hand sweatshirts and other uniform items (some brand-new) which have been donated and these are available for parents to pick up from the rail outside the office. If you have any good quality sweatshirts you could donate we would be very grateful.

### **Head Lice –Once A Week Take A Peek!**

Please read the current information regarding head lice which is issued by NHS Grampian.



If your child has head lice you must phone the school office and let us know. This information is recorded and sent to the school nurse. Letters are only issued to a class when there are two or more children reported to have head lice in the class – this is in line with Scottish Government policy and prevents children being treated when there is no need to do so. It is a parent/carer's responsibility to carry out weekly detection combing for head lice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **Holiday dates and In-Service Days**



Please find attached a list of this session's holiday dates and in-service. These dates can also be accessed on the Aberdeen City Council website.

They are also on our website [www.kirkhill.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.kirkhill.aberdeen.sch.uk)

### **Open Evening**

Our open evening was a huge success. Thank you to all the children and parents who attended. A number of parents were a bit jealous of the children's Golden Tickets. Next Parent Update every parent who attends will be given a blue ticket and there will be a draw for a Ghillies voucher. Supporting your child is important - you have got to be in it to win it!

### **Parent Council**

The parent council will have a stall in the hall at our Parent Update on 25 September. We are looking to recruit more parents to help make a difference to our children's learning. Please remember to visit the hall to see the initiatives we are involved in this session as well as your child's class. This update is about how your child has settled into their new class and an opportunity for you to share any new information with the class teacher.

### **Electronic Communication**

#### **Xpressions App, Twitter and Website**



Twitter is being used to share events during the day and update you on learning throughout the school. The learners in school can see your comments through the

website. It would benefit the school if you downloaded and used the Xpressions App as using it is free and it is an easy way for us to continue to send you newsletters, Groupcalls and other information. Anyone requiring further help to do this should contact the school office.

### **Stay Play and Learn**

Stay Play and Learn sessions have started again. Most of the children that attended last session have moved on to Nursery so we have plenty of spaces available. The sessions will run on the same days as last session.



**Wednesday 12.30 – 2.30pm**

**Thursday 9.30 – 12.00pm**

**Friday 9.30 – 12.00pm**

The service is for children aged 18 months – 3 years. A parent/carer must be present for the whole session and will be expected to support their child in the activities on offer.

### **Aberdeen City Children and Young People's Awards**

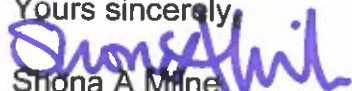
This year for the first time 2 of our learners were shortlisted for the awards. Both were in the physical achievement category Faye Bruce (P3) was shortlisted for her achievements in dancing and Jessica Kirkwood (P6) for her achievements in swimming. I am delighted to share that Jessica Kirkwood won an award and I'm sure you will join with me in congratulating her. We are all very proud of both girls.

### **Holiday Weekend**

Please remember school closes at 3pm on Thursday and opens as usual on Tuesday. I hope you and your family have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely

  
Shona A Milne  
Head Teacher





# School Security and Access for Parents - Primary

We want our school to be a welcoming place for all pupils and their families. It is important to ensure children, staff and visitors feel safe and secure at school. To help us do this we need to know who is in our school.

We ask all parents to follow these simple procedures to help us keep everyone safe.

When visiting the school always go to the Reception first, you will be asked to sign the visitor's book and given a visitor badge. Please ensure you return your badge and sign out at Reception when you leave.



Always drop off or pick up your child P1-7 in the school playground. Please don't use pupil entrances to enter or leave the building, unless using a specified entrance for collecting children from After-School Club.



Always make an appointment where possible by contacting the School Office. Staff members may not be available to speak to you if an appointment has not been made.



Parents of Nursery children are welcome to use Nursery entrances when dropping off or picking up your child. If you need access to the rest of the building, then always use the main entrance and report to Reception.



Please note the above arrangements will apply during normal school hours. For any other special events and or clubs which are run after school, different security arrangements may apply.