

Weekly Mail Drop 27.11.23

(Our weekly mail drop will now be sent out each Monday rather than Friday)

Our Parent Partnership are running a Christmas raffle again this year. The theme will be 'Rainbow Hampers'. Each year group will help to collect and make up coloured hampers to raffle in December. To help with this we would appreciate any donations of gifts in the following colours:

Nursery Red and Silver
P1/2 Green and Yellow
P3/4 Blue and Green
P5/6 Pink and Purple
P7 Treasure Gold

Although each group has been assigned specific colours we would appreciate any donations you can kindly offer. We ask that all donations are handed into the school office before Friday 1^{st} December.

A 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.

Home Learning opportunities (homework) have been updated for November. Please visit our website <u>strathesk.mqfl.net</u> - Home Learning Opportunities tab sitting below the school picture.

Thank you for continuing to encourage your children to cycle or scoot to school. Can you please remind them to wear helmets for their own safety when cycling or scooting?

As you know children are not supervised by school staff in the playground at the start or the end of the school day. Gates open at 8.40 at the start of the day. If your child walks to school unaccompanied by an adult, can you please ensure they arrive just before the school bell and please remind them to line up in preparation for the bell ringing rather than taking this time to play. There will be time for play in the playground at break and lunch times.

Traffic restrictions are in place at the front and the back of school during drop off and pick up times. This is for the safety of our children. The drop off option in the staff car park is no longer in place. Please do not park on the double yellow lines at any time. We are very concerned about the extent of traffic in this area at the start and end of the day and as such it may be necessary to close the car park at these times. We will continue to monitor this area over the next few weeks. While we appreciate that these are very busy times in the day for you and restrictions can be inconvenient, the safety of our children is of utmost importance to us. Please support us by adhering to the restrictions in place and being mindful of children when driving in surrounding areas of the school.

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

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