



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a great week and you are looking forward to the weekend. There is a lot of information in this week's newsletter and I apologise that it is a little longer than usual!

Parents Evenings

Following our parents' evening consultations last week, we would be very grateful if you could please share your feedback using the Form below. Many thanks in advance.

<https://forms.office.com/r/s5kBepWPC1>

Remembrance Day

In our assemblies today, children shared their impressive knowledge about the history and significance of Remembrance Day. A two minute silence was beautifully observed across the school with children demonstrating our school value of respect.

House Captains did a fantastic job selling poppies for a donation to Poppy Scotland this week. We are delighted that all four boxes were sold out, with our donations providing vital life-changing support to the Armed Forces community in Scotland. Thank you.

Committee Update

Our Pupil Council are planning a project to build links with our local community. They have met with the organisers of the ER Larder and are working together to come up with ideas to support people in need.

The Rights Respecting Schools group plan to carry out an audit of our current approaches to supporting Children's Rights and will develop an action plan to help us gain accreditation as a Rights Respecting School. Across the school, children are already familiar with the UNCRC and have used this to create their class charters. The Right Respecting Group will help lead a range of new developments to support our journey towards further accreditation.

Our P5 Reading Buddies have had their first training session with Mrs McKim and will soon meet with their little buddies to help develop their reading skills and love of stories and books.

Book Week Scotland

Next week is Book Week Scotland and we have a range of exciting activities taking place across the week as we celebrate a love of books and stories across Crookfur!

To encourage children to read more stories, a group of Primary 5 pupils have devised a Class Reading Challenge. On Monday they will be delivering large charts to all classes for children to record any stories that they read across the week. On Friday the pupils will collect in the recording sheets and the class with the most stories/books recorded will receive a book token to purchase some new texts for their class library. The winning class will be announced at assembly.

Please encourage your child to read and enjoy lots of stories across the week, this could be with or to you and remind them to record these on their class sheet. Parents and carers of our younger children could send in a note or email to let us know the books children have read at home and class teachers will record these on the chart. Happy reading!

P7 Residential to Lockerbie Manor – May 2023

Thank you to the families who attended our Lockerbie Manor information session last night. Speaking to the children today, I know that Mrs Slorach's enthusiastic overview of the residential experience has certainly generated a lot of excitement!

We would like as many of our children as possible to benefit from this experience and we do not want cost to be a barrier to participation. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we will offer support with the cost of the trip. If your circumstances have changed or you are unsure whether you would qualify for financial support, please contact Mrs Slorach at the school (0141 570 7120).

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 in Crookfur – Language and Culture Focus

Crookfur Primary fosters an ethos and environment where all are welcomed and valued. In Crookfur it is vital that all children have opportunities to share information about their languages, cultures and experiences. This increases our young people's awareness, enhancing their understanding of both differences and similarities among languages and cultures and ensures all children experience a sense of belonging.

Next week staff will be meeting with our young people to discuss the languages spoken at home and how we can continue to recognise and celebrate them. We value the continued support and contributions of our parents and carers and encourage you to join our upcoming coffee and chat to discuss this important topic and how we can develop it in school. We have planned our coffee and chat to take place on **Thursday 8th December at 9.15am.**

A reminder that our next Diversity Group meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November at 8pm on Google Meet. If you are interested in joining our Diversity group, please contact me at the school (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)

Let's Talk Education – Our National Discussion

The Scottish Government and CoSLA want to hear your views as a parent on the vision for Scottish education for the next 20 years. They want everyone in Scotland to have a say on what kind of education, skills, knowledge and support young people need. You are able to share your views in the survey by following the link below.

<https://consult.gov.scot/learning-directorate/national-discussion-on-education/> (translated materials in Urdu, Punjabi, Mandarin, Arabic, Polish and Ukrainian)

They are particularly keen to hear from people whose views may be less frequently represented, including communities and individuals from a Black and Minority Ethnic background. To support this, a discussion session has been planned to take place next week. Khadija Mohammed, co-founder of Scottish Association of Minority Ethnic Educators (SAMEE), will facilitate the discussions.

Please join the session to share your views on Scottish education on **Wednesday 16th November, Woodfarm High School, 7-8pm.**

An easy read summary has been attached and more information is available here: [National Discussion Scottish Education - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](https://consult.gov.scot/national-discussion-scottish-education-scottish-government-citizen-space)

Primary 1 Induction Programme

Earlier in the week, Mrs Jamieson sent out an e-form link for our Primary 1 parents/carers to evaluate our induction programme as we seek to continue to enhance our practice.

We highly value your feedback and would encourage our Primary 1 parents and carers to complete this if they haven't done so already. The link has been included again below, thank you in advance for this.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQctawUZKaK0-CaHJMdhbSoZjQfz6tUREFUQIZDR0RNVzBTNErSTFBWUZSWEZNO4u>

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Programme

As per previous correspondence, we will host our annual drop in for Health and Wellbeing on **Tuesday 15th November at 2.15pm – 3pm.**

This drop in is optional and will focus on the Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP) programme. It is an opportunity for parents/carers to find out more about how we teach this aspect of Health and Wellbeing including looking at the national resource which supports learning in this area, as well as to discuss any key questions. Below is a link to the parent/carer SWAY with information about what is taught at each stage of the school. This will be discussed in more detail at the drop in session.

<https://sway.office.com/gm7nMvRZt3wBXDcQ?ref>

Please email the school by Monday 15th November to confirm attendance, this will help us to plan a suitable meeting space within the school.

Christmas Shows – Primary 1, 2 and Primary 5

We are delighted to have organised dates and times for our Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Shows. These will take place at **Newton Mearns Baptist Church.**

We are grateful to our friends at NMBC for their support and more information about the arrangements for the performances will be sent out directly to Primary 1 and 2 parents in the next few weeks.

Class	Date/Time
P1A	<i>Monday 19th December, 10am – 10.30am</i>
P1B	<i>Monday 19th December, 11.30am – 12pm</i>
P1C	<i>Monday 19th December, 2pm – 2.30pm</i>
P2A	<i>Friday 16th December, 10am – 10.30am</i>
P2B	<i>Friday 16th December, 11.30am – 12pm</i>

Our P5 children invite their parents and carers to join their performance of traditional Christmas carols and songs. This will take place on **Tuesday 13th December**, 2pm in the school. Again, more information will follow.

Communication Survey

A reminder that as part of the school's work to promote parental involvement and engagement, we are carrying out a survey review our approaches to communication. Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey using the link below if you haven't already.

<https://forms.office.com/r/snhiJL4ybT>

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 10th November – P7 Residential information evening, 7pm

Monday 14th – Friday 18th November – Book Week Scotland

Tuesday 15th November – Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Drop In (2.15pm-3pm)

Diversity Focus Group, 8pm, Google Meet

Monday 21st – Friday 25th November – Anti Bullying Week

Monday 28th November – Friday 2nd December – Road Safety Focus Week

Wednesday 30th November - P1 Parent/Carer Workshop: Supporting Early Literacy Skills: Reading, 2pm-3pm

Wednesday 7th December – Parent Council meeting, 7pm, Eastwood High School

Tuesday 13th December – Primary 5 Christmas carols, 2pm

Friday 16th December – Primary 2 Christmas Shows (see above)

Monday 19th December – Primary 1 Christmas Shows (see above)

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

Friday 23rd December – School closes for holidays @ 2.30pm

Thursday 5th 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/aHy7DLrxf66gef0p?ref=Link>