



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## School re-opening P4-7

I hope that you are well and looking forward to the weekend. We are delighted with the news that we can plan for our school to fully re-open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Chatting with the children in P4-7 during the virtual lunch breaks this week, I know how much they are looking forward to it and I am sure you are too! Class teachers in P4-7 have been popping into school this week to record some videos to post on Google Classrooms and discussions on Google meets next week will help the children to think about their return to school and give them the opportunity to ask any questions they would like to discuss.

Class teachers have enjoyed chatting to parents/carers this week and are looking forward to more pastoral calls next week. They have found the calls really helpful in supporting re-connection and we are grateful to all of the families who have taken up this offer.

With this newsletter, I have attached a letter from the Director of Education with further information about the planned re-opening. Details of specific arrangements for Crookfur will follow next week, though these are largely the same as before Christmas.

I know that a number of parents are looking at uniform and finding that the children have grown quite a bit since Christmas. We do still wish children to wear uniform, however I completely understand that some items may need to be ordered or you may wish to wait until the summer term for the children to go into shorts or dresses. Children will be able to wear their outdoor PE kit as an alternative (black joggers/leggings, red polo/t-shirt, red jumper/sweatshirt, black trainers). These items may be easier to find and will also be ideal for outdoor learning activities.

## Remote Learning Update

Happily, we plan for next week to be the last week of remote learning. A Google meet schedule for each class is attached for your information and virtual lunchbreaks will take place on Wednesday and Thursday for P4-7. Timings are as before and are noted below.

Year Group	Day	Time
P4	Thursday	1:00pm-1:30pm
P5	Wednesday	1:30pm-2:00pm
P6	Thursday	12:15pm-12:45pm
P7	Wednesday	12:45pm-1:15pm

### **Parents Evening P1-3**

Parents in P1-3 will be issued with a letter next week giving details about booking an appointment for parents evening consultations. As P1-P3 have returned to school, I have been able to reschedule Parents'

Telephone appointments will be held on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (4.30pm-8.00pm)** and **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March (4.00pm-7.00pm)**.

### **Parent Council and Fundraising Committee Update**

#### *Virtual Coffee and Chat - P1 and P2*

A reminder that our Parent Council have arranged some virtual coffee and chat sessions for parents/carers with children in P1 and P2. The first two meetings have been a great success and the details of the next two meets are below:

Primary one - Thurs 18 March 7pm (hosted by Amna on Zoom)

Meeting ID – 847 8976 8637

Passcode - 626861

Primary two - Thurs 11 March 9.30am (hosted by Ailsa on Zoom)

Meeting ID – 864 4891 2743

Passcode - 883875

#### *Parent Council Meeting*

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm on Zoom. Please contact the Parent council ([CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com)) if you would like information about joining the meeting.

#### *Fundraising Committee Update*

The fundraising committee has produced an update for parents that I have attached for you. This highlights some of the fundraising activities that have been taking place and all of the great ways that school funds are being used to support and enhance children's experiences.

The next meeting of the Fundraising Committee will be held on Zoom on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. All welcome!

### **World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

To celebrate World Book Day, we have enjoyed a whole week of reading and all things book related!

All pupils, regardless of whether they have been working in school or from home, participated in a range of activities, from scavenger hunts and 'Who Am I?' games to masterclass workshops with award Scottish winning author, Stuart Reid. We have had a fantastic week of learning, sharing and fun. We always aim to foster a strong reading culture within Crookfur Primary and Family Centre and this week has really shown just how much our children embrace this. We have been so impressed with their knowledge and their chat about books they have read and enjoyed.

Our Masked Reader Challenge has been a big hit on the Google Classrooms! A huge thanks to our fantastic staff, who rose to the challenge as always, to allow us to put this together for everyone! It provided lots of laughs for the pupils (and staff)! Not to be outdone, our wonderful children have been busy taking part in some extreme reading throughout the week, posting their pictures on their Google

Classrooms, for their classmates to see. As promised, we will put these together and share across the school. The children really did go the extra mile and we have had some very creative entries! Many pupils have also sent us pictures of their book nooks, which we have been in awe of! Everyone should have a book nook in their home!

All children should now have received a £1 World Book Day book token, either in paper form (Family Centre and P1-3) or digital form, which was sent by e-mail for P4-7 pupils. These tokens can be used to purchase one of the specially curated books produced for World Book Day, or towards the cost of another book. If your child has not received their token, please contact the school office (0141 570 7120; [Schoolmail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:Schoolmail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)), who will be more than happy to forward this on.

### **East Renfrewshire Larder @ Whitecraigs Rugby Club**

A reminder of the East Renfrewshire Larder service operating at Whitecraigs Rugby Club. This is a voluntary service that provides a variety of food and essential parcels to individuals, couples and families in need. They aim to help people who find themselves short through no fault of their own and who often don't qualify for benefits or traditional food banks. They operate a service for everyone. There is a drive through service on Mondays and Wednesdays but deliveries can also be arranged.

The team are also keen to accept donations and details of the items they are keen to collect are listed on their Twitter feed (@ERLarderWRC) and also their Facebook page East Renfrewshire Larder @ Whitecraigs Rugby Club.

### **Staffing Update**

Following my update last week advising that Karen Stewart will sadly be leaving Crookfur at the end of term, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Karen Brennan will take over as Senior Business Support Assistant in our school office.

Karen Brennan is a familiar, friendly face to you all. She has worked very closely with Karen Stewart for the last 4 years in our office and I have no doubt she will confidently step into her new role.

### **Finally...**

In what has been a long and difficult school closure, everyone in our Crookfur community can now look forward to brighter weeks ahead. Spring weather and lighter evenings will undoubtedly help, but the opportunity for the children to be together with their friends will be so welcome.

We will continue to operate all of our very strict protocols to ensure that the school is as safe as can be, and although our one-way systems, face coverings and staggered timings can be inconvenient, they are a tiny price to pay to have all of our children learning in school.

If you have any questions or any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school (0141 570 7120; [SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk))

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan  
Head Teacher

## **Dates for your Diary**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Council meeting, 8pm

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March – P2 Parent/Carer virtual coffee and chat, 9.30am

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Planned return to school for P4-P7 ☺

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Diversity Focus Group meeting, 8pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March - P1 Parents/Carer virtual coffee and chat, 7.30pm

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Last day for P7 Leavers Hoodie orders

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – P1-3 Parents Evening, 4.30pm-8.00pm *(more details to follow)*

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March – P1-3 Parents Evening, 4.00pm-7.00pm *(more details to follow)*

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – P7 Transitions Coffee and Chat *(more details to follow)*

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – P7 Transitions Coffee and Chat *(more details to follow)*