



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well and that all of the children have enjoyed their first full week of school. This week we have had children attend wearing both standard and PE uniform, in line with their PE days. All of the children look so smart and we thank you for your support of our uniform policy.

## **Planned Industrial Action**

This afternoon we have issued a letter on behalf of the Director of Education which indicates that if strike action from the following Trade Unions - Unison, Unite and GMB is to go ahead, this will lead to school closure on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

We hope that a suitable pay agreement can be reached and this industrial action will be avoided.

## **P1 Coffee and Chat**

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend today's coffee and chat sessions. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to chat informally and find out a little bit more about learning in Primary One.

## **P7 Prefects**

We are delighted that so many P7 pupils applied to take on the responsibility of Prefect this year. Our successful candidates were presented with their prefect badges this afternoon and will work with younger children at break and lunch in the playground.

## **Fundraising Update – Family Fun Day Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2pm-4pm**

The Fundraising and Social Committee are delighted to confirm that they will be holding a family fun day on Saturday 3 September from 2pm-4pm in the school. Entry to the event is free. There are lots of fun activities planned for families including a tombola, a teddy tombola, bouncy castle, fire engine and a photobooth. There will also be refreshments available.

However, we need your help!

- Tombola donations (general tombola and teddy tombola) - donations can be dropped into the school on Wed, Thurs or Friday next week
- Home baking donations - donations can be dropped at the school office on Friday 2 September. If possible, please include a note of ingredients used.
- Raffle prizes - please email [CrookfurFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:CrookfurFundraising@gmail.com) if you are able to donate a prize
- Volunteers - if anyone would like to be added to the volunteers list for school events, you can join this WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CS8n05EKWXd60VZMkgF3Ei>

It would be great to see as many families as possible on the day and we hope that some of the staff may also be able to come along to join in the fun! We are also planning some discos on 26/27 October, more information about these will follow soon.

## **Parent Council News**

### *AGM*

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parent Council will take place on Wednesday 14 September at 7pm in the Eastwood High School Sports Centre. The AGM consists of a report of the previous year, including the financial statement and the appointment of new reps and office bearers for the next session. Immediately after the AGM we will hold the first Parent Council meeting of the year. We have been delighted to have reps come forward for P1 and P7. If there are any P5 parents or carers who would like to join the parent council, then we still have an open spot.

### *Parent Council meetings*

All parents/carers are welcome to attend and observe parent council meetings. You are also able to communicate any queries or concerns via your parent council representatives for each year group. I will post a full list of the reps after the AGM, but in the meantime if you don't know who your rep is and you wish to get in touch, please use the Parent Council email, [CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com)

### *Parent WhatsApp groups*

Most of the year groups have WhatsApp groups set up by parents to ask questions and share information. These groups are also used by the Parent Council reps to communicate with parents. If you are looking to join one of the groups, either speak to other parents or email the Parent Council and we will do our best to help to join you into a group. There currently doesn't seem to be a WhatsApp group for P5 so we have set some up. Click the link to join.

P5A <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ecc71aXLF336hwjzRwAzoz>

P5B <https://chat.whatsapp.com/IHuJlj84vgk9XQGPX8IA1H>

Please note that these groups are run by parents/carers and are not used as official channels of communication from the school. If you have any queries regarding your child's learning or school experience, please contact the school directly.

## **Lost Property**

In our first full week of school, we are beginning to acquire a number of items in our lost property box. Please can you ensure that you add your child's name to all of their belongings to ensure that we can easily reunite items with their owners. Many thanks for your support.

## **Parent Calendar**

Please see attached year calendar for your information. As the calendar is updated, we will issue updated versions.

## **Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7pm-8pm**

We hope to be able to host our Meet the Teacher evening as planned on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, however this may have to be cancelled as a result of the proposed industrial action.

If we are able to go ahead, this is an opportunity for parents/carers to visit their child(ren)'s class(es). You will be able to look around the environment and the teacher will provide an overview of how the class runs, including, rules and routines, homework, and class systems for rewards and celebration.

Each class visit will be approximately 15-20 minutes. The teacher will repeat their overview 3 times across the evening to enable parents/carers to visit multiple classes. Refreshments will be served in the hall.

This is a general introduction to the class and there will not be the opportunity to have individual discussions with the teacher about your child's progress. Individual parent-teacher meetings are scheduled for October.

### **Tuck**

Our catering staff have resumed our very popular tuck shop at morning break. This is a cashless system which can be pre-paid using your child's parent pay account.

A menu will be issued at the start of next week and will include a range of healthy snack items such as popcorn, toast, cereal bars and fruit.

### **Class Blogs**

To share learning and school events, each class will update their own blog. Blogs can be accessed through the school website. Please take time to have a look!

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/pupils/class-blogs/>

If your child's class hasn't posted an update this week, please don't worry, it may be that we are still checking some photo permissions and the blog will be updated as soon as we can.

### **Flu Immunisations**

Letters and consent forms for the annual flu vaccination programme have been sent home in schoolbags today.

### **Staffing Update**

All of our new members of staff are enjoying becoming part of our Crookfur family. Our family is growing and I am delighted to let you know of the safe arrival of Mrs Amin's baby daughter Myra and Mrs Hobson's baby boy Leo. We hope to meet them both of cuddles soon. Congratulations to Maya and Katie!

### **Finally...**

If you have any questions or would like to share information, please don't hesitate to contact our team. The office staff will be happy to help and put you in touch with the right person. You can contact our office by e-mail or telephone ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk); 0141 570 7120).

Warmest wishes



Sheena McGuigan  
Head Teacher

## **Dates for Your Diary**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Donations for Family Fun Day tombola

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Family Fun Day 2pm-4pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Potential school closure due to industrial action

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher 7-8pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Council AGM, Eastwood Sports Centre, 7pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September – School closed for September Weekend

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Maths Week Scotland *(more details to follow)*

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Diversity Group, 8pm, Google Meet

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Dyslexia Awareness Week

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – P1A Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; School Photographer *(more details to follow)*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – P1B Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; School Photographer *(more details to follow)*

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – P1C Pop in and Play, 2.15pm; Parent Council meeting 7pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for October holiday.