



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Dear Parents and Carers

Wednesday 23rd September

## ***Weekly Round Up***

### Responding to Covid

I do wish all of our children and families the best of health, however, if it is the case that a child tests positive for covid-19 over a weekend or during a holiday then please notify the school as soon as possible. This should be an e-mail to [SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk) with **Coronavirus Absence/Reporting** in the subject line. Many thanks.

### Standardised Tests – session 2019/20

In East Renfrewshire schools, children in P3, P5 and P7 complete ERC reading and maths assessments. They provide detailed information about a child's progress in these curricular areas and we use data from the assessments to analyse progress at class level, across stages and as a school to inform learning and teaching.

Children complete the assessments in February of their P3, P5 and P7 year. They are marked externally and standardised across the authority. Test scores are usually provided to schools in May and shared with parents/carers on our end of year reports. As a result of the school closures, standardised test information was not available at the time of reporting last session.

For children who are currently in P4 and P6, standardised test scores will be issued to parents/carers at the beginning of October. We are reluctant to send home a "score" on its own, as it would usually be interpreted along with their report. Instead will provide the score with an accompanying profile based on their performance to help you consider what this means in terms of your child's strengths and progress in learning.

### Parents' Evenings

We hold parent/carer consultation evenings twice a year, in November and March. It is highly unlikely that the meetings in November will take place face to face and I am currently considering a range of online video call options. The proposed dates for these meetings are Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov (4.30pm-8.00pm) and Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Nov (4.00pm- 6.30pm).

I will update you as soon as we have agreed the most suitable platform for this, however as always if you would like to discuss anything at all about your child's school experience, please don't hesitate to contact the school (0141 570 7120; [SchoolMail@crookfur.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.sch.uk))

### Staffing Update

We are delighted to be joined by Miss Taylor MacInnes who will replace Mrs Lamont in P7B when she begins her maternity leave. Miss MacInnes is excited to be working with P7 and has already been in class getting to know the children. Mrs Lamont's last day in Crookfur will be Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and we hope she has some time to relax and put her feet up before her new baby arrives.

Additional government funding has been provided to support our school recovery and I am delighted that we have appointed Miss Katie McKee who will work on a full time basis in the school until June. Miss McKee is an experienced teacher who has a particular passion for literacy and English.

### Beat the Street

Just a reminder that children have been issued their Beat the Street information packs today.

### Family Centre Update

We had a very informative Family Centre site meeting this week and building work is progressing well.

Please use the link below to access our second Family Centre SWAY.

<https://sway.office.com/ibKJXASojUbM2iuU?ref=Link>

### School Calendar

I have attached a year calendar for your information. It is not quite as busy as usual, however we are planning some school events and will add these as they are confirmed. There were some changes to the holidays this session as schools returned on 12<sup>th</sup> August. These are accurate on the calendar. The in service day on Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 has been scheduled to coincide with a planned election where the school will be used as a polling station.

The calendar will be available through the school website and we will issue you an updated copy if it is amended.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend. The children and staff have made an amazing start to the school session and I am so proud of how they have coped with all of the changes to our school life.

Take care and stay safe. We will see you all back at school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher