



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Round Up

Jotters Home

Each term we send home some of the work children have been completing in class. Today, children will bring home a selection of jotters and workbooks for you to look over and talk about with them. As I mentioned in last week's round up, please look at these alongside the class blogs and even our Twitter feed to give you a real sense of the range of learning experiences that your child has.

I have included a link to our class blogs below. Even if your child doesn't feature in a particular post or set of photographs, I am sure they will be able to tell you all about it.

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

Please sign and comment on the sheet enclosed and return all of the children's work in the folder provided on Monday 9th. Many thanks.

Parents Evening Appointments

I hope that you are looking forward to the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher next week. I have attached an information sheet which explains how the telephone appointments will be organised.

We have tried to anticipate as many eventualities as possible, however as we have never tried this before there may of course be some challenges. Hopefully these will be easy to resolve but please be assured that all parents/carers will have the opportunity to speak to the class teacher about their child(ren) at some point.

Spooky Mini Mudder

All of the children (and most of the staff) had an amazing time completing our Spooky Mini Mudder assault course. There are lots of photographs on our Twitter feed which capture some of the highlights of the day.

Any sponsor money still to be paid can be brought to school on Monday 9th in a sealed envelope. A few parents have asked about an electronic transfer. If it is more convenient to you, sponsorship money can be paid directly to the fundraising committee by bank transfer using the details below.

Account Name: Crookfur Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council

Sort code: 80-22-60

Account Number: 16856764

Crookfur PTA have set up an event on the PTA Events website which will also allow you to make a direct payment. Please use the link below and follow the instructions on the site.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crookfur/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=31147#.X6Vx92j7SM9>

Alternatively, you might wish to make a bank transfer directly into the Crookfur Parent Council bank account.

Thank you all so much for your support of this fundraising event. The pumpkins that were donated have made it extra special ☺

Scottish Poppy Appeal

Next Wednesday (11th November) we will observe a 2 minute silence at 11am to mark Remembrance Day.

Our school is supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal, a charity that provides support for current and former members of the Armed Forces and their families. We have made a donation to the Scottish Poppy Appeal and will issue poppies to children in P5-P7 who will learn a bit more about the history of Remembrance Day and the work of the Scottish Poppy Appeal next week.

Beat the Street – Let's Celebrate!

Our Beat the Street game ends on 11th November. Until then, in celebration of what has been a great game, there are double points available on all boxes until 7pm on Wednesday 11th.

You can also earn 100 bonus points by completing the end of game feedback questionnaire. This can be accessed using the link below.

<https://www.beatthestreet.me/eastrenfrewshire/>

Crookfur Primary has taken an astonishing lead of over 42 000 points on the Total Points leader board and 200 points on the Average Points leader board. Surely no one can catch Crookfur now?! Let's keep tapping to make sure we hold on to this lead!

What an amazing achievement so far – well done to all of the players and thank you so much for helping build up such a great sense of community spirit.

Photograph Orders

A reminder that orders for photographs were due to be returned today. If you would like to order your child's photograph, please send in the completed order by **Monday 9th November** at the latest. Thank you.

Dyslexia Awareness Week (2nd-7th November)

At Crookfur this week, we have taken part in Dyslexia Awareness week. This is an annual event aimed at raising awareness of Dyslexia. Our aim was to help the children learn about Dyslexia, raise awareness of how commonplace it is, recognise the strengths and qualities it may bring and challenge any misconceptions surrounding it. All Primary 4-7 pupils were given a blue ribbon to recognise the event and were provided information about the background to 'Ellie's Ribbon'. They also watched a presentation and took part in discussions in class. Some of our children who have a dyslexia identification shared presentations of their experiences at assembly. We are very grateful to them for doing this and by doing so highlighted what confident individuals we have in Crookfur!

Book Week Scotland (16th-22nd November)

We are very much looking forward to celebrating Book Week Scotland, which will take place between 16th and 22nd November this year. Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading and we have lots of plans afoot to build our school's reading culture and make reading fun for everyone. As well as bringing a little bit of Hogwarts to Crookfur, we will have scavenger hunts, live author events and we will even transform our lunch hall into a Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Children in P1 will be gifted a Bookbug bag, containing books, an activity pack and other fun materials to help them read and count. Through the Read, Write, Count campaign, all Primary 2 and 3 children will also receive a free bag with books, counting games and writing materials.

Family Centre Update

Our Family Centre construction is on schedule and the building will soon be handed over to the Education Department. This will be a huge step forward and will enable us to apply for Care Inspectorate registration, carry out all of our fire and building risk assessments and then to set up the environment for the children. We expect to be able to move to our Family Centre in December and hope to confirm transition arrangements for children in the next couple of weeks. Not long to go now!

A very important part of our new Family Centre will be our badge. Following consultation with the children, a short list of designs has been established. Please vote for your favourite design using the link below.

[Crookfur Family Centre Badge](#)

Primary One Parent/Carer Presentations

We hope that you have found the primary presentations useful so far. We are aware that it's not quite the same as an interactive workshop with a chat and a cup of tea but we hope that they allow you an insight in to the primary one curriculum. Below is a link to our latest presentation 'Using storytelling to support literacy development'.

[Parent Presentation 4 – Using Storytelling to Support Literacy Development](#)

Next Friday's presentation will be about 'Supporting Early Reading Skills' and this will coincide with us including reading books as part of the children's homework the following week. We are also creating a presentation about 'The Value of Learning Outdoors'.

If there are any other areas of learning that you think it would be useful for us to create a presentation about, then please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jamieson with your suggestions, this can be done through emailing school mail (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk) or telephoning the school office 0141 570 7120.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th November – Please return jotters to school, Last day for photo orders, Sponsor money for Mini Mudder to office 😊

Wednesday 11th November – Parents Evening 4.30pm-8.00pm

Thursday 12th November – Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm

Monday 16th – 22nd November – Book Week Scotland

Monday 30th November – St Andrew's Day and birthday of Guru Nanak

Tuesday 1st December – Diversity Focus Group, 8pm

Friday 4th December – Dress as You Please - please bring a gift for the Present Room (*more information to follow*)

Monday 7th December – Parent Council, 7pm

Tuesday 8th December – Present Room (*more information to follow*)

I hope that you have a lovely weekend - please stay safe.

Kindest regards

Sheena McQuigan

Head Teacher