



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 21st August

Weekly Round Up

Staffing Update

The staff listed below will usually be the teachers who will work in your child's class. As part of teachers' contracts, they have time built into the school week when they do not teach. This is referred to as non-contact time or NCC. This session we have changed how teachers' non class contact time is organised. To minimise the number of adults working in different classes across the school day, we have arranged for non-contact time to be taken in a single block, rather than different lessons across the week. The NCC teacher (noted in the table below) will teach your child for one day every two weeks*. Primaries 2, 3, 3/4, 4 and 5 will be taught by the NCC teacher in Week One and P1, P6 and P7 in Week Two. Week One and Week Two will alternate across the session, this week is Week One and week beginning 24th Aug is Week 2.

| Class | Class Teacher | NCC Teacher | Leadership Team Link |
|-------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| P1A | Mrs Dougall | Mr McMillan (Thurs) | Mrs Jamieson |
| P1B | Miss Amin | Miss Burdge (Thurs) | |
| P1C | Miss Wallace | Miss Adair (Thurs) | |
| P2A | Miss Goodwin & Ms Biggart | Mrs McKim (Thurs) | Ms Biggart |
| P2B | Miss McCann | Mr McMillan (Thurs) | |
| P2C | Miss Muir | Miss David (Thurs) | |
| P3A | Mrs Scoular & Mrs Nisbet | Mr McMillan (Wed) | Mrs Nisbet |
| P3B | Mrs Agnew | Miss Burdge (Wed) | |
| P3/4 | Miss Regan | Miss David (Tues) | Miss David |
| P4A | Mrs Denholm | Mr McMillan (Tues) | |
| P4B | Miss Murchie | Miss Burdge (Tues) | |
| P5A | Mrs Hutcheson (Mon, Tues, alt Wed) Mrs O'Meara (alt Wed, Thurs, Fri) | Mrs Nasar (Tues/Thurs) | |
| P5B | Mrs Allan | Miss Burdge (Thurs) | |
| P6A | Miss Estlick | Mr McMillan (Wed) | Mrs Slorach |
| P6B | Mr Atkinson | Miss Burdge (Wed) | |
| P7A | Miss Kelly & Mrs Grieve | Miss Burdge & Ms Biggart (Tues) | |
| P7B | Mrs Norman & Mrs Lamont | Mr McMillan & Miss David (Tues) | |

| Teachers – Additional Support | Pupil Support Assistants |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Mrs Melville (Principal Teacher) Mrs McKim Mrs Nasar (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Fry (Mon- Wed) Mrs Abercrombie (Wed) | Mrs Liddle Mrs Kennedy Mrs Reid |

** This varies slightly for P5A, who will have two half days per fortnight.*

This year NCC teachers will plan project based interdisciplinary learning. Again, due to current restrictions, we are unable to continue with our Skills Academy model and so we have agreed that NCC teachers will base their planning around the skills academy experiences within a context relevant and interesting to the children.

Digital Devices

Thank you to all of the families who have returned chromebooks borrowed during the school closure. If you have any school devices at home, please return these to school as soon as possible. The device chargers are due an annual electrical test and once all of the devices are returned we will be able to make use of these for learning in school.

If any child is required to quarantine or self isolate, we will issue a device if it is needed to continue to support their learning at home.

Family Centre Update

Construction work has resumed at our Family Centre site and we expect that a completion and handover date will be agreed soon. We will carefully plan the transition to the Family Centre and involve our children and families as much as possible. I am pleased that our children and staff have settled well in our neighbourhood nurseries but we are looking forward to being together again. I hope to be able to provide a more detailed update soon.

Outdoor Learning

All classes will spend time learning outdoors and this will take place across our school grounds, including the woodland area. We have set up a timetable where classes will access some of the wilder areas in the grounds and we ask that on these days your child brings a pair of wellies (named) and an outdoor waterproof suit (or waterproof trousers and a jacket). Children in P1 and P2 may keep their wellies in school but P3-7 should bring their outdoor kits in a plastic carrier bag and take them home at the end of the day. P1 and P2 will need a plastic bag to take home their waterproof clothes.

Our fundraising committee has purchased some waterproof suits for younger children but if your child has any waterproof suits/trousers etc that they have outgrown we will happily take donations to issue out to others or keep as spares. We will of course adhere to all covid 19 guidance, ensuring any donations or borrowed items are quarantined and/or laundered before being given to children.

Below is a note of your child's outdoor learning days.

| | Week One (wk beg 31 st Aug) | Week Two (wk beg 7 th Sept) |
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| Monday | P2, P1A, P1B | P2, P1A, P1B |
| Tuesday | P1C | P7, P1C |
| Wednesday | P1A | P3, P1A |
| Thursday | P3/4, P1B | P6, P1B |
| Friday | P4, P1C | P5, P1C |

School Meals

We are delighted to have had a very high uptake of school meals in the last week. The ladies in our lunch room work hard to make sure that children enjoy their lunch. They encourage them to eat all of their food, have a fruit snack and to have a drink.

East Renfrewshire Council are supporting the "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme and are offering discounted school lunches Monday –Wednesday until the end of August.

I have posted an updated halal menu on our school website. All children who have previously registered for specialist diet will continue to be provided with this. For any new children who have specific medical, lifestyle or cultural dietary requirements, please request the appropriate form from our school office (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk). Further information can be found using the link below.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/specialist-diets>

Sports Clubs

This week, Mr McMillan has sent out a letter about our online sports clubs. If your child is unsure of their glow login details, please contact the school office and we will be happy to arrange a reminder to be sent home.

If you would like to find out more, please view the information video posted on our school Twitter account.

First Aid

Our playgrounds are busy places and it is natural that we have bumps and falls during break and lunch. Small bumps and grazes are usually attended to in the playground by the supervising staff but where required, children will be sent to the medical room. A senior pupil or an adult will accompany younger children.

Where injuries are minor e.g. scraped knee, we would not usually telephone home or send a note. We will of course contact parents/carers if an injury needs further attention.

Social Distancing

Children and staff have quickly adapted to our new routines and are becoming used to maintaining 2m distance in school, as well as practicing good tissue hygiene and regular hand washing.

I remind all parents/carers that they must adhere to guidance and maintain 2m distance from adults and other children. Where this is not possible, a face covering should be worn. I urge all parents/carers collecting at the end of the day to consider wearing a face covering if they are unable to maintain 2m distance around the school gates.



Only one parent is permitted to enter school grounds to drop off and collect children in P1 and P2. I ask that when you have collected your child that you leave the school grounds promptly.

Children should not stay and play at the end of the school day. I have been contacted by colleagues in Eastwood High School who have asked that children do not play within their campus at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Class Blogs

To share learning and school events, each class will update their own blog. Blogs can be accessed through the school website. Classes usually post a weekly update and when we have collected all of the photo permissions, we will start to add some posts.

Important Forms

Today (Friday 21st) consent forms for the flu immunisation programme have been sent home in school bags. Next week, the annual data forms will be sent home. Please look out for these and complete and amend as necessary as it is essential that we hold accurate information regarding permissions, medical conditions, parent/carer and emergency contact details.

Primary One

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know how proud we are of all our new primary one children. They have coped extremely well with their first full week of school. I am sure that they will be very tired and will sleep well this weekend!

The children have spent lots of time this week exploring their new environment, getting to know each other and getting used to new routines such as playtime and lunchtime. We will continue to reinforce all these routines although it has been lovely to observe the children's growing confidence around the playground and lunchroom.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher