



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Industrial Action

As indicated in the letter issued to parents and carers yesterday, planned strike action by the EIS and AHDS unions means that Crookfur Primary School will be closed to all children on **Thursday 24th November**. School will re-open as normal at 9am on Friday 25th November.

While the Council has been formally notified by trade unions of their intention to strike, there is also the possibility that through ongoing negotiations the strike may not take place. The department will keep you informed as the situation develops through the Council website. www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk

Book Week Scotland

All classes have enjoyed celebrating Book Week Scotland this week. Our assembly today gave each year group the opportunity to share their learning and explain how they have celebrated books and stories. Our whole school story sessions over the tannoy were a particular favourite and I would like to thank our fantastic P5 reading buddies for their confident and entertaining story times.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. This year we are raising awareness using a whole school approach inspired by the community project *I am Me*.

The *I am Me* programme focuses on educating our children about different, sometimes hidden, difficulties and conditions with the aim of raising awareness and reducing bullying type behaviours and disability hate crimes.

All classes will explore these issues in an age appropriate way. Our current P7 classes completed a workshop last year as an introduction to this resource and to the message it gives. This year they are keen to roll this out across the school and with the help of their class teachers will visit P1-4 to deliver some lessons.

Primary 6 and Primary 7 will also benefit from a visit from our Campus Police Officer, PC Mitchell, who will speak with the children about online safety and cyberbullying.

Diversity Group Update

On Tuesday we had our second Diversity Group meeting of the year. We were joined by Marilyn Brennan (Quality Improvement Officer) to discuss how we feel social justice could be achieved and the steps we can take to tackle injustice. This generated a lot of rich discussion, which will help to inform a new East Renfrewshire Social Justice strategy.

We also discussed approaches to communication and how we promote parental involvement and engagement in school. This was supported by the results of our recent communication survey and I thank those parents and carers who took the time to complete the survey and share their views. We will seek ways to act on feedback and ensure that our approaches to communication are inclusive.

Scarlet Fever

There are recent reports that scarlet fever outbreaks are on the rise in some localities. Most cases (about 80%) of scarlet fever occur in children under 10.

Scarlet fever is very contagious, and it is important that people seek advice from their GP for a proper diagnosis and appropriate treatment. Initial symptoms usually include a sore throat, headache, and a high temperature (38.3C/101F or above), flushed cheeks and a swollen tongue.

If any children has a confirmed case of scarlet fever, they must not attend school for at least 24 hours after starting treatment with antibiotics.

NHS inform has further information here: [how the condition is spread and what the symptoms are](#).

Building Extension Update

I am sure you may be wondering, and probably assuming, that the extension to Crookfur Primary is not progressing as we had planned. Following approval of plans, the tender came back significantly above the original budget. Despite allocating additional capital to the project before going to tender, costs for the project were still well above expected levels.

As a consequence, the process has been paused for the moment and the council will look to go out to tender again early in 2023. We hope that the financial market may be more settled then and I will keep you up to date with any further progress.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Programme

Following our RSHP Education presentation on Tuesday, I remind you that we will host two drop in discussion sessions for parents and carers next week.

These will be held on Monday 21st November at 11am and Tuesday 22nd November at 2pm.

Please email the school by Monday 21st November to confirm attendance, this will help us to plan a suitable meeting space within the school (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk).

Christmas Celebrations

In addition to our P1, P2 and P5 Christmas performances, there will be a number of other celebration events in the weeks leading up to the end of term.

On Friday 2nd December, children are invited to bring in a donation for the annual Present Room fundraiser. In return, children are able to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 2nd.

On Friday 9th December, children will be able to wear a Christmas jumper or other Christmas attire and we will have our special Christmas lunch. The Present Room fundraiser will be held on Friday 9th and children will be able to come to our Present Room to purchase and wrap a gift of a loved one. I will issue more information about the Present Room next week.

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

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

Friday 2nd December – Dress as you please for Present Room donation (*more information to follow*)

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

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch & Present Room fundraiser (*more information to follow*)

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

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

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

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

Christmas Shows – Primary 1, 2 and Primary 5

Class	Date/Time	Venue
P1A	Monday 19 th December, 10am – 10.30am	Newton Mearns Baptist Church
P1B	Monday 19 th December, 11.30am – 12pm	Newton Mearns Baptist Church
P1C	Monday 19 th December, 2pm – 2.30pm	Newton Mearns Baptist Church
P2A	Friday 16 th December, 10am – 10.30am	Newton Mearns Baptist Church
P2B	Friday 16 th December, 11.30am – 12pm	Newton Mearns Baptist Church
All P5	Tuesday 13 th December, 2pm	Crookfur Primary School

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