

Crookfur Primary August 2016



**Welcome back to all our pupils!! We hope you all had a lovely summer.
Some information for you at the start of the new session**



How is our school changing!

As you will have noticed there has been an incredible amount of work carried out in the school over the summer break!

Thank you very much to all parents and pupils for their so-operation and understanding during the first week back at school. I appreciate the routines at the beginning and end of the school day are different and may take a bit longer than usual, but by working together I know it will get easier. To ease congestion I would ask that P1 and P2 parents come into the playground to collect their children at 3.15pm and all other parents wait at the gazebo or school gate.

The building work is on schedule, with phase 1 being completed and work has now started on phase 2. All work is due to be complete by August 2017. The changes in our school will be amazing and I know all children will greatly benefit from an excellent new facility.

Building Update for Parents

I have arranged a meeting with the contractors, Heron Brothers, on Wednesday 14th September, 7pm at Eastwood High School. All parents are invited to attend to find out the progress of our refurbishment and plans for the months ahead. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you have any questions or concerns before then please don't hesitate to contact the school or use the tear-off slip below.

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome all our new Primary 1 pupils and a number of new pupils to Crookfur. We look forward to getting to know all our new pupils and their families. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Meet the Teacher Afternoons

The staff have been working hard to ensure our new classrooms are organised and ready for learning and teaching. Our informal 'meet the teacher' events are to give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see the classroom they will be working in this term.

You are invited to the school to meet your child's teacher at 2.30pm on the dates below.

P1: Friday 19th August

P2 / P3: Monday 22nd August

P4 / P5: Tuesday 23rd

August

P6 / P7: Wednesday 24th August

Please meet in the playground and staff will direct you to your child's class.



Parking

Parents and staff should continue to use the car park at Eastwood High School as most of the school car park is unable to be accessed at this time. Disabled badge holders are able to access the car park and we have two designated bays. Thank you for your co-operation with this

Health and Safety

Health and safety is a priority during the building work. We have carried out two successful Fire Drills this week to ensure all children know what to do in case of an emergency.

Parent Meetings

The first meetings of the new session are detailed below:

Parent Council: Wednesday 7th September, 7pm

PSA: Thursday 8th September, 7pm

All meetings will be held in Eastwood High School this session.

School Uniform

Thank you to all parents and pupils for continuing to embrace our 'Dressing for Excellence', policy! It is lovely to see pupils looking so smart on their return to school. It is encouraging to see pupils wearing school blazers and jackets, helping to instill a pride in our school. If you would like to order any items of uniform, please access the link on the front page of the school website.

Staffing!

We delighted to welcome some new members of staff to Crookfur. Mrs McGuigan - Depute HT, Miss McLaren – P3, Miss Raworth –P5, Miss Harris-P6,

Below is our management team:

Mrs Loudon, Head Teacher

Mrs Jamieson: Principal Teacher, responsible for the nursery.

Mrs McGuigan Depute Head Teacher: Responsible for P1, P2 and P3.

Mrs Nisbet and Miss Biggart, Principal Teachers: Responsible for P4 and P5.

Mrs Slorach, Acting Principal Teacher: Responsible for P6 and P7.

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant people if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child.

Learning Support

We have a comprehensive support programme for all pupils this session. A leaflet is available at the school entrance. Parents are informed if their child is receiving additional support. We are fortunate to have been given additional funding until the end of March for an increase in learning support.

Water Bottles



All pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle with them to school. They should bring the bottle with fresh water each day. Pupils are encouraged to drink water during the school day. We would remind parents to check that pupils wash their bottles regularly. All classrooms are fitted with fresh water coolers.

Nut Allergies

We have several children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts or any products containing nuts. We would therefore ask that you do not give your child any snack/lunch with products containing nuts. Thank you for helping us to be a 'Nut Free School'!

School Lunches

We would encourage parents to use the online facility to pay for school lunches. More information can be found on the Council website or contact the school office. All P1 – P3 pupils are eligible for a free school meal. From P4 – P7 hot lunches are available £1.95 and a snack lunch is £1.80.

To pay lunch money online you will require your child's Scottish Candidate number which can be obtained from the school office.

School Start!

The doors to cloakrooms will open each morning at 8.50am. Support staff will supervise children in the cloakroom while they take off their jackets and change into their gym shoes. This ensures a prompt start to lessons at 9am. We would appreciate if your child arrived at school no later than 8.55am to ensure a smooth start to their day. Thank you for your co-operation.



Lost Property!

PLEASE remember to name all items of clothing this session. Please send any trousers/skirts your child has outgrown, as they can be useful if a child requires a change of clothes. We particularly need girls' clothing.

Wet Weather Arrangements



Pupils should wear suitable clothing to school in case of inclement weather. A school jacket with hood or blazer/kagool and school shoes (not trainers) should be worn when pupils are outside. If it is very wet, the children remain in their classrooms at intervals and are supervised by prefects and staff. Pupils have games to play when indoors.

Consent Forms

A Consent Form to cover all outings within the Glasgow area for the session has been issued next week. Please complete this and return it to school. If your child goes out of school, you will be informed in advance but will not need to complete a Consent Form each time. Please also amend and return the Data Check form to ensure we have up to date information about your child. Please provide an email address and mobile telephone number, where possible

We value your views

Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or have any suggestions or concerns. Please let us know if there is anything we could improve during the current phase of building work.

Name of pupil _____ Class _____
Parent Signature _____

Please hand into the school office. Thank you