



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## Pop in and Play

It was lovely to see so many of our Primary 1 parents and carers popping in to play this week. The Primary 1 staff and children were delighted to be able to open the doors and welcome everyone in. We hope you enjoyed spending time with your child in their classroom and that it gave you a little insight into their life at school.

This was the final event in our Primary 1 Induction Programme and we are keen to gather some feedback from parents in order to help us to evaluate this process since it started in May. Please look out for an evaluation form on the next round up. Your views are very much appreciated in ensuring that we are getting this right for both children and parents.

## School Photographs

Children will bring home copies of the proofs for their sibling and individual photographs today. If you would like to benefit from free delivery to the school, please ensure that orders are placed by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## Parent Council Update – Meeting 13/10/22

The second Parent Council meeting of the year was held last night and approval was given for additional funding towards the cost of class trips for each child. The Parent Council will offer a subsidy of £3 per child per year. This may be deducted from one trip or shared over a number of visits.

Mrs McGuigan and Mrs Jamieson spoke about the Playground Improvement Plan and the next stage is to meet with Pupil Leaders to get pupil input and involvement.

There was focus on the current cost of living issues and Councillor O'Donnell highlighted that there are many useful links for advice and help to be found on the East Renfrewshire Council website.

<https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/> and through the ERC Money Advice and Rights Team  
<https://eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/mart>

Dates for Christmas shows will be confirmed as soon as possible after the October break.

## Walk to School Week

As mentioned in last week's Round Up, Crookfur Primary will be taking part in Walk to School Week from **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. We are delighted that our Walking Buses will be going ahead on the mornings of **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October** and **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. **Please note** these days are different to those previously mentioned. We would love as many of you to join our Walking Buses, please find attached a letter detailing further information.

### **Fancy Dress Discos**

Please find attached a flyer and information about discos organised by the Fundraising and Social Committee. Our last discos were held in 2019 and I know that the children are really excited to come along and have some fun. For our younger children in P1 and P2, this is a nice opportunity for parents to have time to get together while the children enjoy the disco. Look forward to seeing you there!

### **Inclement Weather**

When we return after the holiday, we can expect much more wet and wintry weather. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with a hood and that they wear wellies or similar if it is very wet. If they have PE, it may be best to bring trainers with them and have something more substantial to wear in the playground at break and lunch.

We try to have the children outside at break times as much as possible and will only have an indoor play if the weather is particularly bad.

Jackets with hoods are important as we cannot allow children to have umbrellas in the playground for safety reasons. Children are fine to bring their umbrellas on the walk to and from school but as the playground is busy with children running around, umbrellas are a hazard. Many thanks.

### **Supporting children's wellbeing**

The Parenting Smart website, supported by Place2Be offers lots of helpful and practical guides to support children's wellbeing and behaviour. With over 45 topics presented in handy short articles and video clips, this is a great resource to find help with everything from bedwetting to friendship issues. I hope that you find it useful.

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### **Parents Evenings**

Our parents' evenings are **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** (4.30-8.00pm) and **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** (4.00-7.00pm)

Appointments to meet with your child's class teacher will be made via the online School Cloud system. Our office will issue information about booking an appointment on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. The booking system will be live from the evening of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Holiday reminder**

A reminder that school will be closed next week Monday to Friday for the October holiday. School will remain closed to children on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October and staff will attend in service training. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new term on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

I hope that you have a lovely holiday and thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards



Sheena McGuigan  
Head teacher

## **Dates for Your Diary**

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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – School Closed to children (in service day for staff)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October – P1, P3 and P4 discos (more information to follow)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – P2, P5-P7 discos (more information to follow)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Parents evening, 4.30pm-8pm (more details to follow)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parents evening, 4pm-7pm (more details to follow)