



Crookfur Primary School & Nursery Class



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 22nd May

Weekly Round Up

I hope that this letter finds you well. We have had another busy week in the Mearns North hub and I am sure all of our families at home are looking forward to this long weekend.

Home Learning Packs

We are delighted by the positive response to the home learning packs and Mrs Slorach and I enjoyed the chance to catch up with so many parents at the collection sessions on Monday and Tuesday.

Around 90% of our families have taken up this offer and there are only a few packs remaining. If you didn't manage to collect a pack and would like one, these will be available to pick up from St Cadoc's on Monday 25th May between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

Google Classrooms

A reminder that no new work will be posted in the Google Classrooms until Wednesday 27th May. This is because of the holidays on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th May and the in service day on Tuesday 26th.

From Wednesday 27th May, please ensure that your child does go online every day, even just to check in by commenting on the stream. This really helps us to keep in touch and helps us to maintain a daily attendance register.

Crookfur's Got Talent - REMINDER

Please remember to encourage your child to register in the Google Classroom for their House. Even if they are not entering Crookfur's Got Talent, they will need to be able to access it to view the acts and vote in the Grand Final!

All auditions must be uploaded by Tuesday 26th May please, ready for the first round of judging on Wednesday 27th.



Loch Down Lodge – An alternative outdoor residential experience

We know that the children were sad to have missed their residential trip this week, to be honest the staff were too. Over the past few weeks Mrs Norman and Miss Kelly have been busily planning for an *alternative* residential called **Loch Down Lodge** to provide some activities to make this time more memorable while learning remotely. We know that some of your children will be particularly disappointed about the fact that they cannot soak their teachers, the highlight of the trip, however this opportunity may still be possible so watch this space!!

The children will have their virtual residential experience next week (Wednesday 27th-Friday 29th May) to ensure that children who have been observing Ramadan are able to be fully included. The children have been issued with a kit list and some more information through their Google Classroom. We look forward to sharing more with you on Twitter next week!

Early Learning and Childcare – Expansion of hours

You may have seen some media reports this week highlighting that East Renfrewshire Council is committed to delivering increased nursery provision from August 2020. Families will soon receive a letter from East Renfrewshire which will advise them of their child's allocation.

While Covid-19 restrictions remain, there will be an impact on attendance patterns to help with social distancing, however when restrictions are lifted children and families will be able to benefit from their full allocation of 1140 hours.

It was also announced that the current pandemic has meant that construction of our new Crookfur Family Centre will not be completed as planned for August. Temporary arrangements will be made for Crookfur children until our building is ready and these will be detailed in your allocation letter.

If you have any questions or queries about nursery allocations for next session, please contact the Early Learning and Childcare admissions team in the first instance or our nursery team through our school e-mail. SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Recovery Planning

Following the First Minister's announcement yesterday, we are pleased that our school staff will begin to return to school in June to plan and prepare for August 20.

We will continue to provide provision for the children who attend the Mearns North hub throughout June and arrangements will be made to provide care for these children over the holiday period. Keyworkers should have been sent a link regarding summer holiday provision yesterday.

If your circumstances have changed and you are now considered to be a keyworker but have not yet accessed the hub, please contact me at the school.

We will also explore supporting transitions for all children, particularly at the key points of nursery to P1 and P7 to S1 in June.

More detailed information regarding your child's return to school, classes for next year and how our blended model will work will be shared with you in due course. We will ensure that this is clear and detailed so that you and your child are fully aware of our planning processes, risk assessments and procedures to ensure a confident return to school and nursery for staff and children.

I'm not sure that anyone anticipated such a lengthy lockdown and I know that it is taking its toll on everyone. This week we have seen some lovely examples shared over our Twitter feed of ways to maintain and promote positive mental health and wellbeing during lockdown. There are further links on our school website which focus on health and wellbeing that you may find useful.

I wish you a lovely holiday weekend. Please take care and stay safe,

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher