



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Round Up

We have reached the end of a very busy and productive term and I am sure all of the children and staff are looking forward to their holiday next week. We have been preparing for term 2 and as I mentioned last week, there will be some changes to staffing and timetables which will commence when we return on 20th October.

Staffing Update

A reminder that this week we said a fond farewell to Mrs Nisbet. She was delighted by all of lovely messages, gifts and good wishes she received from children, former pupils and families. Thank you all for making her last week in Crookfur so special.

Mrs Lamont stops work today to begin her maternity leave. We wish Claire and her husband Colin much love and every happiness as they await the arrival of their new baby.

Ms Biggart will begin her full time contract after the holiday, working with Mrs Jamieson across the lower school.

Non Class Contact

As a result of the changes to our staffing, I have had to make some timetable changes. This will affect most classes in the school, either their NCC day or the NCC teacher. I have tried to keep changes to a minimum however these are unavoidable and I apologise for any confusion they may cause. Class teachers will talk with the children about any changes in advance and where there is a change of teacher, we will post a message on Google Classroom for new teachers to introduce themselves on Monday 19th. The weekly rotation (week one/two) is unchanged however for P2A, P3A and P7B NCC will be a half day each week.

Week One Classes – P2, P3, P3/4, P4 & P5

Class	Class Teacher	NCC Teacher	NCC Day
P2A	Miss Goodwin/ Ms Biggart	Mrs McKim	Thursday (pm) every week
P2B	Miss McCann	Mr McMillan	Thursday
P2C	Miss Muir	Miss Burdge	Thursday
P3A	Miss Scoular/ Miss McKee	Miss McKee	Tuesday (pm) every week
P3B	Mrs Agnew	Mr McMillan	Tuesday
P3/4	Miss Regan	Miss David	Wednesday
P4A	Mrs Denholm	Mr McMillan	Wednesday
P4B	Miss Murchie	Miss Burdge	Wednesday
P5A	Miss Bishop/Mrs O'Meara	Mrs Nasar	Tues & Thurs (am)
P5B	Mrs Allan	Miss Burdge	Tuesday

Week Two Classes – P1, P6 & P7

Class	Class Teacher	NCC Teacher	NCC Day
P1A	Mrs Dougall	Mr McMillan	Wednesday
P1B	Miss Amin	Miss Burdge	Wednesday
P1C	Miss Wallace	Miss David	Wednesday
P6A	Miss Estlick	Mr McMillan	Thursday
P6B	Mr Atkinson	Miss Burdge	Thursday
P7A	Mrs Grieve/ Miss Kelly	Mr McMillan/ Miss Burdge	Tuesday
P7B	Miss MacInnes/Mrs Norman	Mrs Norman	Tuesday (pm) every week

Woodland Days

We have had to slightly revise our woodland timetable. On these days please ensure your child brings a pair of wellies (named) and an outdoor waterproof suit (or waterproof trousers and a jacket). They should also bring a bag to be able to carry wet/muddy items home.

	Week One (wk beg 19/10/20)	Week Two (wk beg 26/10/20)
Monday	P2B	P7B
Tuesday	P2C	P7A
Wednesday	P2A	P3A, P3B
Thursday	P3/4	P5A, P5B
Friday	P4A, P4B	P6A, P6B

Family Centre Update

We are so pleased with the progress of our Family Centre and are delighted that groups of staff are now undertaking site visits. We know that all of the flooring has now been laid and if you are passing by, you will see that some of the planting and seeding is being done outside as well as tarmac at the entrance and white line painting.

Please use the link below to access our 3rd Family Centre Sway to find out more.

<https://sway.office.com/0mP1U0VR43YcS8Bt?ref=Link&loc=play>

Parent Council and Fundraising Update

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held online on Wednesday 21st October. If you have any questions or items that you would like to be addressed by the Parent Council, please contact your year group representative. Alternatively, you can contact the Parent Council by e-mail on crookurparentcouncil@gmail.co.uk.

Joining instructions for the meeting will be sent out to Parent Council Representatives in advance.

Mrs Norman is busy working with P7 and the Fundraising committee to launch the eagerly awaited return of the Crookfur MINI MUDDER. Children should have come home with an information letter and sponsor sheet this week which will tell you more.

Responding to Covid -19

Similar to the spring and summer holiday periods, a free school meal bag will be sent to the homes of children and young people who are eligible on grounds of benefit entitlement to cover the October holiday week. The bags will be delivered from this afternoon onwards and the latest by noon on Monday 12th.

If your circumstances have changed and you would like to apply for school meals or help with school uniform costs, you can do this online by following the link below.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/1221/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

Over the next week with the October break, any positive cases of Covid-19 will be reported directly to the Education department by the NHS and Test & Protect. This will help ensure that any positive cases are still being monitored. Should any response be required, for example further isolations, the Education department will respond on behalf of the school, working to identify contacts and alert families as necessary.

I know that many families are hoping to enjoy a well earned family holiday next week. Please advise the school if you are travelling abroad to a country that will require you and your child(ren) to quarantine upon your return.

We are living with a number of local restrictions and I believe that the continued support of our community and your unwavering compliance with these measures has helped to keep incidences of self isolation to a minimum in Crookfur. It will be challenging for the children during the holidays not to visit each other's houses however, they are permitted to meet and play together outdoors.

Online Learning

We have worked collaboratively with our Parent Council to develop a section of our school website with a series of help guides and video demonstrations to help support access to and operations within Google Classroom.

These can be found on the school website under Coronavirus; Learning at Home – Digital Support, or by using the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/er.glow.scot/howtousegc/home>

Mrs Lamont has created the resources which cover laptops, iPads and android devices. We are happy to continue to add to this collection so if there is anything particular that you would like to know in order to support your child's learning at home, please get in touch with the school or Parent Council.

(SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk; crookurparentcouncil@gmail.co.uk.)

Beat the Street

The Crookfur community has been striding ahead on the Beat the Street leader board! We have 452 players who have managed to amass an amazing 77,260 points so far. This means we are currently second on the leader board for total points, just behind our friends at Kirkhill.

Lots of small teams are playing the game too so we are slightly lower on the average points leader board in 11th place. However, even in this measure we are still the second highest primary school on the leader board, just behind Busby Primary.

Week 3's theme is Go Travel with double points to be collected as you all walk, run, scoot or cycle around the local area! Have fun out and about over the holidays and remember to hit those beat boxes as you pass 😊

Parentline Information

East Renfrewshire families can immediately access practical and emotional support from Parentline.

Parentline is Children 1st's online digital and telephone support service, with 20 years experience in providing a lifeline to families across Scotland. Their highly trained staff and volunteers provide compassionate, solution-focused assistance to any family 365 days a year.

Parentline is there for families through freephone, webchat, text or email as well as a menu of digital tools available via their website- outside office hours and without the need for referrals. Families can get straight through to Children 1st online. This can involve one-off or on-going support sessions, available over seven days every day of the year, including public holidays. Everyday parents and carers are calling about their concerns for their children, their children's distress, or their own mental health, their family relationships, separation and divorce and often all of this and the toll it takes on them as parents and carers. Parentline is there to listen and help parents through and avoid getting to breaking point.

I have attached a Parentline information leaflet with this round up.

World Teacher Day

On Monday this week all of the staff were delighted to receive an individual gift from our friends at Newton Mearns Baptist Church. These were kindly given in celebration of World Teachers Day on 5th October and acknowledged the hard work and exceptional efforts of our staff in these challenging times.

I would like to thank all of our office staff, teachers and support staff for all that they have achieved this term as well as our catering and janitorial and cleaning teams. We have all worked so well together to be able to reopen our school and make such a positive start to session 2020/21. Special thanks to our early years team for their dedication whilst working across our Mearns neighbourhood, building relationships with new colleagues and children in different establishments. We'll all be back together soon I'm sure!

The support of our parents and families has been fantastic this term and we are really excited about term 2- whatever it may bring!

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable holiday next week.

Kindest regards

Sheena McGuigan

Head Teacher