



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

26th August 2022

(Our weekly mail drop will continue to be sent out each **Friday** this year)

This week's mail drop includes:

- Annual Data check (please see your child's school bag)
- Raising Teens with Confidence - adult learning course

This week has passed very quickly and children have engaged fully in all aspects of school life, exemplifying The Strathesk Way throughout.



Our P7 buddies have done a brilliant job escorting our P1 children to and from the dinner hall and playing with them in the playground. Thank you, P7. All children are currently creating their Class Charter and over the next couple of weeks we will be exploring our school vision 'Learning together in harmony; opening hearts, minds and doors', thinking about what this means and how it fits under The Strathesk Way umbrella.

Please encourage your children to share their wider achievements with us at assembly each Thursday so that we can join in the celebration. This can be anything from learning to tie shoe laces to receiving medals, certificates etc in sporting events. Learning beyond the classroom is very important and we don't want to miss a thing so please let us know and have a look at the Wider Achievement display in the main corridor and the floor book at the waiting space any time you are in school.

It has been lovely to see so many children wearing full school uniform this term. Thank you for supporting us with this. If you do not have the purple jumper/cardigan, please let the school office, class teacher or Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, know as we have a number of these in school. 'Sweet Dignity' also has a uniform shop set up in Ladywood Leisure Centre. There is still a good supply of uniform, both new and second hand items. You can access this whenever the centre is open, just drop in and ask at reception.

From Monday (29th August) children should no longer come to school wearing their PE kit but instead come in their school uniform and bring their PE kit with them to change into. Although we do not have a specific PE kit, children should wear a plain t-shirt (and hoodie when the weather becomes colder) and black/dark grey shorts or joggers. No football colours or gaming/TV character clothing, please.

Thank you for encouraging your children to cycle or scoot to school. The children have been great at dismounting at the school gates for the safety of others in the playground. Can you please remind them to wear helmets for their own safety when cycling or scooting?



I hope you are finding the safe parking zones helpful at the back gate. Please take care in this area and help us to keep our roads safe for our children. There are still a number of cars parking on the double yellow lines in the front car park and in the health centre next to our school. Can I please ask you to walk to and from school, car share or park further away and walk a little to reduce the amount of vehicles around school at the start and end of the day? Please do not use the health centre car park during the school run. This is a private car park with limited spaces for people accessing the health centre.

We have a number of children with food intolerances and allergies in school. As a result we are a NUT FREE ZONE so please check that snacks or lunch items are totally nut free. This includes many chocolate spreads such as Nutella. Should children have items containing nuts with them accidentally, we will remove these to the office for collection and contact you to arrange for an alternative. The risk of cross contamination for some of our children is highly significant so we appreciate your support with this.

I am in the process of putting the annual calendar together and I will share this with you in next week's mail drop. Individual class events, such as day trips, will be added throughout the year as they are arranged and teachers will let you know about these at the time. The overview will give you key dates eg. Nativity, Sports Day, Sharing our Learning events etc so that you can add these to your diary and save the date.

Please have a lovely weekend, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.

Pauline Mace