



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoyed the October holiday and the children have returned excited about the term ahead. Our diary this term is very busy and a note of important dates is included in our family calendar. I have attached a copy with this newsletter and it can also be found on our school website [here](#).

Communication

Our main means of communication is via e-mail. Please ensure that our school office has your most up to date contact information, including mobile phone numbers and current e-mail addresses. If you feel the details we have are correct but you are still not receiving our communications, please contact the school office so that we can investigate further.

Parents/carers who wish to contact the school by e-mail should use schoolmail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk. I ask that you do not contact teachers directly e.g. using their Glow e-mail through Google Classroom. We do not regularly use the glow e-mail accounts and to avoid delay in responding to you, it is best to contact them through the school office.

You can also telephone the office on 0141 570 7120 between 8.45am and 4.00pm.

Parent Portal

We are keen to enhance communication through our use of ParentPortal. This is a digital platform which will enable you to share and access a range of information.

So far, we have successfully registered 235 families. I have attached a letter with this newsletter to provide more information and guidance for you to register. If you encounter any difficulties with registration, please contact our school office who will be happy to talk you through the process (0141 570 7120).

P1 Vision Screening

Our school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 9th of November to carry out P1 Vision Screening.

After School and Lunch Clubs

Thank you for the prompt return of registration slips for our school sports programme. We are delighted to have so many children keen to participate in the clubs.

Mr McMillan and our school office team have been working hard to collate this information and allocate places in the clubs. Confirmation has been e-mailed today for children who have been allocated a space in Mrs Hobson's dance club, starting on Monday at lunchtime. Confirmation of places in all of the other clubs will be sent out on Monday (25th Oct).

Several clubs were heavily oversubscribed however, thanks to our teachers who have kindly volunteered to add extra days and sessions, we hope to avoid waiting lists and disappointing the children.

Tempest Photographer

A reminder that the Tempest photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 27th October** and will take photographs of individuals and siblings. Please send your child to school in the uniform that you wish them to wear in the photograph. If your child has PE or Woodland/Outdoor learning on Wednesday, they should bring their PE kit or outdoor clothes in their bag to change into.

Diversity Focus group

I am delighted to have some more volunteers to join our Diversity parent group this session and we are looking forward to our first meeting on **Tuesday 26th October** (8pm, Google Meet). I will send out an agenda and joining information to the group on Monday. If you are interested in attending, please contact the school to be added to the group mailing list (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk).

Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland

This year Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland will take place 1st – 7th November. This year's theme is *Destination Dyslexia – A Route Map*. Dyslexia Scotland are aiming to make Scotland a dyslexia-friendly destination for every person who has dyslexia.

Activities in school will focus on talking about what dyslexia means to each individual as well finding out about the different ways that people learn.

As with last year, blue ribbons from Dyslexia Scotland will be issued to children and staff to show awareness and understanding of dyslexia.

P7 Residential Visit

We will hold an information evening on **Thursday 28th October** for our planned residential trip in May. An e-mail with the link to join this virtual meeting was sent out yesterday. We will require places to be confirmed by **Friday 29th October**. A £50 deposit (non-refundable) is required by **19th November** via Parent Pay to confirm your child's place.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th October – Diversity Group Meeting, Google Meet, 8pm (*more information to follow*)

Wednesday 27th October – Tempest Photography, individual and sibling photographs

Thursday 28th October – Information evening P7 Residential, Google Meet, 7pm (*more information to follow*)

Monday 1st – Friday 5th November – Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland

Tuesday 2nd November – Flu immunisations

Tuesday 9th November – P1 vision screening

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November – Parents Evening Consultations (*more information to follow*)