**Weekly Update – Term 2 – 5 December 2022**





**Parking outside school grounds**

As you’ll be aware from previous newsletters and emails, parking outside the school grounds causes issues for local residents. If you do need to drive to school/nursery to drop your children off can you please park on the opposite side of the road to the houses? Thanks in advance.

**Christmas Jumper Day 8 December 2022**

Children and adults are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 8 December. All donations are welcome for Save The Children.



**School and Nursery Improvement Journey**

As part of our improvement journey we will be welcoming our Education Manager, Sarah Else, and a number of Headteachers to visit Crossford Primary and Nursery on 13 December. We would like to hear your views about how well be are doing. We would be grateful if you could please click on the link below to complete a short questionnaire which we will discuss with our visitors. We will also be running parent/carer focus groups on that day. Nursery focus group will be at 11am and Primary focus group will be at 1:30pm. There is a section in the questionnaire where you can let us know if you are available and willing to take part in this. We will need approximately 6 parents/carers so will be back in touch to confirm your attendance nearer the time.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKf_mRrx2NUhFrRRJdLEZNQRUOEVDWkowS09SMDhMRjRWTTlTT0pJNUpMUy4u>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Lost & Found**

As this session has gone on we’ve gathered quite a few items of clothing which we have been unable to find out who it belongs to. If your child is missing something please come to the main entrance and have a look through the items we have gathered.

**Star Writers**

Each week we will be recognising Star Writers in each class at assembly. Star Writers for week beginning 28 November:-

Primary 1 –.Blair – for writing some of his sentence independently and including finger spaces

Primary 1/2 – Abbie – for writing instructions almost independently using her knowledge of phonics

Primary 2 – Sophia – For retelling a story using connectives to link the beginning, middle and end

Primary 3 – Jaxon – for fantastic presentation

Primary 4 – Nataliya and Archie – for including fantastic description of the witch from Room on the Broom

Primary 5 – Holly – for using a range of sophisticated connectives

Primary 6 – Crawford – for consistently producing ‘best effort’ in his daily writing and combining descriptive phrases with elements of suspense writing techniques

Primary 7 – Angus – for consistent ‘best effort’ attitude to daily writing as well as reaching the target of sophisticated connectives

**Christmas Card Design Challenge**

All children in primary school are invited to create a design for our school Christmas card to be emailed to all other schools in our Cluster and our friends in the community. The design should be A4 in size (either portrait or landscape) and be 2D so that it can be scanned easily. The winning design for each class will receive a reserved seat at the P1-2 nativity or P3-7 Christmas sing-a-long. The overall winner will be Crossford Primary School’s Christmas card for 2022. Winning designs will be on display outside our main office until the end of term.



**Christmas Party for P3**

We have decided that Primary 3 will join Primary 4 and Primary 5 for their Christmas party on Tuesday 20th December to reduce the number of children who will be in the hall on Monday 19th December. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes.

**Christmas Swap Shop**

Our Sustainability Committee will be running a Christmas jumper and party clothes swap shop this year. If you have a Christmas jumper and/or party clothes that no longer fit or you fancy a change you can bring them in to school until 6 December and you will receive a ticket. The ticket will mean that on 7 December you can choose a new jumper or party clothes from the donations that we have received. Christmas jumper day is on 8 December 2022. School Christmas parties are on 19th December (P1, P1/2 & P2), 20th December (P3, P4 & P5) and 21st December (P6 & P7).



**Nativity & Primary 3-7 Sing-a-long**

As our hall is so small and we need to be mindful of CO2 monitors we can only accommodate

**2 adults per child at the P1-2 nativity and**

**1 adult per child at the P3-7 sing-a-long.**

Primary 1-2 nativity will begin at 2pm on 16 December. Main entrance door will open at 1:45pm.

Primary 3 – 7 sing-a-long will begin at 2pm on 14 December. Main entrance door will open at 1:45pm.

**Attend to Achieve!**

Regular attendance at school is an important part of a child’s academic journey. Pupils who attend school regularly are less likely to fall behind.

**Regular attendance gives your child the opportunity to:**

* Learn new things daily
* Develop and practise skills
* Make friends and feel included
* Increase their confidence and self esteem
* Improve their social skills
* Increase their attainment and achievement
* Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations and ambitions
* Have a good daily routine

**Every Day Matters!**

In an average school year there are 190 school days.

So, at the end of the school year –

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| **If your child’s attendance is** | **Days of school missed** | **Weeks of school missed** |
| **95%** | **9 ½ days**  | **Almost 2 weeks of learning missed** |
| **90%** | **19 days**  | **Almost 4 weeks of learning missed** |
| **85%** | **28 ½ days**  | **Almost 6 weeks of learning missed** |
| **80%** | **38 days**  | **Almost 8 weeks of learning missed** |
| **75%** | **47 ½ days**  | **9 ½ weeks of learning missed** |
| **70%** | **57 days**  | **Over 11 weeks of learning missed** |
| **65%** | **66 ½ days**  | **Over 13 weeks of learning missed**  |
| **60%** | **76 days**  | **Over 15 weeks of learning missed**  |

Help your child get the most out of their education by helping them come to school every day.

**Learning’s great…so don’t be late!**

Children who arrive on time settle quickly and feel included in the routines of the school day and get the full benefit of all the teaching and learning in their classroom environment.

* A child who is 10 minutes late every day has lost nearly an hour of school a week. Over a year this adds up to losing over a week of school time.
* Late children miss the introduction of their day and the first part of teaching of the morning.
* Lateness causes disruption to the whole class as well as the child who is late.
* Arriving late can often be embarrassing or stressful to the child involved.

**We’re here to help.**

If there is anything we can do as a school to support you with your child’s attendance please contact us through Seesaw, crossfordps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk or by phoning 01383 602451

**Term time holidays**

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Please think carefully before arranging holidays. Up to date school holiday dates can be found on our website or by searching for *Fife School holidays* online.

**Child Protection & Safeguarding**

**Our current child protection co-ordinators are:-**

**Mrs Lorna Bernard –** lorna.bernard@fife.gov.uk

**Mrs Sharon Logie –** sharon.logie-qh@fife.gov.uk

**If you are ever concerned about the immediate safety of a child then do not hesitate to contact Police Scotland on 999.**

**If you need to share any concerns outwith school working hours, please contact Fife Social Work using the contact details below:-**

**Social Work Contact Centre – 03451 551503**

**Out of hours Social Work (evenings and weekends only) – 03451 550099**

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| **Monday** |  |
| **Tuesday** | * PE – P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7
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| **Wednesday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P2 & P3
* Nursery visiting the woods
* 2:00 – Primary 3-7 Christmas sing-a-long
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| **Thursday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P4, P5, P6 & P7
* 2:00 – Nursery Nativity in school hall
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| **Friday** | * 2:00 – Primary 1, Primary 1/2 and Primary 2 Nativity in school hall
* Nursery soft finish
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**Next week – Week beginning 12 December 2022**

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| **Reminders!** |
| * Please ensure your child has a gym kit which can be kept in school.
* Please ensure ONLY water in bottles.
* Keep up to date with class work and pictures through SeeSaw
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