



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID 19 – Reminder

A reminder that all household close contacts of a positive COVID case are required to isolate for 10 days. This is regardless of age, vaccine status or the receipt of a negative PCR test.

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID in the school, we will continue to issue advisory letters to those we believe to be low risk close contacts. This letter contains all of the information and guidance that low risk, non-household contacts require.

Anyone who has any of the 3 main symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate and arrange a PCR test at NHS Inform. The cardinal symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a new continuous cough, a high temperature and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Celebrations

This has been a busy week with 6 Nativity performances across P1 and P2, P5 carol singing, 17 class parties and our festive lunch.

We have been delighted to have such positive feedback from the parents and carers who attended our performances and I know that it meant so much to the children to be able to share this with you.

Children have also been hard at work making some beautiful Christmas crafts to bring home and I would like to thank all of the teaching and support staff for their hard work and creativity in planning our Christmas celebrations.

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Council for funding buses to transport the P1 and P2 children to and from the church and our grateful thanks to our friends in Newton Mearns Baptist Church for hosting our P1 and P2 Nativities and for providing the lovely hot drinks and baking after the shows.

Present Room

I am delighted to let you know that last week our Present Room event raised over £1000 for charity. This is an incredible sum and it will be shared between Save the Children and Cash for Kids.

There were some toiletries left over and we will donate these to the East Renfrewshire Larder as part of our 12 Days of Christmas collection.

Staffing Update

I am pleased that Mrs Kirsten Grieve will return from maternity leave after the holidays. She will return part time and will be working in P1 at the opposite end of the week to Miss Bishop. Miss Faull, who was covering Mrs Grieve's maternity leave, will be staying on in Crookfur and will move to a support role across P3 and P4.

I must also let you know that Mrs Maureen MacKay will be temporarily leaving us to take up a full time post in the office at Calderwood Lodge. Maureen was successful at interview and has secured a secondment until the end of June. Calderwood's gain is definitely our loss and I know Maureen will be a huge asset to their office team. We will miss you so much Maureen, but wish you luck in your new role.

House Reward - Update

Given concerns about increasing COVID cases in the community and the potential impact of self isolation on families over the Christmas period, we have taken the decision to postpone our planned cinema trip for Fleming House.

I was very proud of our House Captains, Murray and Affan, who spoke with all of their housemates today to explain the decision. Although the children are understandably disappointed, Murray and Affan took time to answer questions and showed great leadership in reassuring the children that we will reschedule their long awaited reward as soon as it is sensible to do so.

Holiday Reminder

A reminder that school will close for the holidays on **Wednesday 22nd December at 2.30pm**. We re-open for the new term on Wednesday 5th January.

Finally...

I hope that the children have enjoyed the all of the festive events over the last week. It has been a joy to hear their singing and see their smiles. Despite challenges within the landscape of COVID, we have enjoyed an excellent term and are looking forward to returning for the new term in January.

As we finish for the holidays on Wednesday next week, this will be my last round up until the New Year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Crookfur team for their hard work and commitment to ensuring that the children enjoy wonderful experiences in school. Thank you to all of our parents, carers and friends for your continued support. I wish all of our staff, children and families a safe and restful holiday and I hope that you have a lovely time over Christmas and the New Year.

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd December – School closes for holidays, 2.30pm

Wednesday 5th January – School re-opens, 9am

Wednesday 12th January – Diversity Group Meeting, 8pm, Google Meet

Wednesday 26th January – Parent Council Meeting, Zoom, 8pm

Friday 4th February – School closed to pupils (In Service Day)

Monday 7th February – School closed (mid-term holiday)

Tuesday 8th February – School closed (mid-term holiday)

Wednesday 9th February – School re-opens, 9am