



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Thursday 25th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid -19 Update

A reminder that if a child or any adult in your home becomes symptomatic (temperature, new persistent cough, loss/change in taste or smell) they should book a PCR test straight away and should not attend school/nursery. The whole household must isolate until the outcome of the PCR test is known therefore siblings should not attend school/nursery where a child or parent is symptomatic.

If a case of Covid-19 is confirmed over the holiday weekend, please contact the school by e-mail (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk). This will allow us to begin contact tracing.

Sports Week!

Our preparations for Sports Week are well under way with a variety of potted sports and competitive races planned for the children to take part in. Due to current restrictions, each stage will have their very own mini sports day in the Crookfur MUGA between **Monday 7th June and Thursday 10th June**. Details of timings are attached.

Children will come together to compete and earn points for their houses. All children should come to school on their sports day dressed in their PE kits, with a coloured t-shirt that represents their house colour. House colours are as follows:

Fleming – Red

Slessor – Yellow

Stevenson – Green

Livingstone - Blue

Pupils are currently trying to earn points within their PE lessons by taking part in a variety of house challenges. Heats have taken place to select pupils for the house relay event, which will take place on the final sports day. If your child has been selected for this event, they should also wear their PE kit on this day. Letters will be sent to pupils involved. Class teachers will ensure that younger children know which house they are in, but if you are not sure, please contact the school office.

Pupils should come to school with a bottle of water and a snack, which they will have time to enjoy between activities and races. Please be mindful of the weather and ensure that sun cream and/or a waterproof jacket is provided.

We will end our Sports Week with a football focus on Friday 11th June, when we will have a giant inflatable football goal in the MUGA and skills sessions for pupils to take part in. This is to promote the European Championships and the fact Scotland has qualified. All pupils should wear their PE kits on this day to enable them to take part comfortably.

Bikeability

A reminder that Bikeability starts next week with P5A on Wednesday 2nd June. Please refer to the letter sent directly to P5-P7 parents/carers for details of equipment and what children should bring. Many thanks.

Global Festival

Next week we will enjoy a Global Festival focus in school. Classes will explore the history, heritage and lifestyles of lots of different countries and we hope to be able to share the cultures that influence our own diverse Crookfur community.

Staff and families have created wonderful videos to share elements of their own culture and we are looking forward to sharing these with you throughout the week!

Olympic Moments Challenge

I hope that you have enjoyed seeing some of our entries in the Active School's *Olympic Moments Challenge* on Twitter. After round one, Crookfur is in FIRST PLACE! There are two rounds to go and all to play for with the opportunity to win sports equipment for the school. Look out for the 48 hour head2head on Twitter each week. We have even attracted some positive comments from Team GB Hockey star Kate Walsh! **@ActiveSchoolsER #EROlympics**

P1 induction

Information packs have been posted out to our new P1 families with details of our transition programme. Parents and carers should have received an e-mail today with details to join the first Parent/Carer Information Session on **Tuesday 1st June at 7pm**.

We will record the presentation and upload to the P1 New Entrant page on our school website, so please do not worry if you can't attend Tuesday's session.

At this important time, no question is too trivial, so please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jamieson or I at the school and we will be happy to help with any queries (0141 570 7120; SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

P7 Alternative Residential

This week our P7 classes have been able to experience a range of outdoor activities as an alternative to our traditional residential visit.

I am sure that if you follow our Twitter feed you will have enjoyed seeing the amazing range of activities and the joyful smiles of the children.

In what has been an undoubtedly been a challenging year, this week has been an incredibly positive opportunity for the children to reconnect with each other and to build confidence, team working and problem solving skills that will support their transition to high school.

It has been a real pleasure to share this with the children and to see their enthusiasm. Our partners in West End Adventures could not have been more complimentary about the children's motivation, determination and impeccable behaviour. They have been an absolute credit to the school and to their families.

This week could not have been provided for the children without the tireless commitment of the P7 staff team, led by Mrs Slorach. They were ambitious to offer such an extensive programme to the children and have truly gone above and beyond to help them make wonderful memories.

I know I speak on behalf of all of the P7 children and parents when I thank Miss MacInnes, Mrs Fry, Mrs Norman, Miss Kelly and Mrs Slorach. They were greatly assisted this week by Miss Estlick, Mr Atkinson,

Mrs Lamont and Mrs Doyle who enjoyed the sessions just as much as the children. Furthermore, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Mack and Mrs MacKay in our office deserve huge thanks for their efforts. The ladies came in early and worked late to ensure that all messages were delivered, buses arrived and all of the trip admin was completed. I know that you are all very modest and see this as “just your job” however that’s what makes our Crookfur team so incredible. Thank you all!

My thanks also go to the team at West End Adventures and to P7 parents and carers for their generous fundraising which enabled the children to have off site water sports experiences! Finally, thank you to our ERC Health and Safety Advisor who has supported us throughout the planning phase, completing risk assessments and finding solutions to ensure we could provide these experiences safely. We couldn’t have done it without you.

There are lots more fun activities planned for P7 in June and further information will be provided soon!

School Evaluation

As you will see from this newsletter, we continue to strive to provide the highest quality experiences for the children in Crookfur. As we move towards the end of term, there is no gradual wind down and the staff are fully committed to making the most of every minute with the children.

At the end of each school session, we carry out a detailed self evaluation to help identify our strengths and to plan improvement priorities. An important part of that is to capture the views of staff, children and parents and carers.

We value your feedback on areas where we have more to do as well as your recognition of things that we can be proud of and celebrate, especially in what has been a very different school year.

Please take a few minutes to complete the attached Microsoft Form using the link below to share your views. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKclYcsLU0jIhDrccrg-LaVUODBRWUdSWldTN1JDNVdaSzdPMEVLNVNSVC4u>

Holiday Weekend

A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow, Friday 28th May and Monday 31st May. We will re-open on Tuesday 1st June (8.55am P2, P5 & P7; 9.05am P1, P3, P4 & P6)

Thank you for your continued support. I hope that you enjoy a lovely holiday weekend!

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 1st June – 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

Monday 7th June – Tempest photographer to take P1 and P7 class photographs

Monday 7th June – Friday 11th June – Sports Week (more details to follow)

Friday 11th June – P1 New Entrant induction visit 1 (information issued separately)

Monday 14th June - P1 New Entrant Parent/Carer Information Evening, (information issued separately)

Tuesday 15th June – Last day for brass and woodwind applications; Parent Council meeting, 8pm

Friday 18th June – Jotters home to parents/carers; P1 New Entrant induction visit 2 (information issued separately)

Monday 21st June-EWH transition Sports day for P7

Tuesday 22nd June EWH transition visit day for P7

Friday 25th June – School closes for summer holidays

Bikeability Timetable Reminder		
Date	Stages	Time
Wednesday 2nd June	P5a	9.15 to 12.15
Friday 4th June	P5b	9.15 to 12.15
Wednesday 9th June	P6a	9.15 to 12.15
Friday 11th June	P6b	9.15 to 12.15
Monday 7th June	P7a	9.15 to 12.15
Monday 14th June	P7b	9.15 to 12.15
Wednesday 16th June	P7a	9.15 to 12.15
Thursday 17th June	P7b	9.15 to 12.15