



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 25th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Covid -19 Holiday Reporting

Over the last few weeks in East Renfrewshire, we have seen the number of positive cases beginning to stabilise as we all work hard to reduce the risks of transmission and keep ourselves and others safe.

I hope more than anything that we do not see any more positive cases however, with the easing of restrictions, there may be some in the weeks ahead. I have provided the details below of arrangements that have been put in place which should be followed if your child does happen to test positive during the holidays after school closes today.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms first developed on or before Sunday 27th June

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

These steps will allow us to work with Test & Protect to identify whether there are any close contacts who may require to self isolate as a precaution.

Positive Case where your child's symptoms developed on or after Monday 28th June

If your child develops symptoms (or tests positive without any symptoms) on or after Monday 28th June, 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.

Reports

Children's end of year reports were issued on Tuesday 22nd June by e-mail. We have also included a link for you to acknowledge receipt of your child's report and to provide any feedback. The form is still live, so if you haven't had time to complete this, please use the link below. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/UpjipLeqBP>

Standardised Test Scores – P7 Reading

Most standardised test scores were included in reports for P3, P5 and P7, however due to an issue with this year's standardised assessment process for the P7 reading assessment, the Education Department is unable to provide the results of the assessment at this time.

I appreciate that this will be disappointing for the children and parents/carers, however the Education Department is investigating alternative solutions in order to provide this information at a later date. Thank you for your understanding.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

In addition to children in P1-3, children in P4 will be able to access universal free school meals from August 21. However, if your child is entitled to free school meals and/or a clothing grant because you receive a qualifying benefit, it is important that you register online.

New applications for free school meals and clothing grants can be made online from Monday 12th July. Further information can be found on the East Renfrewshire website using the link below.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/1221/Clothing-grants-and-free-school-meals>

A helpful guide to support the online application process is available on our school website.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/parents/lunch-menus/>

Families who are already registered for free school meals will be part of the Council's new voucher system during the summer holiday period. Information about this has been issued to families directly.

Transitions

Meet the teacher

This week, children have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher. During the sessions they were able to ask questions and share their "wonders and worries" about moving to their new class. Teachers enjoyed the chance to say hello and are busy planning for the new session.

Google Classrooms

When teaching staff return in August, they will set up new Google Classrooms and post a welcome video and classroom pictures for children to look at before they come in on Wednesday 17th. We will send out a reminder to have a look online just before the children return.

Transition Passports

Detailed transition passports have been created for children moving to P2 and P3. These capture the key aspects of moving to a new class have been posted on the school website.

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

Mrs Slorach has arranged individual transition passports for children moving to P4-7 who benefit from additional support at times of change. These have been sent home with children.

Achievements

P7 Awards

Children enjoyed our virtual Celebration of Achievement this week. This is an opportunity to highlight successes and achievements across the school, but especially those of our P7 leavers. We were treated to compilations of some of the learning experiences children have enjoyed this year as well as children and staff across the school sharing the achievements they are proud of.

As part of the celebration assembly, we present a number of awards to P7. Please read on for a list of our worthy winners:

<i>Sportsmanship Awards</i>	<i>Ruby McIlwraith and Aryan Bassi</i>
<i>Successful Learner</i>	<i>Ayla Munir</i>
<i>Responsible Citizen</i>	<i>Chloe McLaughlin</i>
<i>Confident Individual</i>	<i>Dhruv Goyal</i>
<i>Effective Contributor</i>	<i>Sam Timmons and Rachel More</i>
<i>Scott Trophy</i>	<i>Cara White</i>

House Champions

This year, our winning house was FLEMING!!!!

The House Shield was accepted by Fleming House Captains, Molly McCrea and Aizah Tahir. Both captains had set themselves the goal of ensuring that Fleming had a successful year and, as it has been 8 years since Fleming have been crowned champions, it is safe to say they have achieved their goal. Well done to everyone in Fleming House for an excellent performance this year. We will plan an amazing house reward for you at the beginning of next session.

Sports Champions

Our Sports Week was a huge success and all of the children worked hard to win points for their house. Although we did not manage to have our renowned house relay, they children still competed across potted sports and races as part of our Sports Championship.

This year's sports champions are STEVENSON!!!! Alya Munir and Eleya Mold, our Stevenson House Captains happily accepted the Sports Shield on behalf of Stevenson House. Well done to everyone!

Olympic Moments Challenge

I am delighted to announce that with 375 points, Crookfur Primary has won FIRST PLACE in the East Renfrewshire Active Schools Olympic Moments Challenge. The children had lots of fun re-enacting famous Olympic moments and secured plenty of votes on Twitter.

We can't wait to use the sports vouchers we have won to invest in some new sports equipment for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported our entries 😊

P5 Project - Heartstone Story Circle

This week we received some wonderful feedback from Sita Kumari, director of Heartstone. Sita contacted the school to highlight the outstanding contribution of our P5 children to the online finale event and to comment on Mrs Nasar's leadership of the project and her impressive contributions to the nationwide Story Circles support sessions.

Sita invited Crookfur and Mrs Nasar to continue working with other schools in East Renfrewshire and beyond to extend the project. We are excited to continue with this programme and I am pleased that the work of our P5 children and Mrs Nasar has been recognised.

Next session, Mrs Nasar will be able to continue the Heartstone project with a new group of children, promoting diversity and challenging prejudice through this engaging and enriching programme.

West Coast Sumdog Championship

Well done to P6B and Mr Atkinson who have been crowned winners of the West Coast Sumdog Championship. The children have competed against other classes and schools across the west coast, completing various maths challenges in order to achieve first place.

This fun and motivating contest has been a great way for children to practice maths skills and we will proudly display their trophy in our cabinet! Well done to you all!

RSNO – Free Digital Summer Camp for Families

You are invited to join musicians and friends of Scotland's National Orchestra for 6 weeks of digital activity for families and children of all ages over the summer break. The *RSNO Summer Camp* is packed full of musical activities, challenges and concert experiences and all content is completely FREE of charge.

The *RSNO Summer Camp* will run for six weeks and each week will focus on a different target audience:

- WEEK 1 (5th July): Family Friendly Musical Challenges – *#RSNO Challenge*
- WEEK 2 (12th July): Babies, Parents and Infants – *Nursery Sounds*
- WEEK 3 (19th July): Nursery Age – *Tara the Tugboat*
- WEEK 4 (26th July): Primary Age – *Gaspard's Foxtrot*
- WEEK 5 (2nd August): Late primary/Secondary Age –
Digital Concerts, Instrument Guides & Practice Resources for Young Musicians
- WEEK 6: (9th August) Music and Wellbeing Focus –
Interviews with special guests & family singing sessions

A member of the RSNO's Learning and Engagement team will be online every Monday to answer any questions, offer advice and engage with participating families. For more information visit

www.rsno.org.uk/summercamp/

Session 2021/22

In session 2021/22, we will revert to our usual school hours 9am-3.15pm.

We also hope to move away from staggered breaks and lunchtimes but this is dependent upon restrictions in place in August, particularly around the need for 2m social distancing between adults.

Term time and holiday dates for 2021/22 are available on the ERC website. These are slightly different than previously issued due to an additional public holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/1203/School-holidays>

Finally...

Thank you once again for your support this session. We have all been so touched by the lovely cards, gifts and messages we have received. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer holiday. Please stay safe and well, the Crookfur team look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 17th August.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th June – School closes for summer holidays (P7 12.50pm; P2 & P5, 1.00pm; P1, P3, P4 & P6, 1.10pm)

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th August – Staff return to school (In service days)

Wednesday 17th August – School reopens to all children, 9am