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(Written by parents for parents)

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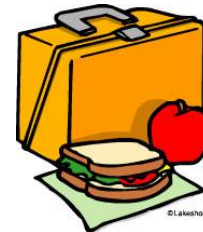
So, it's finally here. School! You remembered to enroll (didn't you?!), checked the term start date, tissues in pocket and are good to go. But wait! Before you and your little P1-to-be set forth into school life....



You will need:

- **School uniform** – Order online via the link on school website (Note if your child is “graduating” from Crookfur Nursery they will receive a school tie at the graduation ceremony😊). Uniform consists of either shirt and tie or polo t-shirt. A grey or red V neck jumper or cardigan and trousers or skirt of a modest length. The children in P1 will mostly wear the school polo T-shirts (and should do on PE days for ease of changing) however there are occasions when all the school will be requested to wear shirt and tie. The school reversible coats are warm and waterproof. These are non-essential, some people wear them others don't. Do measure your child if you are ordering a blazer (even better – try someone else's on for size). Note: Ideally the children do their own shoes/zips etc. so think carefully before buying those lace ups.
- **Wellies-** Unless you really enjoy cleaning school shoes caked in mud every night from October to March!
- **Indoor shoes** - black plimsols. These stay in school, hung up on child's peg in a shoe bag (red bag if bought through school). You will not see them again until they have very literally fallen apart (a good idea is to request your child brings them home at Christmas or February half term as a new pair will probably be required by then!).
- **PE kit** – can buy online from school website and consists of red t-shirt and black shorts. Comes with own bag (black). This will return home to you for washing from time to time or you can ask your child to remember to bring it home whenever for washing. Same indoor shoes.
NB P1 don't change for PE for the first few weeks.
- **School bag** – however, there is not much to put in this. No pencils or rubbers required. Good for carrying e.g. a coat, play piece and for the school to send letters home in!

- **Writing equipment** – school provides all necessary. But who doesn't like a new pencil case and some nicely sharpened pencils? Also handy to have for that all important homework!
- **Water bottle** – all children encouraged to bring a water bottle. Should return home daily. Can refill in school.
- **Packed Lunch box** – if required, however, with free school lunches for p1-3 most children now take school lunches, an icepack is a good idea to include and keep everything fresh.



Label everything – yes, really. Everything. Stick on, sew on, iron on.... Or (very effective, and hold your head high) biro.

And you're off.....Are you walking, cycling or driving?



- **Park** in Eastwood High School and walk across with lollipop lady (June). The staff car park should not be used for dropping off unless using a disabled bay.
- **Bike shed & Scooter-park** – at cycle track at bottom of the hill. You may wish to provide a padlock for the lockers.

School Travel Plans

The School Day

Getting into school



Rear door P1 - up the hill, pass the nursery and right round the corner. That's you. It's the old nursery entrance for those who remember the school before the refurbishment.

0850 First Bell – doors open

0900 Second Bell – you're late. Walk of shame to the school office if door is shut.

On the first day of school the timings will be slightly different with a later start however you will be informed about this during the induction session in the school in May/June time.

There is always a support assistant or teacher in the cloakroom who can help with a quick query and there is an open door policy if you would like to speak to the teacher directly. Beyond day 1, parent/carer are not encouraged to assist with gym shoes etc. It's time for you to go home/work/Waitrose etc. Children will put on indoor shoes, hang up their coats and are ready to learn.

Break time

1040-1055

- Play piece – Put in school bag, separate to lunch box. Ideally e.g. carrot sticks, oatcakes. Or, you know, crisps. However no nuts- Crookfur is a nut free school!
- Make sure they have a waterproof as will generally play outside. A blazer may be insufficient.
- P1 & P2 play in own playground. Divided by “invisible wall” from the big ones.
- Be aware – ALL P1's come home and report that they didn't play with anyone. This is not true. Pupil Support Assistants engage, encourage and organise games. Children are also looked after by Prefects from P7.
- If children fall in the playground they will also be looked after by a Pupil Support Assistant who will apply a wipe and plaster and will probably need a good clean when they get home. Anything worse children will be sent to the school office and a phone call to the parent/carer if required. A letter will be sent home in the child's school bag if they have had a significant bump/injury at school. We also have a small supply of underwear/spare clothes in case of any 'toilet accidents'.
- House Points are given for good behavior in the playground.
- (Tuck – you will hear rumours about playtime tuck. P1 and P2 are not encouraged to go).

Play Time

Lunch

1235-1335

Hot lunch

- Free! Menus available via East Ren website on a three weekly cycle.
- Pupils are helped to choose in class in the morning and are given a coloured wristband to wear indicating their choice for that day.

- P1 are first to lunch room and are seated and served. Bread and crudities are in the centre of the table. They are supported and encouraged (but not compelled) to eat up.
- (Choose from the school website) Each day there are also sandwiches with tuna, cheese and ham.
- ALL MEALS INCLUDE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - Freshly made soup of the day or dessert
 - Drink option including :Plain milk, and water,
 - Bread Basket
 - Crudity platter – with mixed peppers, fresh beetroot, baby corn & carrot batons

Pack lunch

P1's are still welcome to "go pack". The school is developing arrangements to ensure no-one is left out in the lunch hall. There is a trolley to store lunch boxes in the P1 cloakroom.

After lunch is all eaten up it's out to play. If the weather is truly awful then it is "wet play", and they will be inside.

Schools out

1515

- Collect from rear door at 3.15, where dropped in the morning.
- Children are not allowed to leave unless collected by an adult – so don't panic if you are 2 mins late. (Although – don't be!) They will be taken to the office to wait.
- Later in year you may be allowed to make arrangements with the teacher for older siblings to collect or the children to go down the hill themselves– but not yet!
- Last day of term school is out 14:30 (except summer holidays at 1pm). This will not be sprung upon you make sure the school has all your up to date contact info as you will receive helpful reminders through text and email!
- P.S. It's a full day in school from the get go so expect some grumpy, tired children for the first couple weeks – but they will be enthusiastic to be going back the next day for sure!



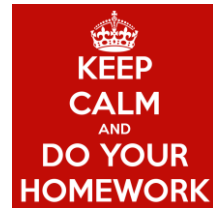
School life

Absence

- Planned absence e.g. dentist, a note should be sent with the child to school. They should be collected from the school office at relevant time.
- Unplanned absence e.g. illness, phone the office before 9.15am and let them know (or they will phone you!).

Homework

- Consists of language and maths. And some specials.
- Given on a Tuesday, back on the following Monday
- Should be 10-15 mins per evening. Genuinely. Teachers are very supportive about this. Speak to them if it is taking longer and turning into a drama.
- Homework bag - provided by school.
- Library books – chosen and returned weekly also in a bag provided by the school.



Books home

Your child's workbooks will be sent home monthly for you to see what they are learning and provide a comment on improvements you note.

Plus points

- Given for good behavior, trying hard, doing well, following the Golden Rules.
- 50 plus points = certificate and a golden pencil and a place on The Golden Wall, presented on Friday at assembly.
- Not to be confused with House Points, which are awarded more generally for demonstrating school values e.g. kindness, respect, friendship, honesty. These count towards termly House Reward afternoons.
- Every Friday the last 30 mins are Golden time for the children.

Communication

The school website is a good source of information about what's happening, everything you need to know about school life is on there. The school is in the process of updating the website as some things are hard to find. The school calendar is updated regularly and is good for pre planning to support parent workshops and be aware of key events such as parent/carers evening! There is also a Twitter feed which you can follow.

Another fantastic way to find out what is happening in the classroom is to follow the P1 class blog which is updated every week on the website and gives you information on what the class are working on and has input from different children each week.

In addition the office will sent out texts, emails and newsletters. These are communications about the general life of the school. Please make sure the office has your correct email address as a lot of communication is sent out this way.

Communication regarding your child, in particular, comes via the Communication Diary which remain in the school bag each day, parent/carer evening and reports. There is always a space in the homework diary to write a note for the teacher and by contacting the office you can arrange to talk with you teacher or, if needed, a member of the Senior Management Team (Ms Biggart for P1).

Parents often set up groups using social media which is another useful way of sharing information.

Getting involved

- **Parent Council:** The Parent Council is composed of two elected members per stage, a staff member and two co-opted members. The Head Teachers acts as professional adviser to the Council. The Parent Council meets around once a term. The Parent Council have a number of duties and responsibilities. Parent/carer can find out more from a leaflet, which can be downloaded from our website or is available from the school office. An update letter is sent out after every meeting and there is a link where you can submit any queries for the parent council to discuss or you can of course ask your year group reps to discuss it. If you are interested in getting involved there will be opportunities to do so at the start of the school term.
- **Fund Raising Committee:** A very active and successful Fundraising Committee that meets once a term, which organises events for children and adults. These are enjoyable and raise money, which is used to benefit the pupils. Again opportunities to get involved will be at the start of term.
- **Parent Helpers:** There are lots of opportunities to get involved and support the school. These can be as simple as supporting parent workshops and events run by the PSA to assisting on class trips to helping organise and prepare wall displays at a suitable time – more information will come your way ☺

Last but most of important of all enjoy this exciting time and welcome to Crookfur Primary!

IMPORTANT DATES 2017-18

| TERM | | |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FIRST | Teachers return | Monday 14 th August 2017 |
| | In-service | Monday 14 th August |
| | In-service | Tuesday 15 th August |
| | Pupils Return | Wednesday 16 th August |
| | Last day of School | Thursday 21 st September |
| | September Weekend | Friday 22 nd September |
| | September Weekend | Monday 25 th September |
| | School re-opens | Tuesday 26 th September |
| | Last day of School | Thursday 12 th October |
| | In-service | Friday 13 th October |
| | School re-opens | Monday 23 rd October |
| | Last day of school | Wednesday 20 th December |
| SECOND | School Re-opens | Thursday 4 th January 2018 |
| | Last day of school | Thursday 8 th February |
| | In-service | Friday 9 th February |
| | Mid -Term | Monday 12 th February |
| | Mid- Term | Tuesday 13 th February |
| | School re-opens | Wednesday 14 th February |
| | Last day of school | Thursday 29 th March |
| | Good Friday | Friday 30 th March |
| | Easter Monday | Monday 2 nd April |
| THIRD | School Re-opens | Monday 16 th April 2018 |
| | Last day of school | Friday 4 th May |
| | May-Day Holiday | Monday 7 th May |
| | School re-opens | Tuesday 8 th May |
| | Last day of school | Thursday 24 th May |
| | May Weekend | Friday 25 th May |
| | May Weekend | Monday 28 th May |
| | In-service | Tuesday 29 th May |
| | School re-opens | Wednesday 30 th May |
| | Last day of school | Wednesday 27 th June |

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