



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

25.11.2022

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

Included in this week's mail drop:

- Calendar overview (paper copy to follow on Monday, please check your child's bag)
- Adult Learning opportunities

I hope you have had a great week. It's been another busy and fun week in school. Our Learning group met today to discuss changes and improvements we could make to break and lunch times. We will now put an action plan together and share it shortly with children at assembly and with you in the mail drop.

Thank you for your responses to the homework survey. We have had a fantastic response since sending out the paper version of the survey. I will collate your feedback over the next few days and share it with you in next week's mail drop.

At our recent Parent Partnership meeting we discussed the use of the mail drop as our main form of communication for whole school matters. (Seesaw and Google classroom continue to be the main forms of communication from your child's class teacher.) We discussed whether we should remain with the electronic version or return to a paper version. It was agreed that we would continue with the electronic version at this time but we would send out surveys and some attachments as a paper copy for easy access.

We are currently in the process of updating our school website strathesk.mgfl.net Please visit regularly to see the changes taking place. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions of what you would like us to share here.

In this week's mail drop I have attached a calendar overview for your information. A paper copy will follow in your child's bag on Monday. I have included the key events as shown in our school diary at this time. I will update and share the calendar with you at the end of each month to include new events as they are planned. Within the calendar there are a number of events planned to share learning and teaching with you. Please join us if you can. I will add reminders in the mail drop as each event occurs. Curriculum workshops are designed to share with you learning and teaching in a specific area of the curriculum, particularly Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing. Thinking Together events are designed to give us the opportunity, as a school community, to discuss current policies and trends relating to education. The HT Drop In sessions give you the opportunity to pop in and share with me any ideas, suggestions or concerns you have relating to your child or school life, in general. I hope you find these sessions worthwhile and that the calendar overview proves useful for planning ahead.

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place on Friday 2nd December at 9am. Please pop in for a cuppa (and maybe some cake!) and meet everyone. There is no obligation to attend every meeting but please come along on 2nd to get an understanding of the work our partnership does and how this helps all children across our school. You are very welcome.

A gentle reminder that our school is a pet and smoke free zone. Please do not smoke in or around the school grounds, including the playground and the school gates. Please do not bring pets, including dogs, into the school playground. Many of our children are afraid of dogs, even



those on a lead, and some of our children are allergic to them. Thank you for your support with this.

Can you please ensure your child brings a healthy snack and water to school rather than sweets and fizzy drinks? Similarly, if your child is bringing a packed lunch can you please ensure all items are healthy? Over this term we have seen an increase in sweets, crisps and chocolate which can have a negative impact on a child's ability to concentrate in class. Please note we are a nut free school and so nuts or foods containing nuts, including Nutella, must not be sent into school as we have a number of children with allergies. Thank you for your support with this.

As the winter moves in, can you please make sure your child comes to school dressed for cold and wet weather? Children can leave a change of clothing in their trays in the classroom should you wish to send these in with them. Where possible, we will continue to develop our Outdoor Learning curriculum unless the weather is particularly bad. Even if not raining, the ground can still be wet and slippery especially in the woods so we recommend coming to school in wellies, waterproof trousers and coat on the days your child has Outdoor Learning.

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 week, everyone. Take care and look after yourself and your family.