

Cross Arthurlie Primary School

Head Teacher's Report

Tuesday 1st December 2020



Staffing

Mrs McMillan goes on maternity leave on Friday 4th December. We wish her well as she and her family look forward to the birth of the baby. We have requested cover for Mrs McMillan's post.

We are still awaiting 18 additional PSA hours. Nursery staff are currently working in alternative establishments and we have recently advertised for a Senior CDO.

Nursery Build

Internally the nursery is almost complete and East Renfrewshire Council has taken keys from the builders. Health and safety checks and snagging will now be completed for the internal works. Unfortunately external works on the nursery have faced major delays due to unforeseen circumstances. The whole building, internal and external, needs to be completed before being fully operational. We are still currently working towards a mid-February timescale but this may change.

Christmas

Children have been working hard to prepare for Winter Wonderland on 1st December. Families are welcome to walk around the perimeter of the school after dusk until 6.30pm to view the colourful window displays created by the children. Thank you to Miss McGhie for this idea and the support of the staff for making it happen.

On Friday 11th December children may wear a Christmas jumper to school. They will be watching a virtual pantomime in their classes called The McDougall's Christmas Party, which was filmed at Eastwood Theatre.

On the same day, children will be presenting a short performance with their class which will be filmed and made into a video to share with families. There will be a Primary 2-4 video and a Primary 5-7 video, which will be shared on the East Renfrewshire YouTube channel; the link being shared through Twitter.

Children in Primary 1 will be performing a nativity, which will be filmed and shared on an appropriate platform.

Health and Safety

We continue to receive briefings from East Renfrewshire Council updating schools on most recent guidance on COVID.

Google Classrooms are well established and remain available to children who are isolating due to COVID.

Mrs MacDonald & Miss Gillian Rice