



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Christmas Celebrations – Update

P1 and P2 Nativity Performances

Rehearsals are well underway for our P1 and P2 Nativity shows. We will issue tickets home to families next week and details of the dates and times of performances are noted at the end of this newsletter. We ask that as far as possible parents/carers avoid bringing younger siblings to the performances, unless they have a ticket. I apologise for the error in last week's round up and can confirm that the P1 shows will be on Monday 13th December and P2 shows on Tuesday 14th December.

P5 Carols

I have been enjoying the P5 singing rehearsals this week from my office just across the corridor. The children have selected some favourite Christmas songs and are learning some new carols too.

P5 family and friends are invited to gather with us at the cycle track on Wednesday 15th December at 3.30pm.

Festive Lunch

A reminder that the order form for our festive lunch should be completed by 11pm this evening (Friday 3rd December). Orders should be placed for each child individually and there is an option to record a packed or home lunch too. Our festive lunch will take place on Thursday 16th December.

<https://forms.office.com/r/z2FFppMUvg>

Present Room

Thank you for all of the lovely donations for next week's Present Room event and my thanks to the P7 children who helpfully collected all of the donations from classes this morning. I've had a peak at the huge pile of gifts and I am sure you will be delighted to receive something from the collection on Christmas morning.

The Present Room will open on Friday 10th December and gifts will be priced £2.

A reminder that Friday 10th December is also Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and we invite children and staff to join in by wearing their Christmas attire. Children are of course permitted to wear an alternative to a Christmas jumper e.g. Christmas t-shirt, antlers, Santa hat, tinsel etc. Where possible, school uniform should be worn as bottoms e.g. skirts, trousers, PE kit.

Christmas cards

Our Christmas post service is in operation this year and children can post Christmas cards to their friends in one of our dedicated post boxes. Cards will be delivered round classes by our post helpers and we ask that children remember to write their friends' full names and classes on the envelopes.

Timetables

To help with performance rehearsals, we have adjusted our PE timetable for the gym hall next week. Some sessions will now take place outdoors and so next week **children should wear outdoor PE kit on all of their PE days**. In the case of adverse weather, PE activities will be adapted and take place in class if necessary.

In addition, please note that next week, P3B and P4A have swapped a PE slot. P4A will have PE on Wednesday 8th and P3B on Thursday 9th. Teachers will post a reminder on their Google Classrooms.

Nut Free School

I am sure that you will be aware that we continue to be a "Nut Free School". Children must not bring any products containing nuts or those with nuts identified as allergens (usually in bold within the ingredient list), to school. During the festive season, children sometimes have different snacks or food items in their lunch boxes and I ask all parents to be especially vigilant at this time to any items which may contain nuts. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Road Safety Week

Across the school, our Junior Road Safety officers have done a super job to highlight road safety messages this week. There have been lots of fun activities and quizzes to test children's knowledge and raise awareness of road safety.

These are messages that we will continue to reinforce in school and our Junior Road Safety Officers will be working hard all year.

Diversity Group Update

The Diversity Group met on Wednesday 1st December to plan actions for the New Year. Our Cost of the School Day Group will highlight the actions already taken in Crookfur to minimise additional costs, as well as survey parents to identify areas that could be worked on to further reduce costs.

Our race equality sub group will be looking at authentic festival celebrations as well as parent information about how we address incidences of racism in school.

Our LGBT inclusive practice group will support the school's approaches to raising awareness and understanding of the diversity of family structures within our community and society as a whole. In addition to training for staff, we hope to arrange parent/carer information sessions. Further to this, we will continue to work to address unconscious gender bias and challenge gender stereotypes in the curriculum.

Our Diversity Group is informal and we enjoy lots of laughs as well as discussion on such a wide range of topics. We are always happy to have more members so if you are interested in joining the Diversity Group, please contact me at school (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

East Renfrewshire Larder - 12 Days of Christmas collection

A reminder that on the 12 school days from 6th – 21st December, we plan a daily collection for the East Renfrewshire Larder. We will have a particular focus on household goods and toiletries as these are in high demand at the Larder. If you can give anything at all, donations will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be left in the blue bin at the school gate and, as before, we ask that adults drop off cleaning products etc. Many thanks for your support.

Parent Council Update

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be held on Tuesday 7th December, 8pm on Zoom.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

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

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day/ Present Room Fundraiser

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

Thursday 16th December – Festive lunch (*order using Microsoft Form link above*)

Monday 20th December – Fleming House Reward, cinema trip (*more information 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	
P1A Nativity	Monday 13 th December, 10am, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P1B Nativity	Monday 13 th December, 11.30am, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P1C Nativity	Monday 13 th December, 2pm, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P2A Nativity	Tuesday 14 th December, 10am, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P2B Nativity	Tuesday 14 th December, 11.30am, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P2C Nativity	Tuesday 14 th December, 2pm, NMBC (tickets to follow)
P5 Carols and Festive Songs (All P5)	Wednesday 15 th December, 3.30pm- 4.00pm, Crookfur cycle track (please wrap up warm ☺)