



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Absence and term time holidays

I understand that lots of families have had to rearrange holidays this year and some have reluctantly had to make arrangements for children to miss a day or two of school as a result, e.g. on to a holiday weekend etc. If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, please advise the school office in writing in advance of their absence. This can be a letter sent in with your child or an e-mail to the office (Schoolmail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk) Please give details of the dates of absence and their expected date of return to school. Please note that we do not provide home learning packs for children who are going on holiday.

Further information about school attendance can be found on our school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/public/Crookfur/uploads/sites/80/2019/03/AttendanceatSchool.pdf>

Eid Assembly

Lots of our families have been observing the holy month of Ramadan and are looking forward to Eid celebrations next week. Our school assembly on Friday next week will be led by P1B and Miss Amin who will help to tell the school all about Ramadan and the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr.

As Eid may fall on Friday 14th, we will post this assembly on Google Classrooms for any children who are at home to enjoy too.

Health and Wellbeing

Thankfully with the easing of Covid restrictions and the return to school, we are beginning to enjoy a greater sense of normality. Nevertheless it is important to remember that the experiences of the last few months, and indeed the last year, have had an impact upon all of us.

Just a reminder that East Renfrewshire Council Psychological Services have developed the [HealthiER Minds](#) resource which offers a range of supports for children and their families.

Some further information can also be found on our school website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/coronavirus/useful-links-and-information-family-support/>

Class teachers will continue to place positive mental and emotional wellbeing at the heart of learning and if there is anything at all that you would like to discuss in relation to your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school (0141 570 7120; SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

Head Lice

There have been a couple of reported cases of head lice in school this week. Please take time to check your child's hair regularly for lice. These can be easily treated with products available from your local pharmacy.

I have also noticed that, since hair salons have been closed for such a long time, some of the children have grown their hair very long. I am envious of their beautiful hair but to avoid a further pandemic, can I ask that long hair is tied up for school please 😊 Thank you for your support.

End of the day

Please ensure that children walk on the footpath as they leave school grounds. I know that some of the younger children like to run across the grass hill, and in the nice weather when the hill is dry I know that this will be lots of fun. However we insist that all of the other children walk in line on the pavement and so I ask that parents/carers keep the younger children with them and stay out of the plants and off the grass. Many thanks.

Class News – P6

Over the course of this short week, Primary 6 have been learning about Substance Misuse. They have spent time discussing the affect that alcohol can have on the body and can give examples of how drinking alcohol can have an impact on decision making.

Mr Atkinson and Miss Estlick have been delighted with the Solo Talk presentations that the pupils have been sharing with their classmates. The students have been developing skills such as speaking fluently, projecting their voice and engaging their audience. It has been so interesting hearing about the different topics that the children are passionate about.

Class News – P7

Primary 7 were excited to receive their 2021 Leavers Hoodies this afternoon. As well as this, the P7 team were able to share some of the amazing activities planned for their alternative outdoor residential week. There are also some Fun Friday activities planned for June. We are sure that these will be experiences to remember and can't wait to share them with you.

A letter will be sent separately to P7 parents/carers to provide more details. We are working hard to raise funds to pay for all of the activities and details for handing in sponsor money for the 7k in 7 days event is included on the P7 Google Classroom. Thank you to the parents/carers who have contributed so far.

Parent Council and Fundraising Committee

Apologies that last week's newsletter should have stated that our next Parent Council meeting is on **Monday 10th May, 8pm on Zoom**. Year group representatives are happy to respond to any parent/carer queries and will bring any issues raised to the meeting on behalf of the parent forum.

The minutes of previous meetings are posted on the school website. This also has a list of the year group representatives and contact details for the parent Council e-mail and Facebook.

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

Vandalism

Sadly, in the last few weeks we have had a number of items damaged on school property out of hours. Mr Weir carries out checks every morning and regularly has to remove broken equipment from the P1 garden and the playground.

We are working with the community wardens to increase checks in the area and ask that if you have concerns about people in the school grounds on evenings or weekends, please report it to community services so that we can try to protect the school environment for the children.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Adair has welcomed a beautiful baby girl. Mummy and baby Ella are both doing really well and we can't wait to meet them. Congratulations to Lucy and Graeme, we send you all our love.

Mrs Moyra Stephen has joined the Crookfur team this week on a temporary basis. She will be working across P4 and P5 to provide some additional support to classes and groups of children.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Monday 10th May – Parent Council meeting, 8pm

Monday 24th – Thursday 27th May – P7 alternative residential week

Wednesday 26th May – P1 New Entrant Parent/Carer Information Evening, (information issued separately)

Friday 28th May – School closed May holiday

Monday 31st May – School closed May holiday

Tuesday 1st June – School re-opens

Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd June – P1 New Entrant induction visit 1 (information issued separately)

Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th June – P1 New Entrant induction visit 2 (information issued separately)

Thursday 10th June - P1 New Entrant Parent/Carer Information Evening, (information issued separately)

Tuesday 15th June – Parent Council meeting, 8pm

Friday 18th June – Jotters home to parents/carers

Monday 21st June-EWH transition Sports day

Tuesday 22nd June EWH transition visit day 1

Friday 25th June – School closes for summer holidays