



# Crookfur Primary School & Family Centre



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## Present Room Fundraiser & Christmas Lunch – 9/12/22

Thank you for all of the donations for next week's *Present Room*. I am sure the children will be delighted to go shopping next week and pick out something special to give at Christmas. All of the details of the Present Room are available on the letter sent last week and on the school website (Weekly Round Up 24/11/22)

Our catering team will also be serving our annual Christmas lunch on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or other festive attire.

## P1 Parent/Carer Workshops

We have organised some workshops to provide parents and carers with the opportunity to find out more about the curriculum as well as ways that you can help your child at home.

The dates and times of the workshops are detailed below, reminders and more detailed information will be sent out nearer the time of each workshop:

<b>Dates and Times:</b>	<b>Theme:</b>
Tuesday 24th January, 9.30am – 10.30am	Supporting early numeracy and mathematical skills
Friday 24th February, 2pm – 3pm	Supporting early literacy skills, a focus on writing
Monday 20th March, 2pm – 3pm	Health and Wellbeing, a focus on mental and emotional wellbeing

It was lovely to see parents at the early reading skills workshop on Wednesday. Below is a link to a recording of the presentation that was used. We hope that this is helpful for anyone who was not able to make the workshop.

[Supporting Children's Early Reading Skills](#)

## Learning Powers – Learning Power of the Week

We have been chatting about our learning powers during assembly. This week we focused on 'Be Creative'. We talked about:

- Letting our imagination go
- Thinking up new ideas and questions
- Problem solving
- Exploring
- Inventing
- Thinking differently



## Wider Achievements

Children's achievements are widely celebrated across the school. It is a pleasure to award assembly certificates and to share successes.

Celebrating achievements enables us to help children recognise their progress and the skills they are developing as a result of their achievements within and out with school. We relate these to our school values and learning powers and help children understand and value the attributes and skills they are developing for life, learning and work.

We encourage parents/carers to share their child's achievements out with school by using the link below.

### [Celebrating Achievements at Crookfur](#)

This link is available at all times on our school website so that you can highlight achievements children have out of school that we might not know otherwise. Parents/carers are also able to continue to e-mail the school ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)) to let us know as well as sending in a note with the children.

## ADVENTure Trail – P6

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of December our Primary 6 children will enjoy the annual ADVENTure Trail event at Newton Mearns Baptist Church. Alongside some other local schools, children will take part in drama and multi-sensory activities, games, craft, music, video and discussions based around the Christmas story.

This is always a very popular event with children and staff and is an exciting way to teach children about the festival of Christmas. We thank our friends at NMBC for inviting us to be part of ADVENTure Trail.

## Christmas Parties

In the last week of term, each of our year groups will have a class Christmas party. Children are able to wear party clothes to school on the day of their party, though they may wish to bring a change of shoes for playing in the playground. We will have some games with prizes and a light snack for each party and I am sure a special visitor might find time in their busy schedule to visit our P1 party.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 5, Primary 5/6, Primary 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Primary 3, Primary 4
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Primary 1, Primary 7
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Primary 2
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	

## Language and Culture Coffee and Chat

A reminder that we will host our Language and Culture coffee and chat on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. We invite as many parents/carers as possible to come along and to share your ideas on how we can ensure that our school can make the most of our diversity to enhance children's knowledge and experience. Please e-mail the school office if you are able to come along ([SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk](mailto:SchoolMail@crookfur.e-renfrew.sch.uk)) Many thanks.

## Parent Council News - from Denny Henderson (Crookfur PC Chair)

We have our December Parent Council meeting next week on Wednesday 7th and will be discussing a range of topics. If you have any general queries, remember to let your Parent Council rep know or email [CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:CrookfurParentCouncil@gmail.com) and we will do our best to help.

It is a busy time of the year for parents. We have an [e-calendar for school events](#) you can subscribe to which we update whenever the school adds more events, and we also post reminders on our [Facebook page](#).

The public consultation for the Budget closes on 9 December. You can [read my letter](#) summarising the proposed cuts which I believe could have a devastating impact on Education in East Ren and you can give your response to the Budget Consultation [here](#).

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

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Crookfur Languages Coffee and Chat, 9.15am

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch & Present Room fundraiser *information issued separately*

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Education Scotland Inspection Visit

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 5 Christmas carols, 2pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 2 Christmas Shows (see below)

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Primary 1 Christmas Shows (see below)

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

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

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

## Christmas Shows – Primary 1, 2 and Primary 5

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

## PE Days

Please see a note of PE days below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>PE (Hall)</b>	<b>PE (Outdoor Pitch)</b>
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>