



Crookfur Primary School

&

Family Centre



Friday 29th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is a programme for children and young people (aged 6 to 18) who have experienced significant change and loss in their lives. These supportive group sessions run over a series of 8 weeks, using the seasons as a way to discuss the impact that change has had on the children's lives. This peer-based programme aims to provide children with the tools they need to understand and adapt to change and build positive strategies to help them moving forward.

Mrs Slorach and Mrs McGarvey have recently completed Seasons for Growth training and will be providing this programme of support throughout the year. The programme is most effective when carried out with groups of children of similar age. Once a target age group has been identified Mrs Slorach and Mrs McGarvey will provide more information for children and parents/carers.

We feel that this programme will enhance the wellbeing supports that we already have in school and we do intend to run more than one group this year.

Diversity Group

We had our first Diversity focus group meeting on Tuesday 25th October. We were delighted to welcome some new members to our group and are planning some work around Cost of the School Day, Race equality and culturally responsive teaching, supporting families and children who have additional support needs and tackling gender stereotypes and unconscious bias.

We will be working together in small subgroups to take forward each area, so if you feel you have interest or passion for any of these themes, and would like to be involved, please contact me at school
SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 23rd November at 8pm** on Google Meet.

Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland

A reminder that next week we will be recognising Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland. A number of our children will lead information sessions across the school and we celebrated the launch of Dyslexia Awareness Week Scotland in today's assembly.

In addition to awareness raising sessions, blue ribbons from Dyslexia Scotland will be issued to children and staff to show awareness and understanding of dyslexia.

Break the Rules Day

You will have received a letter from our Pupil Council who have arranged a "Break the Rules Day" fundraiser. For one day only, children will be able to pay 50p to break one of our school rules. I have heard lots of chat in the playground from children excitedly planning to break as many rules as possible! We do know that the funds raised will go to buying some more playground equipment, so I feel that it is all in a good cause!

Parents Evening Information

A reminder that our Parents Evening consultations will take place via telephone on Wednesday 10th November (4.30-8.00pm) and Thursday 11th November (4.00pm-7.00pm).

Appointments will be booked online as usual through the School Cloud system. A letter will be issued early next week which explains how to make an appointment. It would be helpful if you could include the telephone number that you would like the teacher to use to contact you in the comments box.

The booking system will open on **Wednesday 3rd November at 10am until Monday 8th November at 10am**.

In order for these evenings to run as smoothly as possible, teachers will have to run strictly to time. Each appointment is 10 minutes and I have asked teachers to ensure that they do not run over. It is no problem to make an appointment to speak to the teacher at another time if you wish to discuss any matter further, so please don't worry if your discussion has to be brought to a close.

Sibling appointments are automatically set with a 10 minute gap between so I hope this will prevent two teachers trying to contact parents/carers at the same time.

I will send out more detailed arrangements nearer the time however if you have any questions or comments prior to 10th and 11th, please contact the school SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk.

COP26

In the last week several classes have been learning more about COP26, relating this to their learning about climate change and sustainability. As the conference takes place in Glasgow over the next two weeks, children will follow events carefully and learn about what it means for them, now and in the future.

We are also aware of potential disruption that may be caused in terms of traffic and protests etc and have contingency plans in place to support staff and children who may be disrupted as they travel to and from school. Hopefully with a little bit of planning, we will be able to keep any disruption to a minimum.

As usual, we will use our school e-mail, text messaging, Twitter feed and website to share any important information or updates.

If you would like to find out more, please go to www.getreadyglasgow.com, or follow @GetReadyGlasgow on Twitter.

Staffing Update

This week we have welcomed 3 teaching students to Crookfur. They have been placed in P3A, P3B and P4B and will be working with us until December. They have really enjoyed their first week in Crookfur, getting to know the school and the children and I am sure the P3 and P4 class teachers will be excellent mentors for them.

I do hope that the weather picks up this weekend for anyone planning to enjoy local Halloween parades or guising (better known as *trick or treating* to lots of the children ☺)

Whatever you have planned, have a lovely time.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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

Tuesday 2nd November – Flu immunisations

Friday 5th November – Break the Rules Day (*see separate information*)

Tuesday 9th November – P1 vision screening

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

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November – Book Week Scotland

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th November – Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 23rd November – Diversity Focus Group, 8pm Google Meet

Monday 29th – Friday 3rd December – Road Safety Week

Friday 3rd December – Dress as you please day (Present Room donation) (*more information to follow*)

Tuesday 7th December – Parent Council Meeting, 8pm Zoom

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day/ Present Room Fundraiser (*more information to follow*)