



# Crookfur Primary School & Nursery Class



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Please find attached a copy of our school year calendar. This lists important dates for your diary such as Parents' Evenings and school shows. It also includes other events such as fundraising activities and special days/events which may be referred to in your child's class e.g. Book Week Scotland.

When new events are planned and added to the calendar, an updated version will be sent out to you and uploaded to the school website.

*Upcoming events:*

### **Class open afternoons (2.30-3.00pm approx, dates as per calendar)**

Each class will be open for parents/carers to pop in and spend some time in class with their child. This is an opportunity for you to see your child in class as they learn and to look around the classroom displays. We welcome all parents and carers to be part of their child's learning, however ask that only one adult attends per child as the classrooms can become very busy.

Please report to the school office on arrival where you can sign in and a senior pupil will show you to your child's class.

As the class teacher will be leading the class, the open afternoon does not provide the opportunity to have detailed discussions about individual children and their progress. Parents' evenings are scheduled for November and March.

I appreciate that not all parents will be able attend the open afternoon however other carers e.g. grandparents, are of course more than welcome to come. In collaboration with our Parent Council, we plan to hold two curriculum evenings across the year for parents/carers and children. We hope these further opportunities for families to enjoy learning experiences together may be more convenient for working parents.

### **Coffee and Chat (9.15am, dates as per calendar)**

We have also planned some coffee and chat sessions this term. These are informal opportunities for parents to meet together, with representatives from the Parent Council and school staff.

### **P7 Residential information evening (3<sup>rd</sup> Oct)**

This meeting is for P7 children and their parents/carers to find out about the planned residential visit to Lockerbie Manor outdoor centre in May 2020.

### **Discos (26<sup>th</sup> Sept & 24<sup>th</sup> Oct)**

Our Fundraising Committee have planned discos for all classes across the school. Further information about these and other planned events will be sent out in due course.

Please note, for all events held in school we request that parents/carers park at Eastwood High School car park. Please do not attempt to use the Crookfur car park unless you require accessible parking and hold a blue badge.

*Communication:*

To report on children's progress in learning, we have formal Parent Consultation meetings in November and March and all children receive a written report in June. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about any aspect of their learning and development, an appointment can easily be arranged through the school office at any point in the school year.

In addition, we have a variety of ways in which we communicate the work of the school to our parents/carers. These include:

- School shows/concerts
- Curriculum workshops
- Open classroom events
- Children's work sent home throughout the year
- Class blogs (access through school website)
- School website
- Letters and newsletters
- Twitter

Our Parent Council can easily be contacted through their Twitter account, Facebook page or email.

Most of our communication is electronic, so please ensure that the school office holds your most up to date e-mail contact details and mobile phone number. The Parent Council will also share school communications through their media platforms.

I do hope you find the year calendar useful and look forward to welcoming many of you to the class open afternoons in the coming weeks.

Kind regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher