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Dear Parents and Families

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a good rest during the October Break. The second part of this term is always extremely busy, and with the current ever-changing context, we will have to continue to adapt and try new ways of providing the usual school events.

Please find below this week's news and updates:



HALLOWE'EN ACTIVITIES DAY AND PUMPKIN TRAIL (30 OCTOBER)

Next Friday, **30 October**, all pupils and staff are invited to come to school wearing their Hallowe'en costumes for a fun-filled day of Hallowe'en activities! (Please note that pupils should actually wear their costumes to school instead of their uniforms).

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising our Hallowe'en Pumpkin Trail and prizes. All pupils will have party food and drinks in the afternoon and everyone will go home with a small party bag. **The suggested donation to help with costs for the PTA is £2 per pupil which is payable via Parent Pay now.** (Please note that we do not wish the cost to be in any way prohibitive and that all pupils will receive a party bag and a great day.)

We are all looking forward to a great day on Friday 30 October!

STAFFING UPDATE

Last week, we welcomed Mr Andrew Parton to the staff team. Mr Parton is currently teaching in our P4/5 class (room 12) and Miss Jenny McLean has taken over in P2 (room 5) for just now. This week, we will be welcoming the first cohort of our student teachers to Kirklandneuk – Miss Ashley McMannus will be in room 4 with Miss Burns and Miss Lisa Mitchell will be in room 7 with Miss Breslin.

PARENTS' NIGHTS

The usual parent contact evenings will be replaced with a **phone call from your child's class teacher** on Tuesday 03 or Wednesday 04 November 2020; some of our larger classes will include Thursday 05 November 2020 to the contact sessions. The class teachers will discuss how your child has settled back into school life, Health and Wellbeing, progress in Literacy and Numeracy with ways in which parents and families can support children to achieve their learning targets at home. Please complete the Survey Monkey indicating your preferred date and time which will be issued on Monday morning.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK (05-09 OCTOBER)

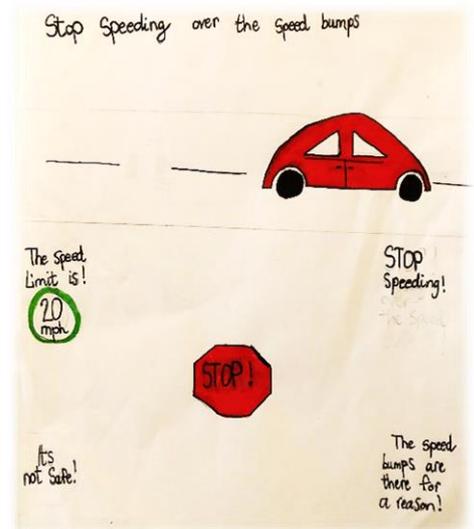


Our Walk to School Week was a great success just before the October break, with Kirklandneuk Primary School featuring regularly on the national leader board for high numbers of families making the effort to walk to school each day. Well done everyone!

In addition to our focus on walking to school, some of our P7s were helping to identify **road safety issues** in and around our school. They identified a number of issues which we need everyone's help with:

- Speeding in general and speeding over the speed bumps
- Parking on the double yellow lines and on the zig zags
- Stopping in the middle of the road for drop-off instead of parking safely
- Parking on the pavements, making it difficult for children to pass safely

Here are some of their thoughts in poster form:



COVID-19 UPDATE: UPDATED GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS ****New last week****

From Monday 19 October, face coverings must be worn when entering all council buildings and in all communal areas such as corridors, toilets, breakout areas and in any situation where 2m distance cannot be maintained. Please note this is not required in classrooms at schools and nurseries, unless you want to or need to as part of a risk assessment.

In short, all staff will be wearing a face covering in all school areas except classrooms (although some staff may wear a face covering when working at less than 2m with children).

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- **A new, persistent cough**
- **Fever**
- **Loss of sense of smell and / or taste**

If you or your child has any of these symptoms, you must stay at home and arrange for Covid-19 testing via NHS Inform.



REGISTRATION FOR PRIMARY 1 (AUGUST 2021)

Children who reach 5 years of age between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 (inclusive) should be registered for education in their catchment school.

You must register your child in only one school, either the denominational or non-denominational school for your area. Registration will be live online during week commencing **02 – 09 Nov 2020** through the following website: www.renfrewshire.gov.uk - search “find it on the map”.

For those unable to register online, we request that you telephone your local catchment school to make an appointment to attend in person during these dates.

We will be making a bespoke video clip this week for prospective parents who cannot access our school building just now. This will hopefully go live on our new website w/c 02 Nov 2020.

PLAYGROUND MUD ISSUES

We have fantastic play areas for our children to access here at Kirklandneuk which comprise approx 60% grass and 40% hard surface play zones.

As you know, we need to get our children outdoors and active as much as possible (weather dependant of course). With 3 staggered morning breaks, 3 staggered lunches and 3 staggered afternoon breaks, all pupils have ample space to play outdoors and a choice of grass or hard surface to play on.

When the grass areas become very muddy, we have been asking pupils to refrain from playing there and to make another choice, however, some children are choosing to play games which involve rolling around on the grass and mud. It would be greatly appreciated if families could have a discussion with children about acceptable play outdoors to ensure our playtimes are safe and enjoyable for everyone.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK @ KPS?

Date	What's on?
Mon 26 Oct	8.15am Mon-Fri: Breakfast Club
Tues 27 Oct	Brian Donnelly will be working in KPS every Tuesday from now until Christmas.
Wed 28 Oct	Studio 21 Productions in school to make a short video clip for prospective parents 9.20am: P1-3 Virtual Assembly with Mrs MacK; Pupil of the Week + HT Awards 1.35pm: P4-7 Virtual Assembly with Mrs MacK; Pupil of the Week + HT Awards
Thurs 29 Oct	
Fri 30 Oct	HALLOWE'EN ACTIVITIES DAY – come to school in your Hallowe'en costume 😊 Andrew Mitchell from Active Schools will be working outside with some of our classes

With best wishes,

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Head Teacher