



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the holiday weekend. Even though we have had two short weeks, we have been very busy in school. Please continue to look at the class blogs on our school website to keep up to date with some of what is happening in your child's class.

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

House Captains

This week children have been voting in the House Captain elections. Due to a technical issue, voting for this has been extended to **Sunday 3rd October**.

A reminder that your child should join their House Google Classroom using the codes below.

Fleming - amilxxy

Livingstone - auvnfyf

Slessor - zt3efxl

Stevenson - tiy5vwd

We can't wait to introduce our House Captains next week!

Maths Week Scotland

To celebrate Maths Week Scotland, lots of lessons this week have had a focus on the theme "Maths in our World". We have enjoyed sharing our learning across the school in this week's assembly.

Some of the learning shared included exploring maths in the natural world outdoors, budgeting, symmetry as well as finding out about jobs that require maths skills.

East Renfrewshire Larder – Laundry Drive

Thank you very much for your donations to our Top 5 Laundry Drive this week. Donations can still be made, using the blue bin at the front gate, at the beginning of the school day on:

Tuesday 5th October and Thursday 7th October

MACS have kindly agreed to set up a box for children who attend breakfast club.

We welcome donations of the following:

- ✓ Laundry detergent
- ✓ Washing up liquid and cloths
- ✓ Cleaning sprays
- ✓ Toilet roll
- ✓ Women's, Men's and Children's toiletries

A reminder that **only adults can drop off donations of cleaning products and detergents.**

Further information on how to access and support East Renfrewshire Larder is available on their Facebook page. You do not need to have a facebook account to see this page.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/groups/679628689370797/announcements>

Thank you for your support.

Playground Toys

We have invested in a number of new and replacement playground toys, including bats and balls, Frisbees wobble boards and large balls. We were fortunate to be able to buy these using Decathlon vouchers awarded to the school for winning Beat the Street last year.

I ask that children do not bring in their own footballs for the playground. Children are able to play football in the MUGA but the playground is too busy to have multiple small sided games at the same time. We have large soft balls for throwing/catching games but it is not safe to have leather balls in the playground. Thank you for your support.

Natasha's Law

From the 4th October a new law comes in to place to ensure consumers know the allergens in every meal prior to eating. This also applies within school settings. We have full awareness of pupils with allergies, however to comply with this new legislation, allergy information for school meals will also be displayed in each class.

Large menus will be delivered and displayed over the next few days and made available for the children when they are ordering lunch. Class teachers will take time to talk with the children, appropriate to their age and stage, about the ingredients and potential allergens in school meals.

Reading Homework

Children are assigned reading for home but also use the books in class during the week. In order to complete classwork, please remind children to bring their reading book to school every day. Thank you.

Pupil Council Update - provided by Olivia Robb and Abbie Plews (P7 Pupil Council Reps)

This week our Pupil Council met for their first meeting of the year. Representatives from every year group met to discuss our plans for the year ahead. We talked about raising money for different charities, lots of different fun and appreciation days. Over the next few weeks we will visit all the classes to gather suggestions and ideas from our pupils. We can't wait to start organising our first event of the year.

On Wednesday we joined a meeting with Mr Ratter, the Director of Education, to discuss how to improve our schools, sharing our views on school and what we can do next. We are going to be sharing a competition soon that we hope everyone gets involved in.

Fundraising and Social Committee Update

On Tuesday 5th October at 8pm the Fundraising and Social Committee will hold their first meeting of the year to discuss opportunities to raise funds and organise social events for the school year ahead. All existing members are invited along, as well as parents who feel they could help support our committee by contributing some time or ideas throughout the year. The meeting will allow for election of our committee as well as focusing on the role of the committee for the year. Last year we were overwhelmed by the support of our Crookfur families and appreciate all your continued support with our events.

Please join us on Zoom using the following details -

Meeting ID: 821 9915 2373

Passcode: 895637

Staffing Update

The change in season has brought with it a number of common illnesses (not covid related), and just like many children we have a number of staff who are unwell and have been unable to come to work.

Most will be well enough to return next week, but we have some temporary supply teachers in school. Please be aware that during this time it may take longer than usual for us to be able to respond to any enquiries.

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

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th September – Thursday 7th October – East Renfrewshire Larder Laundry Drive *(more details above)*

Tuesday 28th September – Friday 1st October – Maths Week Scotland

Sunday 3rd October – Voting closes for House Captains

Tuesday 5th October – Fundraising & Social Committee Meeting, Zoom, 8pm

Monday 11th October – Friday 15th October – School closed October holiday

Monday 18th October – In Service Day for staff, school closed for children

Tuesday 19th October – School re-opens, 9am

Thursday 21st October – Parent Council Meeting, Zoom 8pm