



**Strathesk**  
Primary School

## Weekly Mail Drop

30.10.23

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

This week's mail drop includes:

- Family Information Workshops
- Children Activities

### **Thinking Together**

This Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> November) we will have our first Thinking Together session at 9am. This is an opportunity for parents to chat together about current topics in education and how these impact on our children. In the annual overview I had suggested that this week we could talk about learning through play however given that it is Halloween this week I propose we focus instead on the question, 'Should we celebrate Halloween in schools?' This will be an open chat with a chance for everyone to share their views. There is no right or wrong answer. If you can pop in for a little while please join us in library at 9am. The session will last for approximately 1 hour but you don't need to stay for the whole time.

### **Halloween**

Apologies for the mixed communications around the option of dressing up this year. As you know we had our end of term disco before the October break and this was an opportunity for children to dress up for Halloween if they wished to do so. In P1 - P7 tomorrow learning will take place as with any other school day and so children should dress in school uniform as usual. We can chat further about these options at our Thinking Together session on Friday.

### **Home Learning Opportunities**

Home Learning opportunities (homework) will be shared on our website and updated regularly throughout the term. Suggested activities focus on the levels/stages of school rather than specific classes or single year groups. Early Level activities may be of interest to Nursery and P1 children, First Level activities may be of interest to P2 - P4 children and Second Level activities may be of interest to P5 - P7 children. Children can choose to dip in and out of different levels and activities. Please visit <http://strathesk.mgfl.net/> There is no expectation for children to complete any of these activities and they do not need to share them with their teacher. In addition to these suggested activities children will bring home reading books each week. These are different from the books used in class to teach reading skills. Home reading books are chosen to support fluency and expression and enjoyment and choice. All children have access to Sumdog which they can also use to reinforce learning in Numeracy and Maths should they wish to do so.

### **Safe driving and parking in and around school**

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 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.

*Pauline Mace*