



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

01.09.23

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

This week's mail drop includes:

- Information to support attendance and punctuality
- Information leaflet about our enhanced support at Strathesk
- Social Media guidance for parents and carers from Police Scotland
- Active Schools Activity Programme
- Information about family workshops
- Short survey from Community and Lifelong Learning

The children have settled into this term really well and our P1 children have been outstanding! Our P7 buddies have done a brilliant job supporting them and it's lovely to watch friendships develop between the children. All children are currently creating their Class Charter and we have been revisiting The Strathesk Way across school understanding the importance of being safe, respectful and ready to learn.



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.

Please join us for our **Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 13th September** when you will get a chance to meet your child's class teacher who will share an overview of the curriculum and what your child will be focusing on this year. The sessions run from 5.00 - 5.30 and 5.30 - 6.00. Both sessions are the same in each class to allow you to visit more than one class over the course of the hour should you wish to do so.

Gates open at 8.40 and school starts at 8.50 for all. I have attached our Attendance and Punctuality policy and proceedings for your information. **Please let the school office know, before school starts, if your child is going to be absent or late.**

Thank you for continuing to encourage 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



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parking on the double yellow lines in the front car park. This is no longer a drop off zone and so I ask that you do not stop here for drop off or pick up.

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.

Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, is available to offer advice and support. She has asked me to share the following information with you: If you have not yet reapplied or had confirmation that your child will receive free school meals/clothing grant/milk this year, please get in touch with me through the school office on 0131 271 4705.

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.

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 Maer