



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 18th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that the children have enjoyed the final week of this term and that you are all looking forward to some time off over Christmas and New Year.

I will try to keep this newsletter brief, but as always, we have some important information to share.

Christmas Performances

Christmas performances are a huge highlight of this term and usually P1, P2 and P5 have the opportunity to perform for the other children and parents/carers. Despite the challenges we face, this year is no exception and we are delighted to be able to ensure that the children have still been able to enjoy putting on a show.

We have had to come up with some creative alternatives to our usual Nativity and carol concerts but I am sure that the end result is every bit as entertaining and equally heartfelt. Class teachers have posted the performances on their class Google Classroom. I am sure the children will have fun watching their performance again and again with you.

Sumdog Success

Recently, P6B participated in the UK National Sumdog Contest. Throughout the process, they demonstrated real perseverance and great maths skills. The children also left motivational messages on their Google Classroom to encourage all of their friends.

As a result of their dedication, we are delighted to announce that P6B came 19th in the UK and were ranked 14th in Scotland!

This is a fantastic achievement – well done to everyone! In particular, Mr Atkinson would like to express his thanks to parents and carers for allowing children some extra time online and for encouraging high levels of participation.

Breakdown information:

- P6B finished 19th out of 2,195 classes from around the UK and 14th out of 703 classes in Scotland.
- Ethan and Emilia ranked in the top 100 students.
- 18 children were ranked in the top 1000 students.
- 20 children in the class completed all 1000 questions.

Congratulations P6B!

Class Blogs

A reminder that class blogs are updated regularly with posts and photos of learning in class. Over the last couple of weeks there has been lots happening across the school and you will be able to find out more online.

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

Parent Council and Fundraising Committee Update

The minute from our Parent Council meeting on 7th December is available to view on our school website or by following the link below.

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

Our donation to Cash for Kids from the Present Room was an unbelievable £958.20. This money will go directly to help children and families in need in the local area. On behalf of our whole school community, thank you so much for your kindness and support.

Take on the World Challenge

Children across P6 and P7 have been participating in the *Take on the World* challenge coordinated by Mr Brown, Principal Teacher at Eastwood High School.

To raise money for East Renfrewshire Good Causes, children across East Renfrewshire have been travelling virtually around the world for two weeks and completed 13,000 miles of the course.

Since the challenge started, Crookfur Primary have contributed over 1000 miles. The challenge ends today and I know that by walking, cycling and scooting, our senior children have made a valuable contribution to the challenge. Well done!

Responding to Covid-19- Reminder of Holiday Arrangements

Just a reminder that there are specific arrangements to follow during the holidays if your child becomes symptomatic and subsequently tests positive for Covid-19.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms first developed on or before Sunday 20th December

1. Email **COVIDeducation@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk** – there is no need to contact the school directly.
2. Provide your child's details including the name of the school, their class and their date of birth. This will help make sure your child's details can be found quickly.
3. Explain when the symptoms first began
4. Give details on when the test was undertaken and when you received the positive result
5. Let us know when your child was last in school

Positive Case where your child's symptoms developed on or after Monday 21st December

If your child develops symptoms on or after Monday 21st December, there is no need for you to email the Education Department. Instead, you will be contacted by the Test & Protect team who will discuss the details with you and ask for the information they need. As your child will not have been in school for more than 48 hours before they developed symptoms, there won't be any need for any in school contacts to be identified.

Please note, the response required will depend on when your child's symptoms first start – not from when they receive a positive test result.

If your child tests positive during the holidays and has to self-isolate beyond the school return date of 5th January, please contact the school directly as you would for any other absence (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

Separate guidance has been issued to family centre parents/carers.

Staffing Update

After the holidays we will be joined by Mrs Leonie Walk on a temporary basis. Mrs Walk will take over non class contact time (NCC) in P1A, P2B, P3B, P4A, P6A and P7A. She take time on Tuesday 5th to visit the classes she will be teaching and introduce herself to the children. I am sure she will have a super time in Crookfur.

I am happy to share the lovely news that Miss Adair is expecting a baby at the beginning of May. Miss Adair is our nursery teacher and is based at the Family Centre but I know that many of our families know her well and will be delighted for her. Congratulations Lucy! 😊

Finally, I would like to wish all of our staff, children and families a wonderful holiday and I hope that you have a lovely time over Christmas and the New Year. Our staff team at Crookfur are outstanding and have all worked incredibly hard to make this term such a success. We are well supported by our Parent Council and Fundraising Committee and indeed by all of our parents and carers. Most of all, we are lucky to work with such enthusiastic, confident and happy children. They make us smile every day and we are all excited for the new term in January.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th January.

Warmest wishes

Sheena McGuigan

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th Dec – Family Centre closes at 1pm

Tuesday 5th January – School and Family Centre re-open –

School hours as at present (P2, P5, P7 doors 8.45am for 8.55am start; P1, P3, P4 & P6 doors 8.50am for 9.05am start)

Thursday 21st January – Fundraising Committee, 8pm

Tuesday 26th January – Parent Council, 7pm

Friday 5th February – School and Family Centre closed for children (In Service day for staff)

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th February – School closed (February mid term holiday)

