



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## Parents Evenings

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to the school this week for our first in-person parents' evenings since March 2020. I hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) and I would like to offer special thanks to our wonderful House Captains who did an excellent job in guiding visitors around the school.

## Communication Survey

During parents evening, our House Captains were also promoting a short survey for parents/carers. As part of the school's work to promote parental involvement and engagement, we would like to ensure that our approaches to communication are effective.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey using the link below if you haven't already. Many thanks in advance for your support.

<https://forms.office.com/r/snhijL4ybT>

## The Scottish Poppy Appeal

House Captains will visit classes daily from Monday selling poppies for a donation to Poppy Scotland.

Money raised during the Scottish Poppy Appeal is used to provide vital life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland including support for service families, veterans and those currently serving.

## Committee Update

This week all of our pupil committees have been meeting to create action plans for the year ahead. They have lots of ambitious plans to help make Crookfur even better, and the Eco Committee, JRSOs, Pupil Leaders and Sports Committee were keen to share their initial ideas at our assembly today.

Next week we will hear from the Rights Respecting Group and Pupil Council.

Mrs McKim will be meeting with the P5 Reading Buddies next week to issue their badges and begin their training.

## P7 Residential to Lockerbie Manor – May 2023

A reminder that we will host an information evening about our P7 residential visit to Lockerbie Manor on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at 7pm.

This will be an opportunity to learn a little bit more about the trip and experiences on offer to the children. In advance of the meeting, you may wish to visit the Manor Adventures website for further information.

<https://www.manoradventure.com/lockerbie-manor.php>

The School Office has set up a Parent Pay item for P7 parents/carers for initial deposits for the trip. Please note deposits are non-refundable.

## **Diversity Group**

A reminder that our next Diversity Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm on Google Meet.

## **Home care recruitment**

Health and Social Care are experiencing significant pressures in care at home and are currently recruiting workers for their Care at Home team. Please see the attached letter for further information. Many thanks.

## **Scottish Child Payment**

The Scottish Child Payment is changing on 14<sup>th</sup> November to include 6-16 year olds. This is a payment of £25 per week per child if you already receive particular benefits. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

## **Budget Engagement**

The unprecedented funding challenges faced by East Renfrewshire Council over the next three years have been widely reported in local media. It is anticipated that the Council could face a funding shortfall of more than £30m between 2023 and 2026 to deliver the services it does currently. This is because the money received from government to provide frontline services is expected to remain the same for the next three years. On top of that, the Council is facing the same challenges as everyone else in terms of inflation and rising energy costs. Despite having already made savings of more than £80m since 2015-16, the Council has no option but to consider cutting services and jobs and increasing charges including council tax.

Education accounts for a significant proportion of Council spending and consequently a number of reductions and cuts are being considered within this department.

The potential impact of cuts within schools is concerning and it is vital that parents can carers offer their feedback on proposals. This feedback will be considered by Councillors before deciding what savings to make when the Council agrees its Budget in March 2023.

Further information about proposed savings can be found in the Budget Briefing below.

[Budget Briefing 3 – 2023-26](#)

This important topic will be discussed with our parent council in the coming weeks.

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

Kindest regards



Sheena McGuigan  
Head teacher

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – P7 Residential information evening, 7pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Book Week Scotland

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Diversity Focus Group, 8pm, Google Meet

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Road Safety Focus Week

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Parent Council meeting, 7pm, Eastwood High School

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December – P1 and P2 Christmas shows; P5 Christmas Carols (*more information to follow*)

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas parties (*more information to follow*)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – School closes for holidays @ 2.30pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens

## PE Days

Please see a note of PE days below:

Class	PE (Hall)	PE (Outdoor Pitch)
P1A	Wednesday	Tuesday
P1B	Monday	Tuesday
P1C	Wednesday	Friday
P2A	Monday	Wednesday
P2B	Monday	Wednesday
P3A	Wednesday	Tuesday
P3B	Thursday	Wednesday
P3C	Tuesday	Thursday
P4A	Wednesday	Friday
P4B	Tuesday	Thursday
P4C	Tuesday	Friday
P5A	Friday	Tuesday
P5B	Friday	Monday
P5/6	Monday	Thursday
P6A	Thursday	Monday
P6B	Thursday	Friday
P7A	Tuesday	Monday
P7B	Wednesday	Monday

Children should wear PE uniform on their PE days.

Further information about our school uniform policy can be found in the Sway below:

<https://sway.office.com/aHy7DLrfx66gef0p?ref=Link>