



Strathesk
Primary School

Weekly Mail Drop

18.11.2022

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

Included in this week's mail drop:

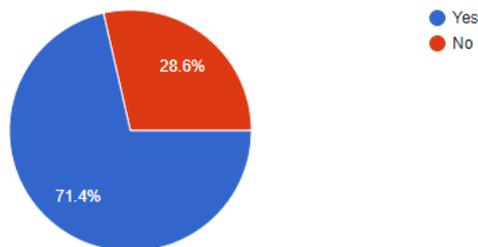
- Paper copy of homework survey (please check your child's bag)
- Adult Learning opportunity

I hope you have had a great week. It's been another busy and fun week in school.

Last week I shared a link to our homework survey on Google forms. So far we have had 21 responses as shown below. <https://forms.gle/bBqKaUtBJA6NoqhN7> Thank you for your responses so far.

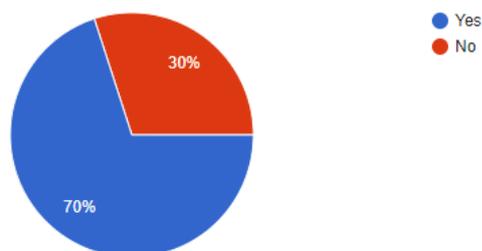
Do you think homework makes a difference to children's progress in primary school? |

21 responses



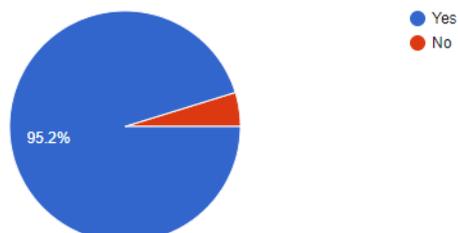
Do you want school to provide homework?

20 responses



If homework is provided will you support your child to complete it each time it is set? |

21 responses





During our Parent Partnership meeting last week, it was suggested that school sends hard copies of surveys home as well as digital links so you have the option of completing and returning paper copies. Please check your child's bag today for a hard copy of the homework survey. Please return this to your child's class teacher by Friday 25th November. Thank you.

At last week's Parent Partnership meeting we recognised the challenges of co-ordinating a school fair at this stage in the year and putting health and safety first, we have decided to plan a fair for later in the year. Watch this space!

Over the next few weeks the Parent Partnership will organise a Christmas Raffle. Already there are lots of great prizes coming in and the promise of more to follow. Raffle tickets will come home in your child's bag soon. I will send more details as plans develop.

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will take place on Friday 2nd December at 9am. Please pop in for a cuppa (and maybe some cake!) and meet everyone. There is no obligation to attend every meeting but please come along on 2nd to get an understanding of the work our partnership does and how this helps all children across our school. You are very welcome.

Our P6 children begin Sex Education this term. Please contact your child's class teacher directly should you have any questions or wish to discuss the programme.

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.

Thank you for your kind donations for Children in Need. The total amount raised is still being calculated and I will share this with you in this week's mail drop.

If you are struggling to buy a toy for your child this Christmas, Food Fact Friends in Penicuik are taking referrals from schools to try and help. If this would be of help to your family please get in touch with Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner by Wednesday 23rd November.

Have you checked if you are eligible for the Scottish Child Payment? If you receive any of the following you may be able to apply for **£100 every 4 weeks** for each child under 16yrs. For more information speak to Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner.

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- income based Jobseeker's Allowance(JSA)
- income related Employment and Support Allowance(ESA)

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



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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.

As the winter moves in, can you please make sure your child comes to school dressed for cold and wet weather? Children can leave a change of clothing in their trays in the classroom should you wish to send these in with them. Where possible, we will continue to develop our Outdoor Learning curriculum unless the weather is particularly bad. Even if not raining, the ground can still be wet and slippery especially in the woods so we recommend coming to school in wellies, waterproof trousers and coat on the days your child has Outdoor Learning.

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 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/>

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