



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Parents Evening Consultations

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback on parents evening. Parents have reported that their experiences have been overwhelmingly positive and we appreciate your support. It is disappointing for all of us that consultations could not take place in person and I know that the teaching staff do miss meeting with parents.

In addition to the desire to return to face-to-face meetings, some parents highlighted the benefit of telephone appointments in avoiding the need for childcare. Some also asked us to consider video calling should a return to face-to-face meetings be unlikely for our next parents evening in March. I am happy to look into this and will discuss with the parent council.

If the class teacher was unable to contact you for your appointment, our school office will be in touch to arrange another opportunity for you to speak with the teacher. If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning or progress in school, please contact a member of the school leadership team and we will be happy to help (0141 570 7120; SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

Book Week Scotland

This week we have been very busy celebrating Book Week Scotland. This year each stage has been exploring a different STEM-a-Story, these are texts with a Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Maths twist. The texts have prompted a range of fabulous, creative learning experiences across the school. In addition to this there has been a whole range of activities taking place in different classes with a big focus on promoting reading for pleasure. We were delighted that our Primary 1 classes were able to go on their first trip, they visited Mearns Library for some stories and to be gifted with their Bookbug bag. There was also great excitement across Primary 2 and 3 as the children were gifted with their Read, Write, Count bags. It has been a fun packed week!

Christmas Celebrations - Update

We are continuing to finalise the details for our Christmas celebrations, however I would like to share some provisional dates for your diary.

Whole School Fun	
Dress as you please - Present Room donation	Friday 3 rd December (details to follow)
Christmas Jumper Day & Present Room	Friday 10 th December (details to follow)
Festive Lunch	Thursday 16 th December (details to follow)

Parties	
P1	Friday 17 th December
P2	Friday 17 th December
P3	Tuesday 14 th December
P4	Wednesday 15 th December
P5	Tuesday 14 th December
P6	Thursday 16 th December
P7	Monday 13 th December

Performances	
P1 Nativity (P1A, P1B & P1C separately)	Monday 13 th December (format and timings to be confirmed)
P2 Nativity (P2A, P2B & P2C separately)	Tuesday 14 th December (format and timings to be confirmed)
P5 Carols and Festive Songs (All P5)	Wednesday 15 th December, 3.30pm (details to follow)

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week in Crookfur. The national theme this year is One Kind Word and so our focus will be on developing our value of *kindness* throughout the week. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been and we would like to work together to remind ourselves of the power of kindness, and how it can reduce unkind behaviours.

Mrs Slorach will work with some members of the pupil council and Primary 6 children to discuss ways to promote every day acts of kindness throughout the school. We are looking forward to hearing about their creative ways to do this.

In addition Primary 6 will be receiving training from "I am Me Scotland". I am Me Scotland is a charity which works in partnership with Police Scotland to raise awareness of Disability Hate Crime (harassment and bullying of disabled people). They will be visiting the school on Tuesday morning and all children in Primary 6 will be learning more about how to help prevent bullying type behaviours and develop a clearer focus on kindness. Following their training, our Primary 6 children will become ambassadors throughout the school.

We look forward to sharing more about this next week.

Reflecting on our School Vision and Values

As mentioned last week, we are carrying out a consultation to review our school vision and values. Our House Captains would really appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete their survey using the link below:

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

The survey is open to take responses and will close on Friday 26th November. Many thanks in advance.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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)*

Monday 13th December – Friday 17th December – Christmas performances and parties – see above