



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid -19 Update

I am pleased that case numbers in the local area are falling and hope that this is a continuing trend. We will continue to take all necessary measures to keep children and staff as safe as possible. I reviewed our building risk assessments this week with our health and safety officer and they have been fully updated for next term. Risk assessments will continue to be revised in light of any changes to Scottish Government restrictions e.g. indoor sports and physical activity.

A reminder that if you have to report a positive case of Covid-19, there are some different arrangements in place for the holiday period (2nd - 19th April). Last week I issued a letter which contains all of the information that you will need. A copy is posted on the school website.

Road Safety

The safety of children and families is our utmost priority and road safety is a key element of our Health and Wellbeing curriculum. Our former Principal Teacher Mrs Nisbet is currently working with an education company who are overhauling *Street Sense* learning and teaching resources. I am pleased that Crookfur will be able to pilot some of these new materials which I hope will be an engaging and informative way to deliver these very important safety messages across the school.

In the summer term, I am sure many of our children will be walking, scooting and cycling to school and so we will be sure to focus on developing road sense and road safety.

Mrs Slorach has arranged some Bikeability training for the upper school and information about this will be issued separately.

I know that all parents and carers are keen to ensure that the car park at Eastwood High School is as safe as possible. If you are using the car park, please ensure that you only park in a marked bay. No parking is permitted in the bus bay which runs alongside the sports centre. Parking here causes congestion and reduced visibility for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Our Parent Council have produced a very helpful guide for drivers which can be found on our school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/parents/car-parking-information/>

Spring Scavenger Hunt

A reminder that our Fundraising Committee have organised a fun Spring Scavenger Hunt for families to complete over the Spring holiday. Parents/carers should have received the map and clues and we hope to see lots of families out exploring our local community. The scavenger hunt can be completed in one go or over several days. Once completed children can go on to the Google Classroom for their house and complete the Google Form to submit their answers. Certificates will then be available for all participants to print out.

Primary Seven

Many thanks to the parents and carers who joined our virtual coffee and chat sessions this week. Mr Morris, Depute Head from Eastwood High, and Mrs Slorach talked about the transition process as well as answering any specific questions relating to transition. More information will be set out in the final term with regards to transition dates and events. If anyone was unable to attend the virtual sessions this week but would like more information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Slorach.

In addition to high school transition, our Primary 7 team have been working hard to plan for the children's final term at Crookfur Primary. They are a good way through this planning process, looking at an alternative residential experience as well as thinking creatively about how we can make unique memories for our children. As well as the staff, the children have come up with some excellent ideas and we are hoping to incorporate as many of these as possible.

To help fund their end of term events, Primary 7 have decided to carry out a fundraising activity. Throughout the week beginning 26th April, Primary 7 will walk 7k in 7 days. Details of this event have been sent out to parents/ carers in Primary 7.

We are very much looking forward to our final term with Primary 7 and can't wait to share all our exciting plans with the Crookfur community.

Staffing Update

We have had lots of goodbyes in Crookfur this week. As well as it being Mrs Stewart's and Miss Wallace's last day, we have also said farewell to Mrs Linda Abercrombie. Mrs Abercrombie has taught in Crookfur for over 20 years. We have benefitted immensely from Mrs Abercrombie's experience in the last few years and although she officially retired in 2015, she has continued to work one day per week supporting classes across the school. She has now decided that she will hang up her hat and fully retire and we wish her every happiness.

Mrs Kirsty Reid (Pupil Support Assistant) has worked with us September to March this session. She will be redeployed after the holidays to another primary school but we have loved having Kirsty in Crookfur.

I am pleased to let you know that, after a successful interview, Mr Andy McMillan has been appointed Principal Teacher at Mearns Primary School on a temporary basis. Mr McMillan will commence his post in April until the end of the session.

Mrs Fry will join the P7 staff team next term and is really looking forward to helping prepare the children for high school.

Sharon Henderson, one of our much loved catering assistants, is also moving on to pastures new. She has been appointed as a pupil support assistant in a nearby high school to help support young people with additional needs. We know Sharon will be an asset to her new school and will be an amazing support assistant. Good luck Sharon!

Finally...

I would like to wish you all a lovely holiday. I hope you enjoy the lighter evenings and milder weather. We are really looking forward to the summer term and will see the children back when we re-open on Monday 19th April.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st April – School closes for spring holiday (P2, P5 & P7 2.30pm; P1, P3, P4 & P6- 2.45pm)

Friday 2nd April – School Closed (Good Friday)

Monday 5th April – Friday 16th April – School Closed

Monday 19th April – School re-opens (P2, P5 & P7 8.55am; P1, P3, P4 & P6- 9.05am)

Thursday 22nd April – Video submissions due for Global Festival

Tuesday 27th April – Diversity Focus Group meeting, 8pm

Monday 3rd May – School closed (May Day bank holiday)

Thursday 6th May – School closed for polling (Scottish Parliament Election); in service day for staff