



January's Monthly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back.

We hope you all enjoyed some family fun over the festive break and that the children are ready for the exciting learning opportunities the teachers have planned in this term's topic, 'Making Sense of it all'. There will also be events throughout this term that we would encourage you to engage in. The children will be completing a Individual Superhero Challenge as part of our work in the SUSTRAN programme and in March we hope to 'Party in the Parking Lot' as we receive our Bronze Award. There will also be a family challenge day in March as part of British Science week and further details will be in next month's newsletter. Pupil Progress meetings will be held this term so please look out for appointment times coming home soon.

Dates for January

Tuesday 2nd	School Closed (Staff Development Day)	Friday 19th	P7 In-O-V8 at Cullybackey College
Wednesday 3rd	First Day of Term	Wednesday 24th	Governors Meeting @ 7.30pm
Tuesday 9th Jan	P4-7 Swimming starts again	Monday 29th	Active Travel Assembly (SUSTRAN)
Wednesday 10th	P1 Application Form Deadline	Saturday 27th	AQE and GL Assessment Results
Wednesday 10th	PTA Meeting / Parent Governor Election		
Friday 12th	P7 Taster Day @ Dunclug	TBC	Little Gladiator Sport Sessions Begin P1-7

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Active Travel Programme (SUSTRAN)

As we continue to look for alternatives to travelling by car, Johnny from SUSTRAN will return at the end of this month to introduce the 'Superhero Challenge'. This individual incentive scheme will encourage pupils to select alternative active travel solutions for a given number of journeys per week.

This is the final stage of our introduction to the programme and we hope, once completed will lead to us gaining the prestigious Bronze Award from SUSTRAN.

If successful a 'Party in the Parking Lot' is planned for Friday 9th March. However, more details on this will follow.

Food Waste Challenge (DAERA)



In November we signed up to the Food Waste Challenge supported by DAERA. We hope to reduce the amount of food waste we generate in school.

School council are currently working on action plans and will send further details of our whole school challenge next week.

In the meantime, please share any steps you take with your child to reduce food waste at home. We will be sharing ideas and carrying out audits over the coming weeks.

PTA Meeting and Parent Governor Election

The next PTA meeting is this Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm. Please come along and support the ongoing work to raise funds. PTA funding is so important to ensuring our pupils have access to additional learning opportunity and we are so grateful for all the work that the group does.

Following the PTA meeting we will hold a Parent Governor election. A huge thank you to the parents who came along last term but sadly we did not have the numbers to pass any nominations at that time.

AQE/ GL Result Day ★★★★★

We would like to wish pupils who are getting their transfer test in January results all the best. As you already know, all of our P7 pupils are stars.

Calling all Grandparents

If any Grandparents or elderly members of our school community would like to become more involved in school life at KPS, please contact Mrs McCaffery.

December 2017

Well what a busy month December was. Starting with the phenomenal fundraising at the Tractor Run event. Huge congratulations also to all the boys and girls and staff for putting on a fantastic Carol Concert again and a special thank you to Mrs Crabbe for leading the planning of this event again this year.

December also saw the roll out of our School Council Campaign to 'Chase the Chill'. We would like to thank everyone for their support in sending in hats, scarves, gloves and other items of warm clothing. Your donations were bundled into Christmas Puddings and the Primary 7 pupils took them to key locations around the town. We hope that we made a difference to someone somewhere who was feeling the cold.



On the last day of term, we enjoyed our annual visit from Santa. Primary 1-4 pupils also led the school in moving our Christmas Tree outside so that it could be decorated in hand-made treats for the birds. We hope they enjoyed their Christmas Present from KPS too.



Now for even more fun in 2018. Happy New Year.

Lunches, Tickets, Trips and Refund Policy

In order to secure bookings we have to confirm places prior to attendance at any shows, concerts or on trips. This means that once confirmed and paid bookings are non refundable. Therefore, no refund can be given if your child is unwell and unable to attend a trip that we have booked and paid for.

However, we are able to cancel lunches and any monies paid can be transferred to cover lunches the following week.

Cold, Flu and Winter Bugs

This time of year always sees a significant increase in the numbers of children with coughs, colds and flu like symptoms. In order to protect other children from these winter viruses we would ask you to keep children who are unwell at home and send them with tissues on return to school.

The Public Health Agency also recommend that any children suffering with vomiting or diarrhoea do not attend school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.



A Look Ahead

Dates for February

Friday 2nd	P7 Robotics Roadshow
Week of Monday 5th	P7 Transfer Interviews
Tuesday 6th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 9th	P7 Transfer Form Deadline
14th -16th inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED-Half term

Remember for any updates on events throughout the month or to view event photos you should visit our school website, kirkinriolaps.co.uk