



# Crookfur Primary School & Nursery Class



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

## ***Weekly Round Up***

We couldn't have wished for better weather this week and I am sure that the sunshine has helped keep everyone's spirits high. In the coming weeks we will see some changes to school life and our first steps out of lockdown and towards recovery.

## Reports

Reports for all children in P1-P7 will be e-mailed to you this weekend. You should expect to receive them at around 7pm on Sunday evening (31<sup>st</sup> May).

We hope this gives you clear information on your child's progress and details their next steps in learning.

Usually we would enclose a response sheet for you to return to acknowledge receipt of the report and to share any comments/ feedback. A link to a Microsoft Form will be issued separately for you to submit in place of the usual paper form and I would be very grateful if you could please complete this with your child.

We will forward a note of your child's annual attendance before the end of term. I apologise that we were not able to include the attendance summary sheet within the report e-mail.

For children in P3, P5 and P7 standardised test scores in reading and mathematics are usually entered on page one of the report. Information for this session is not yet available and so this section of the report will be blank for all classes. Test scores will be shared with parents/ carers when it have them.

Nursery summative reports for our pre school children will be issued electronically to parents in the next week. Further information about this will follow.

## Loch Down Lodge – P7 alternative residential

I hope that you have enjoyed the photographs and videos of our senior pupils on Twitter this week as they have tried out a range of outdoor experiences and challenges. Although they were not able to attend the residential visit to Lockerbie Manor outdoor centre, they have had great fun this week!

I would like to thank all of the children for being so willing to get involved and have a go and also thank Mrs Norman and Miss Kelly for their huge efforts to make sure that the children didn't miss out.

Our fundraising committee provided some amazing goodie bags for the children as an extra treat to round off the week. I am sure the joy of the goodie bags was rivalled only by the ice bucket challenges with the teachers!

## Lockerbie Manor Refunds

Mrs Stewart is now processing refunds to parents/carers through ParentPay for the cancelled Lockerbie Manor trip. This is for any monies paid in addition to the initial deposit.

Deposits will also be refunded but this will come from Lockerbie rather than ParentPay. We expect that these will be returned to you in July. I apologise for this delay and thank you for your patience.

### Crookfur's Got Talent

Our House Captains and Mr McMillan have been amazed by the wonderful auditions submitted for Crookfur's Got Talent. The standard of the competition is so high that three acts per house will be selected to progress to the final, rather than two as previously planned.

We can't wait to find out who will compete in the final, but we must say a huge well done to all of the children who have auditioned. Everyone who submitted a video, even if they don't reach the final, will be awarded 5 House Points for their efforts.

### School Sports

For school sports this year, we hope that all of the children at home and in the hub will still be able to participate and compete to win points for their house. The winning house will be crowned our Sports Champions 2020 and will win the coveted sports shield.

Sports day usually comprises of stations (potted sports) followed by running races. This year for stations at home, there will be a selection of exercises for each primary stage. Our Sports Committee will post some demonstration videos online and children will record how many of each exercise they do and submit their totals. Points will be awarded depending on the number of exercises they complete.

To replace the running races this year, children will record how far they walk, cycle and/ or run over the course of a week. We hope this will allow all children the chance to get involved. Distances will be combined into a total for each House and points awarded accordingly for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

There are various apps that can help to map out a route or record a distance to enable children to calculate an accurate total. Mr McMillan will post some further information on how best to do this on each House Classroom.

I am sure that this will be something that the whole family can encourage and support, as many families are using this time in lockdown to go out and exercise together.

Our Sports Week will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> June so keep checking the House Classrooms for more information next week.

### Woodwind Lessons

Mr Derrett has asked me to remind the woodwind students that he has set up a Google Classroom for woodwind lessons. All of his students have been invited to join and he has been posting assignments and useful materials there.

Some students have uploaded recordings and he has been able to provide feedback to them.

I would encourage all of our P6 and P7 woodwind students to try their best to continue practising their instruments and use the Google Classroom when they can.

### June Recovery Planning

This week we have been finalising our plans for staff and some children to return to Crookfur in June.

The Mearns North hub will close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June and from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, those children who attend the hub will continue to do so in Crookfur. We will continue to operate the same hours, 9am-3pm and provision will still be based upon Google Classrooms and home learning packs.

As more keyworkers return to their place of work, I anticipate that there will be an increased demand for this provision. If you think that you may require this for your child, please contact me at the school ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)).

Please note that in order for our school to continue to comply with government and health guidance around social distancing, we must take steps to ensure that the numbers of children accessing it remain manageable. The criteria to access learning provision in school is unchanged. Both parents/carers must be identified as keyworkers and have no other alternative childcare. This means if you are at home, even if you are working from home you should not send your child(ren) to the school hub.

I am grateful to all of the families who currently access the hub for completing the weekly booking form which allows us to arrange classes and staffing. I will continue to operate this system, enabling families to book the school hub on the days that they need to.

### Transitions

In weeks beginning 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June we will offer some transition sessions to pre-school children who will be starting P1 in August and P7 children who are moving to High School. We are working with our cluster colleagues to arrange these sessions and I will be in touch with our future P1s and current P7s with more details next week.

Our nursery staff have produced some helpful information for parents all about the transition from nursery to P1. You can use the link below to access it.

<https://sway.office.com/IsIAAEyBcCmMnuwf?ref=Link>

We will also arrange transition activities for children who benefit from some additional support to cope with change. Mrs Slorach will arrange this and will contact parents directly.

### August Recovery Planning

Throughout June we will work to develop our August recovery plan and this will be shared with you before the end of the session.

I am conscious that parents will have many questions about our re-opening in August and are keen to find out what their child's experience will be. I will share this information as soon as I can.

A few parents have suggested that it would be beneficial for their child to continue with the same teacher next session. I do absolutely understand this and for some classes it may be the case, however this will not be possible across the school and I do not want to set up an expectation that it can be. All of our teachers will work hard to share information to ensure that any new teacher will be fully aware of the children's strengths and development needs and will be well placed to support their return to school and take their learning forward. We will take steps to ensure all of the children have a virtual "Meet the Teacher" experience in June.

Our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and you may find it useful to highlight any key issues with your stage representative for discussion at the meeting.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend, perhaps you will be able to visit friends or family and enjoy this super weather in their garden.

As always whatever you do, please take care and stay safe.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan  
Head Teacher