



Strathesk  
Primary School

## Weekly Mail Drop

7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

I hope you have had a great week. It's been another busy and fun week in school.

Thank you to our families who have joined us in Nursery and P1 for the Stay and Play sessions. We hope you have enjoyed these and found them useful. We have a number of family groups taking place across the week now and it's great to be able to have you back in school with us. Apologies that I haven't yet sent out the annual overview of events in school. I am still finalising a few dates but I will send this in next week's mail drop.

This week we announced the members of our Learning Group at assembly. Children were asked to submit a note of interest in writing and we were overwhelmed with the amount of interest shown. Our Learning Group will meet every two weeks to represent all children across school and help shape and develop our school. At our first meeting we will agree our aims for this year and I will share these with you in the mail drop.

We are currently updating our school website. Each week I will upload a copy of the mail drop. Plans and actions of pupil groups will also be shared on our website as will a sample of learning across our school. This will be our main communication tool moving forward. The mail drop will continue to come out each Friday via email and please continue to check your child's Google Classroom/Seesaw for individual class updates.

As you know the October midterm break starts on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Following a recent Council meeting it was agreed that *Midlothian schools will remain closed on Monday 24 October as a replacement for Monday 19 September 2022; the staff development day will take place on Tuesday 25 October instead of Monday 24 October; and pupils will return to school on Wednesday 26 October.*

Our JRSOs continue to support our campaign for safer parking in and around the school grounds. Please do not park on the double yellow lines at the front of the school. Similarly, please adhere to the time restrictions in place at the back of the school. These areas are very busy from 8.15 - 9.00 and from 2.45 - 3.30. Many children cannot see past parked cars so it is really important that there is nothing blocking their view as they make their way in and out of school. I ask for your support with this, please.

Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable goods for our harvest collection. We will continue to collect throughout October so if you would like to donate, please send items into the school office.

Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice. Treat head lice as soon as you spot them and ensure you complete the full treatment. There's no need to keep your child off school if he/she has head lice. For further information on how to spot and treat headlice please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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

Pauline Maer