



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 4th September

Weekly Round Up

Class Blogs

New blogs have been set up for each class. Class blogs are a useful way for the children to share their learning and experiences and new posts are added regularly. This session we have decided to create a blog for each class, rather than each stage as in previous years. Often posts contain pictures but we will only feature your child if you have given consent for both blog and website on the photo permissions form. This is because the blogs are accessed through the school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/pupils/class-blogs/>

Parent Council AGM

The Parent Council AGM takes place on Tuesday 8th September at 7pm via Zoom. Any parent/carer who wants to join the meeting is very welcome. Please email CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com to request joining details.

The Chair of the Parent Council, Denny Henderson, has prepared a review of the 2019/20 which can be accessed here <https://sway.office.com/oEggN4ONVTpHPY9X?ref=Link>

The results of the parent survey were broadly very positive. A summary of the results can be found [here](#).

Our Parent Council has also reached out to our new P1 parents to help answer questions they may have being new to our school. Please use the link below to ask any questions and we will use these to provide a "You Asked, We Answered" guide.

P1 parents - ask a question <https://forms.gle/RvinTH9PLRwfsrqZ6>

There is another link for parents across P2-P7

All parents - what do you want to know? <https://forms.gle/Fa6tigQq9YFJmP8T7>

Mobile Phones

We would like to discourage children from bringing mobile phones to school. If they need to have a mobile phone, then this must be switched off and given to the class teacher for safekeeping or remain in their bag. Children must not use their phones anywhere in the school grounds. This includes at the beginning and end of the day. In addition to requirements around data protection etc, we wish to minimise phones being passed around and germs being spread from hands to phone user.

Children in P6 and P7 are permitted to access their own devices and pupil wifi in school; however the conditions around this are very strict. Devices should only be used for a specific learning purpose and under the supervision/direction of the teacher.

Children have all been asked to sign our responsible user agreement and in so doing agree to all of these conditions.

Bikeability

It is lovely to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. Most children have a chain/lock for their bike, however few are properly locking them up. Please encourage your child to use their lock if they have one.

We also ask that at the beginning and end of the day that children dismount as they approach the school. It would be best if children dismount on the pavement and walk along toward the school, especially at busy times.

Starting on 18th September, Primary 7 will take part in Bikeability 2. Bikeability 2 is part of the Scottish Cycle Programme training. Unfortunately due to the school closure period this could not happen in Primary 6 and we are therefore looking forward to completing the training this session. The training will take place both in the school grounds and on-road and will be delivered by school staff and by cycle trainers from East Renfrewshire Council. Training will start with a few sessions in the playground. The on-road training will take place on a residential street near the school where it is anticipated that traffic will be light but will be enough to give the trainees a realistic experience of live traffic conditions. The site chosen has been risk assessed and clear signage will be displayed for all. Cyclists will be provided with high visibility jackets. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about bike maintenance and the importance of road safety. We look forward to as many children in P7 as possible taking part. Letters will be sent to the parents of the Primary 7 children to provide further information.

Wet Weather

As I have previously mentioned, we will endeavour to allow the children to play outdoors every day. Please ensure that they bring a suitable waterproof jacket/suit to school and have appropriate footwear.

Inevitably, as we move to the autumn months there will be an increasing number of days where we have to stay indoors at break/lunch in high winds or if the rain is very heavy. During indoor breaks, we are more restricted in the activities that the children can do. Children in P3-P7 must remain at their tables and although we can provide paper for drawing, children might prefer to bring in their own sketchpad, colouring in or puzzle book. Children can bring this in and keep it in their tray to use as required.

Please do not allow children to bring in toys.

Diversity Group

Last session our parent/carer Diversity Focus Group was established. Our aim is to work together to promote inclusion and equity, ensuring that our school is a place where all children and families feel valued. We will continue to explore issues around inclusion and equalities e.g. additional support, disabilities, race, religion, beliefs, sex/gender and cost of the school day. The work of our group will help shape our curriculum and approaches to learning and teaching

We always welcome new members so if you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact me at the school (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk).

I will be in touch with all of our existing group members to arrange a virtual meeting soon.

Pupil Leadership Opportunities

Our children enjoy many opportunities to lead their learning and to take on responsibilities within the school. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be recruiting representatives from across the school for our pupil committees. We have a pupil leadership team, pupil council, eco committee, sports committee, Junior Road Safety Officers, Right Respecting Schools group.

Children can nominate themselves to join any committee but will only be able to represent one. They can only serve on the same committee for a maximum of two school sessions, therefore if they have been on e.g. eco committee for two years then they should not apply for this committee again.

Senior pupils will also have the opportunity to become prefects for the lower school and apply to become senior prefects.

Mr McMillan has already been working with P7 to appoint our new House Captains for this session. This has generated a lot of interest and we look forward to announcing the successful candidates soon.

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

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher