



Strathesk  
Primary School

## Weekly Mail Drop

05.05.23

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

Included in this week's mail drop:

- Time slots for Parent Consultations (please check children's school bags)
- Exciting TV opportunity!

I hope you have had a great week.

### **Spring Fair**

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity with our Spring Fair. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of donations and the support you have given today and in the run up to the fair. The children had a great morning and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the stalls - the cake stall and tombola proved very popular!! Our Parent Partnership has been working round the clock to get everything ready and make sure it runs smoothly today. Thank you so much! I will share with you next week the profit we make for the school as a result of this event. Thank you again.

### **Parent Consultations**

As you know we have increased our Parent Consultations this year to three instead of two with the additional session being led by the children last term. Thank you for all the feedback you gave us on these changes. It has been very positive. Our final Parent Consultations for this year take place on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> and Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May. These will be led by your child's class teacher but please bring your child along to the meeting. Time slots have gone home with children today so please check school bags.

### **Nursery Stay and Play**

For our Stay and Play sessions this month we have decided to do things a bit differently. These next two months are busy ones with Monday holidays, transition, Sports Day, summer trips, etc. However we would still like to fit in some Stay and Play sessions as they are so successful and it is great for parents/family to get the chance to come into nursery. We are going to have a Stay and Play week this month on the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. From Monday to Thursday, parents and family are invited to pick a day and join us for the usual 1 hour Stay and Play from 8:30 to 9:30. There will be a sign up sheet at the front door so that you can chose which day best suits (Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>). Please sign up for a session if you are able to and join us to see what goes on in nursery and for a chance to have a chat with your child's keyworker.

### **People Who Help Us**

This term P1 will be learning all about people who help us. We would love to invite parents/carers/relatives to come and chat with the children about your jobs. Can you please let Mrs Thomson or Miss Grant know if you are able to pop in and they will arrange a time and date with you. Thank you in advance.

### **Free School Meals and Clothing Grants**

The qualifying criteria for Free School Meals and Clothing Grants has been updated on the Council website here:

[Free school meals and clothing grants | Midlothian Council](#)



### **Easyfundraising at Strathesk**

Strathesk Primary and ELC needs your help! Sign up to Easyfundraising and raise FREE donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and many more are waiting to give a free donation. Plus once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, Easyfundraising will give us, as a school, an extra £5 bonus donation!

Sign up to support us here - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/x511yl/>

### **Clothes Recycling**

*If you have any uniforms items sizes 11 - 12 years and larger and you are happy to donate these, can you please drop them into school for Ali Turbitt.*

Please make use of our uniform swap shop. We have a number of uniform items of all sizes and although previously owned, they are in very good condition. Please contact the office or Ali Turbitt, our Home School Practitioner, if you could use any of these items.

Similarly, if you have any unwanted clothes at home that your little ones have outgrown, can you please donate these to school? Outdoor clothing such as wellie boots, waterproofs, coats etc are very useful for outdoor learning and for taking away with us to camp however, any items would be really appreciated as children often need a change of clothes due to wet or messy play.

### **From Scottish Football Association**

Are you a young football player? Are you a parent/carer of a young footballer? Do you support football participation as a teacher, coach or volunteer? With the support of Children's Parliament the Scottish FA are inviting children and young people (8-18) to say what it's like to be a young player in Scotland. Young players can have their say here:

<https://info763427.typeform.com/to/pkby27WH>

### **Gentle reminders**

Please visit our school website [strathesk.mgfl.net](http://strathesk.mgfl.net) Our weekly mail drop and much more has now been added. Please take a wee look. We will continue to add information we think you might find useful so please visit regularly. We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions of what you would like us to share here.

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.

We ask that children do not bring their own toys into school. We have a number of games and activities for children to use in school so this is not necessary. We also want to avoid children's personal items getting lost or damaged. Thank you for your support with this.

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 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.



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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 weekend, everyone and we will see you on Tuesday when school reopens following the Monday holiday to celebrate King Charles' Coronation.