



Strathesk  
Primary School

## Weekly Mail Drop 22.01.24

This week's mail drop includes:

- Adult Learning information x2 (CLLE)
- Adult Learning - IT & Problem Solving course (SureStart)
- Adult Learning - Steps to Excel (SureStart)

*For SureStart courses please see link below to short video offering more information*

[Steps to Excel and IT Problem Solving](#)

We have had a great start to 2024! All the children have come back to school ready to learn and their enthusiasm is brilliant to see. Later this term children will share their learning with you during our 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 Parent Consultation sessions this year. Please see the annual overview for details and I will share further information with you closer to the time.

Our next Parent Partnership meeting takes place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in our community rooms. We are always keen for new members to join. Please come along if you can.

Our P1 and P2 classes would like to develop the role play areas within their atrium. To help with this they are looking for any donations of pre loved clothes to dress up in. Adult sized dresses, shirts, hats, beads, scarves etc. would be fantastic! We're also looking for donations of old wellies (sizes 9-1) and puddle suits (4-5yrs, 5-6 yrs and 6-7 yrs) which your children have grown out of. Thank you so much for your support.

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 or class teacher know as we have a number of these in school.

All children now change before and after PE. We do not have a specific PE kit. Shorts/joggers, t-shirt and trainers are perfect! We simply ask that children do not wear football colours and that kit is suitable for all forms of PE. Shorts shouldn't be too short. Can you please send a PE kit into school with your child? This will stay in school and be sent home to be washed at the end of each term. Please check that all clothing is labelled with your child's name and class. Thank you for your support with this.

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.

As you know we have traffic restrictions 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



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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.

Unfortunately we have to say goodbye to a member of staff this week. Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, leaves us on Thursday for pastures new. Ali has been a valuable member of our team and we will be lost without her. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Ali every success for the future as she embarks on this new adventure. Ali has promised to keep in touch and pop in to visit when she can. We will hold her to that promise!

Schools Out who are located in our community rooms has asked me to let you know that they now have some spaces for breakfast/after school club available.

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

*Pauline Mace*