



**Strathesk**  
Primary School

## Weekly Mail Drop

17.03.23

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

I hope you have had a great week.

### Parent Consultations

Thank you so much for all the feedback we have received in relation to last week's parent consultations when children shared their learning with you. From this, I will now update our policy and procedures on Reporting to Parents. I will share this with you shortly.

If you were unable to attend last week's sessions, you can access your child's presentation on their google classroom next week so that they can share and discuss their learning with you at home.

### Strathesk School Choir Performance

We are delighted to be able to run after school clubs again this year. Mr Armstrong has been leading the school choir every Tuesday. They performed at Christmas in both Tesco and Cowan Court and they did us proud on both occasions! They have been working hard on their next big performance! Our annual music concert will be held at **2pm on Thursday 23rd March** in the school hall. The choir will be joined by our children who have been learning a range of musical instruments this year. Parents and families of children in the choir and those playing instruments are invited to join us on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm. Mr Armstrong will send out an invitation shortly with a reply slip. Please can you return this to him advising how many people will be attending from your family so that we know how many people to expect on the day?

### Big Walk and Wheel to School

Next week we are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel to School. This is a fun challenge to promote the benefits of leaving the car at home and using healthier modes of transport to make your way to nursery and school. Please encourage your child to walk or cycle/scoot to school next week to support this event. Each day our children will record how they travel to and from school. We will then tally up the results and see which method has been the most popular.

### P4 and P5 Performance

This term P4 and P5 have been learning all about Scotland, focusing primarily on the Wars of Independence and Scottish myths and legends. As part of their learning, they have prepared a drama about 'The Last Monster in Scotland'. Parents and families of children in P4, P4/5 and P5 are invited to join us on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm** for the children's performance. Class teachers will send out an invitation shortly with a reply slip. Please can you return this to them advising how many people will be attending from your family so that we know how many people to expect on the day.

### Every token counts ....

During April our Nursery will be fundraising by collecting blue tokens in Tesco. They did this about 5 years ago and from the funds secured they purchased our reading hut and sand hut in the garden; a set of waterproofs for every child; wellie boots for most children; gardening equipment and some smaller items. If they are successful this year, they intend to use the funding to subsidize the end of year trip for our Nursery children. Please support us by posting your blue tokens in our box each time you are in Tesco. Thank you.



### **Easyfundraising at Strathesk**

Strathesk Primary and ELC needs your help! Sign up to Easyfundraising and raise FREE donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and many more are waiting to give a free donation. Plus once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, Easyfundraising will give us, as a school, an extra £5 bonus donation!

Sign up to support us here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/x511yl/>

### **Clothes Recycling**

Please make use of our uniform swap shop. We have a number of uniform items of all sizes and although previously owned, they are in very good condition. Please contact the office or Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, if you could use any of these items.

Similarly, if you have any unwanted clothes at home that your little ones have outgrown, can you please donate these to school? Outdoor clothing such as wellie boots, waterproofs, coats etc are very useful for outdoor learning and for taking away with us to camp however, any items would be really appreciated as children often need a change of clothes due to wet or messy play.

### **I have been asked to share this with you: Penicuik Rugby - Easter Camp P1 - P7**

This will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30 - 12.30 at a cost of £5 for the 3 days. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on the days. Please visit Penicuik Rugby website for more details.

### **Gentle reminders**

Please visit our school website [strathesk.mgfl.net](http://strathesk.mgfl.net) Our weekly mail drop and much more has now been added. Please take a wee look. We will continue to add information we think you might find useful so please visit regularly. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions of what you would like us to share here.

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.

We ask that children do not bring their own toys into school. We have a number of games and activities for children to use in school so this is not necessary. We also want to avoid children's personal items getting lost or damaged. 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.

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



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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/>

### Next week's diary

Mon 20 March	Tues 21 March	Wed 22 March	Thurs 23 March	Fri 24 March
	P1 & P7 dental inspections  3.15 Choir	9.00 HT Drop In 12.15 P6/7 Active Schools Football	AM Group of P6 & P7 children to Lasswade HS for Active Hockey session  1.00 P1 transition  2.00 Choir performance for friends and family  3.30 Family craft group with Ali Turbitt	

It has been confirmed that schools will be closed on 8 May to mark the occasion of the King's Coronation.

Please have a lovely weekend, everyone.