



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Following the very sad announcement of the death of the Queen, we join the rest of the country in a period of mourning. During this time, our social media presence may appear reduced. Out of respect, we will keep social media activity to essential updates only.

Meet the Teacher evening

Our thanks to the parents/carers who attended our Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 7th September. This was the first time we have hosted this kind of event and we would be grateful if you could share your feedback in order to help us to plan effectively for further parent/carer events.

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

Pupil Committees

At our assembly and in classes, we have highlighted opportunities for children to participate in leadership roles across the school. The Sway presentation below will be posted on to each class Google Classroom for children to learn more about the roles and responsibilities they can undertake.

<https://sway.office.com/9SEmP98VTmDFYMwa?ref=Link>

Applications are welcome from children P1-P7 (unless a specific year group is indicated). I have explained to the children that only one or two representatives will be selected from each class for each committee but there are opportunities, particularly in the upper school, which are not limited. We encourage as many children as possible to apply for these e.g. Digital Leader.

An online application form is available by following the link below. This will also be available in Google Classrooms. Children will only complete one form and these should be submitted by Friday 16th September. If children would prefer, they may submit a paper copy to their teacher using the form attached with this newsletter.

The committee application can be used to apply for the following groups:

Eco Committee
Sports Council
Pupil Council
Rights Respecting Schools Group
Pupil Leadership Team
Reading Buddies (P5 only)
Junior Road Safety Officer (P6 only)

<https://forms.office.com/r/vj1K06tbPM>

Autumn Weather

Seasonal changes as upon us and as the weather turns cooler and wetter, I ask that children bring a waterproof jacket to school every day. We encourage children to fasten their coats and put their hoods up at break and lunch, as they will play outside unless it is an absolute downpour or there is a weather warning for high winds. Many thanks.

Outdoor Learning Sessions

A reminder that Outdoor Learning Sessions commence next week. The attached letter details class days and what the children should bring. This is the same letter that was sent out to parents at the start of this week.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of storage space we are unable to keep outdoor clothing in the school therefore children are required to take it home with them at the end of the day. Primary 1 and 2 have allocated spaces to store wellies and we ask that all children in P1 and P2 are provided with a pair of wellies to keep in school.

Homework

As mentioned at our Meet the Teacher evening, children will be issued with homework following the September weekend. Our homework programme comprises spelling, reading, mental maths and talk homework. It is issued on a Tuesday to be returned the following Monday. More detailed information will be issued to parents/carers prior to the first week of homework on 27th September.

We of course continue to encourage all of our children to read at home and links to a range of curricular activities can be found on our school website using the link below:

<https://sites.google.com/er.glow.scot/crookfur-home-learning/home>

Parent Council Update – Denny Henderson (Chair)

As previously advised, the Annual General Meeting of the Crookfur Primary Parent Council will take place on Wednesday 14 September at 7pm in the Eastwood High School Sports Centre meeting room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. The agenda for the meeting has been posted on the Parent Council Page on the school website. The annual accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022 will be presented at the meeting and we are also proposing a few changes to the Parent Council Constitution. The accounts and revised Constitution are also available on the school website, using the link below. Changes to the constitution are highlighted in yellow and these will be voted on at the AGM.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/parents/parent-council/>

The first meeting of the Parent Council will take place immediately following the AGM. Parents and carers are also welcome to stay and observe the meeting. Any questions or matters that you wish to raise must be communicated in advance of the meeting to your Parent Council rep or to CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com.

To ensure we have sufficient space, it would be useful if any parents/carer planning to attend could fill in this short form.

<https://forms.gle/4TEdsBUPZXuuhZ498>

It was a real pleasure to spend time with so many of our families last weekend and to welcome you to the school on Wednesday evening. Thank you for your continued support of the Crookfur community.

Kindest regards



Sheena McGuigan

Head teacher

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 14th September – Parent Council AGM, Eastwood Sports Centre, 7pm

Friday 23rd September & Monday 26th September – School closed for September Weekend

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

Tuesday 27th September – Diversity Group, 8pm, Google Meet

Monday 3rd October – Friday 7th October – Dyslexia Awareness Week

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

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

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

Friday 14th October – School closes for October holiday.