



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

*Weekly Round Up*

## Parents Evening

I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher this week and that you feel you have a better understanding of your child's progress in learning and next steps. Overall we felt that both evenings ran very smoothly and thank you for answering promptly and ensuring that appointments largely ran to time.

The teaching staff all really appreciated the positive feedback that they received and are ending the week on a high, feeling truly valued for the job that they are doing. We know that parents and carers have found it difficult not being able to freely come in to school but staff have also really missed this connection with families.

We are always keen to receive feedback and given this was a very different parents evening experience, I would be grateful if you could please take a minute to share your views using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKclYcsLU0jJhDrcrg-LaVUQTJPU05NTjFXRDZVTIBIS1dVSU1RWFYwNC4u>

## Spooky Mini Mudder

I am delighted to announce that our Spooky Mini Mudder has raised and incredible **£8767.18!!**

Donations are still being handed in and the Fundraising Committee have created an event where you can transfer any sponsor money electronically. You can access the link [HERE](#).

Thank you so much to Mrs Norman and our fundraising committee for all of their hard work in organising (and cleaning up after) such a memorable event. I hope that all of your washing machines managed to cope with the mini mudder challenge!

The fundraising committee will meet again soon and will consider spending priorities. We will also talk with the children over the next few weeks to find out what they would like the money to be spent on.

## Beat the Street – Let's Celebrate Winning!!!

I am delighted to let you know that after 6 weeks of expert gameplay, our Crookfur community can celebrate winning Beat the Street East Renfrewshire 2020!

The competition organisers have said that this is the first time that the same team has topped both the average and total points leader boards. There was a real celebratory atmosphere in school yesterday when our win was announced.

This is a remarkable achievement for our school and thanks to all of the players for their dedication. We will gratefully receive the first prize book and sports vouchers as well as a super trophy to display!

### **Anti Bullying Week (16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November)**

Our school values underpin all that we do in Crookfur. We strive to create an environment that is safe, respectful and fair. All children should feel happy to come to school and feel that everyone is included and treated with kindness.

We work to foster a culture in school where bullying behaviour is unacceptable. We do not shy away from the fact that bullying exists and we are proactive in addressing this through our House System, promotion of school values and curriculum. Every single member of the Crookfur community has a responsibility to challenge bullying behaviour and to ensure that it is not tolerated on any level.

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week and in classes across the school we will promote discussions and activities which allow the children to explore their feelings and ideas about friendship, respect, celebrating diversity and tackling bullying behaviour.

I ask for your support in reinforcing our anti-bullying messages. Please talk with your child to ensure that they are confident to speak out and tell an adult in school about behaviour that they feel is wrong. They may not want to challenge a peer or be seen to “tell the teacher” in which case I urge them to tell you and for you to report this to the school. Our children, staff and families all have a vital role to play.

In today’s assembly we also reminded children of our Wishes and Worries boxes. There are three placed across the school where children can post a slip to share their ideas or any concerns that they have.

Further useful information for parents about bullying can be found through Respect Me, Scotland’s anti-bullying service. <https://respectme.org.uk/>

If you would like any advice or information, please do not hesitate to contact the school by e-mail or phone. ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk); 0141 570 7120)

### **Road Safety Week (16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November)**

As well as next week being National Anti-bullying Week, it is also Road Safety Week.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers have been working with Miss Wallace to create a whole school plan with a range of activities for children to complete in class throughout the week. This year the theme is based around the slogan: “*No Need to Speed*”. The activities will lead to natural class discussions, raising awareness of how to be safe on the roads and promoting life-saving messages.

The JRSOs launched this with the children in today’s assembly.

### **Book Week Scotland (16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> November)**

A reminder that next week we will also be celebrating Book Week Scotland. Miss David has issued a separate letter with some further information including a request that children remember to bring a piece of head wear to join in the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party next Friday (20<sup>th</sup>).

### **Family Centre Update**

Construction work at our Family Centre is now largely complete and the contractor is now adding finishing touches and working to address snagging issues.

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Pamela Walker has been appointed Depute Head of Centre for Crookfur Family Centre and I am sure you will join me in congratulating Pamela on her promotion. The post of Depute Head of Centre is not a term time post and Mrs Walker’s new contract will reflect the 48 week family centre model. This does leave a vacancy for a Senior Child Development Officer, which will be advertised in due course.

We have also appointed Miss Georgia Bell as Senior Business Support Assistant. Our family Centre will have a dedicated admin team led by Miss Bell. Georgia is excited to join the Crookfur team and as she will be the first point of contact for many parent/carer enquiries, she will quickly get to know all of our families.

I will write out to all of our Family Centre parents/carers at the beginning of next week with details of our planned opening arrangements.

Please access our latest Family Centre sway for some further information.

<https://sway.office.com/CdlhAgMaCidZNMP7?ref=Link>

### **Early Learning and Childcare – 1140 Consultation**

A reminder that the Education Department is consulting on the on-going delivery of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare and would like to hear from parents/carers of nursery aged children in order to continue to improve the service. The consultation will close on Sunday 22 November and can be accessed using this link- [ERC 1140 Consultation](#)

### **Jotters Reminder**

Please return any jotters/workbooks/profiles sent home last Friday (6<sup>th</sup>). The children do need them in class and we are keen to hear your feedback. Many thanks.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November – National Anti-bullying Week, Road Safety Week & Book Week Scotland

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November – St Andrew's Day and birthday of Guru Nanak

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Diversity Focus Group, 8pm

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

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Parent Council, 7pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Present Room (*more information to follow*)

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

Kindest regards

*Sheena McGuigan*

Head Teacher