



Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well. The next few weeks will be very busy in Crookfur and this week's round up is very full. I have attached 4 additional items with this newsletter which give more information about a special menu, the *Present Room* fundraiser, P1 registrations 2023 and ERC budget consultation.

Education Scotland Inspection Visit

Parents and carers should have received notification that Crookfur Primary School and Family Centre will be visited by HM Inspectors in the week beginning 12th December.

As part of the inspection process, all parents and carers are invited to complete a pre-inspection survey. Links to the survey were issued yesterday by e-mail. You are able to complete this until Friday 2nd December.

A number of years have passed since Crookfur's last inspection and welcome this opportunity to share the story and improvement journey of our school.

A reminder that information about our school improvement priorities 2022/23 is available on our school website. This includes both a family friendly summary version of our self-evaluation and improvement plan as well as both documents in full.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Crookfur/information/school-improvement-priorities/>

Anti-Bullying Week

A message from Eleanor and Ananya (P7A)

This week has been anti-bullying week, and everyone has been very busy with lots of activities! The P7s have been going round younger classes and teaching them about hidden disabilities, such as people who may have hearing or sight impairments.

For the P1s and P2s the P7s were teaching them about what it might be like to be blind, for P3s the P7s were teaching them about what it might be like to have little or no hearing. The P4s were taught about being an upstander vs a bystander and standing up for what is right.

As well as the P7 leadership activities, using the I Am Me resources, P6 and P7 children had a talk with the Campus Police officer about Cyber-bullying. The teachers and children have enjoyed the lessons from the P7s and we have learned lots about hidden disabilities and how to stand up to bullying.

We have had a great Anti-Bullying week!

Road Safety Focus Week

Next week, Crookfur Primary are marking Road Safety Week. The theme for the week is Safe Roads for All. Our Junior Road Safety Officers have worked extremely hard preparing activities for each class in the school, creating posters and will take part in our assembly next week. They will also be completing a survey with all children in the school.

Look out for them on Thursday morning at the school gates where they will be sharing the message 'Safe Roads for All'.

Committee Update

This week our pupil committees have been busy meeting to take forward their action plans. In addition to the information from the JRSOs above, here is a brief update of the work of our other committees so far:

Pupil Leadership Team – The Pupil Leadership Team are looking at our playground and finding ways to be creative with our space.

Pupil Council – The Pupil Council are working with the ER larder to plan a Christmas collection of toiletries and essential food items, more information to follow.

Sports Committee – The Sports Committee are looking at different ways to promote sports across the school. They are evaluating what we do with a view to renewing our Gold Sports Scotland Award.

Rights Respecting Schools group – Our Rights Respecting group are investigating all of the languages that we speak to Crookfur Primary. We are going to use this information to develop our displays across the school.

Eco committee – The Eco committee have been busy planting new trees in our woodland area. We spoke to all of the children today at assembly about how to take care of our new trees.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood Education

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the RSHP drop in sessions this week. Our thanks also to Ruhksana Ali (Education Development Officer) for her contribution to Tuesday's meeting.

We hope that the drop in sessions and information Sway have provided parents/carers with a clear understanding of the content of the programme and the approaches that we take in Crookfur to teach this aspect of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

In response to feedback at the drop in sessions, we have updated our parent information and I attach the updated link. <https://sway.office.com/gm7nMvRZt3wBXDcQ?ref=Link>

P1 Parent/Carer Workshop

A little reminder that there is a Primary 1 Parent/Carer Workshop taking place on Wednesday 30th November at 2pm. This session will be around developing your child's early literacy skills with a particular focus on reading. If you are able to attend then please email the school on SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk, this is to allow us to plan a suitable space in the school to meet.

P1 School Applications

From next month, you can apply for a P1 school catchment place for your child if you currently live within East Renfrewshire Council or will be living within the authority by the start of the new session in August 2023. Further information can be found on the attached letter.

Special Menu

On Wednesday 30th November, our catering team will serve a special lunch menu in celebration of St Andrew's Day. A copy of the menu is attached for your information.

Language and Culture Coffee and Chat – Thursday 8th December @ 9.15am

A reminder that we will host a coffee and chat session on Thursday 8th December at 9.15am. The focus will be the diversity of languages within our Crookfur community, how we can recognise and celebrate the languages our children speak at home and how we can use this to best support learners in school.

We would really benefit from the support of our parents and carers to take this forward and welcome anyone who is interested to come along on 8th. If you are keen to be involved, but can't manage to the coffee and chat, please feel free to contact me directly at the school (SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk; 0141 570 7120).

Christmas Present Room - Fundraiser

As noted in last week's round up, our annual *Present Room* will open on Friday 9th December. Further details are provided in the attached letter.

Parent Council

The next meeting of our Parent Council will be held at Eastwood High School Sports Centre on Thursday 7th December at 7pm. An agenda will be circulated to year group representatives in advance of the meeting.

Along with this newsletter, I have attached a letter from our Parent Council Chair, Denny Henderson. As you know, the East Renfrewshire Council budget consultation is ongoing and Denny has attended a number of meetings to find out more about the potential impact of proposed cuts to the education department budget on Crookfur. All parents/carers are encouraged to consider the proposals and respond to the consultation. Links are provided in Denny's letter. Many thanks.

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 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 attached*)

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

Thursday 8th December – Crookfur Languages Coffee and Chat, 9.15am

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

Monday 12th – Friday 16th December – Education Scotland Inspection Visit

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	Thursday
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>