



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

## ***Weekly Round Up***

### Maths Week Scotland

We are excited to let you know that Maths Week Scotland is running again this year. It will take place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We have decided to focus on exploring Numeracy and Mathematics outdoors as our theme this year. Across the school, children are highly motivated by learning outdoors and it is a perfect way to encourage the application of knowledge and skills through a meaningful context. More information about Maths Week Scotland will follow.

Mrs Fry has been successful in her application for funding to support Maths Week Scotland and we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £750. This funding will be used to purchase additional outdoor equipment to enhance children's understanding of Numeracy and Mathematics.

We look forward to exploring the value and joy that maths can bring through quality outdoor learning experiences. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed to see what we get up to!

### Primary 1 Parent/Carer Information Sessions

We are creating a range of digital parent information sessions that we will share over the coming weeks. These will be around the topics of Early Writing Skills, Early Literacy Skills, Early Numeracy Skills and Outdoor Learning.

These will provide families with an insight into the curriculum in P1, how core skills are developed as well as ideas on how you can support your child's learning. We hope you find these useful.

Please click on the link below to access our first presentation.

[P1 Parent/Carer Information Presentation - Developing Early Writing Skills](#)

### Homework

As stated in the class Sways, homework will start on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Homework allows reinforcement and consolidation of learning undertaken in class. It provides parents and carers with information about progress being made and involves them directly in their child's learning.

This year homework will be organised through Google Classroom. This tool was used to successfully support remote learning at the end of last session. Homework will be issued on a Tuesday with submission the following Monday. A paper copy can be provided where families do not have access to a device at home.

As with last year we have created an updated parent guide which will be issued prior to homework starting. We are working with our Parent Council to create some Google Classroom help guides for families, to support with uploading work and accessing tasks.

### Family Centre Update

Construction continues to progress well at our Family Centre. We will share our second Sway newsletter with you next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September with more updates and information.

### Parent Council & Fundraising Committee

The minute from our recent Parent Council AGM is now available on our school website. A copy of the fundraising report and updated constitution is also available. Please click on the link below to access the website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/parents/parent-council/>

Last night, our Fundraising Committee held its first meeting of the session on Zoom. The meeting was very well attended and new office bearers were elected. In particular, it was lovely to welcome some new members from our P1 year group.

We offer huge thanks to Gillian Leitch for her years of service on the committee, initially as Secretary and more recently, as Chair. Gillian stood down as Chair at last night's meeting but we are fortunate that she will continue to be a member of the group and I am sure will offer valuable support to our new Chair.

Mrs Christian Norman (P4 and P2 mum) will take on the role of Chair and Mrs Alison Brown (P4 mum) will be Secretary. Ms Vicky Zoers (P6, P2 and Family Centre mum) has kindly agreed to help Alison with some of the admin duties. Gillian Plews (P6 and P1 mum) agreed to continue as Treasurer.

It was a great meeting and despite the current restrictions, we still believe there will be lots of fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

### Enhancing playground experiences

As we work within covid restrictions at playtimes and lunchtimes, we are still committed to providing positive playground experiences while keeping children safe.

We have now organised and provided each stage with a range of stimulating and fun playground toys such as balls, hula hoops and stilts. It has been lovely to see the children engaging with this equipment and we have been impressed with their many skills. The equipment is only shared amongst the stage grouping and is washed down after each session. We ask that children do not bring in their own toys/ equipment from home. Thank you.

Mr McMillan is running fun sessions for P4 –P7 on Mondays and Fridays in the MUGA to encourage children to play a variety of sports during their weekly allocated MUGA slot. Mr McMillan consulted with children across these stages to identify the sports they would like to focus on. So far he has been teaching the rules of games, such as basketball, as well as sharing techniques and tips!

The sessions are designed to be fun and active and are optional for the children. Children do not need to bring any additional sports clothing to change in to on these days.

In order for children to have the best possible experience at playtimes and lunchtimes please ensure that they have a rain jacket for wet days.

### PE outdoors

Please note that, in line with revised guidance, PE sessions will take place outdoors. We ask that you ensure your child has appropriate clothing, on their PE days, as we plan to be outdoors in all weathers.

We would also like to remind you that, while we aim to minimise the need to change, children can bring in a change of socks, shoes and or leggings/ joggers on wet days.

### Beat the Street

Beat the Street a fun, free initiative that sees East Renfrewshire transformed into a community wide game. You can walk, cycle, run or scoot your way to achieving points for your school.

Unfortunately Beat the Street had to be cancelled in March this year due to lockdown however we are pleased to let you know that it is back!

From the 30<sup>th</sup> September- 11<sup>th</sup> November the community wide challenge will re-open with the aim to encourage you and your family to get out and about in your local area. Your child will soon receive an information pack containing a fob and details on how to register.

Any questions please contact our Beat the Street team at [team.eastrenfrewshire@beatthestreet.me](mailto:team.eastrenfrewshire@beatthestreet.me)

#### Responding to COVID

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support with keeping our school safe. We have seen a significant increase in people wearing face coverings at drop off and collection times and we really appreciate this.

Please remember that, as far as possible, parents/ carers should avoid coming in to the school to hand in forgotten items etc. If you do need to come into the school building please telephone in advance to advise the office staff (0141 570 7120) and wear a face covering inside the foyer.

#### Dates

Next week is September weekend. A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. We will open again on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

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

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher