



Crianlarich Primary School Newsletter

October-December 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the new term! Children and staff are re-energised for an exciting term ahead.

Last term's round up:

Harvest Service

We were delighted to receive a letter commending the children for their performance and good conduct during the Harvest Service. The collection raised £38.55 for Kirk funds. Thank you to all those who joined us.



Sponsored Walk:

Again we were noticed for all the right reasons when we received a letter from a local resident out walking on the West Highland Way on the same day we were completing our Sponsored Walk. She commented on how energetic and polite we were as we passed. She even gave us a donation! We have raised £646. This is awesome!!

Topics: Charities & Entrepreneurs.

Class 1 planned and organised a fundraising event for Mary's Meals. We had a guest speaker from Mary's Meals to learn more about their work and then chose to hold a Penny Line up. We raised £55 on the day.

Class 2's enterprising groups made and sold ice lollies and smoothies. Children addressed their Big Questions to Dr Isabel Stamm at the University of Berlin and to many individuals and companies. They have been delighted to receive informative & encouraging replies and donated all their profits to the Mary's Meals collection. Thank you Class 2!



This term:

A Solid Start in Literacy, Maths and More...

Well done to P4-7 children for their recent super results in their Progress in Maths, Progress in English and Group Reading Tests. Child(ren's) individual progress will be discussed at Parents Evening in November but all children are making good progress through their application of taught strategies and practice. Putting the 'Three R's' at the top of our priorities, 'ring fencing' morning sessions and hard work all round are paying off. Well done everyone!

Maths Trailblazers- What's Happening?

Friday 22nd September saw the launch of our project with Juliet Robertson from Creative Star Learning sharing her ideas and resources with our staff and children and nursery staff and teachers from local schools all getting in on the action.

Since then, children from both classes have been inventing games and puzzles to share using our brand new target games.

Stage 2 involves making and collecting number resources to use in outdoor numeracy grab bags which will be available to use at playtimes. So many fun games involve maths- even just in adding up scores- so our mental maths is improving as well as having many more fun games to play!

This week (26th October) we will be trialling different markings on the playground. Stage 3: the community trail will come after Christmas. Watch this space! Already we have caught attention elsewhere as our project was profiled with Newly Qualified Teachers across Stirling.



Parents Evening

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child/children's progress at Parents Evening. Letters for time slots have gone out this week. If Thursday 2nd November is not suitable, please contact your child's teacher through the home school diary to arrange another time to meet.

Parent Partnership & Fundraising

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm. We are excited to announce the launch of Easyfundraising for our school. Come and find out how you can raise much needed funds for school through your normal everyday shopping and please watch out for further information. It's easy to register! **NEWSFLASH** We would hope to use the funds raised towards an Outdoor Activities Week based at school for all children at the end of summer term.

Topics & Trips

Both classes are visiting Kirkton Weather Station at the Mountain Research Centre on Wednesday 25th October. They will pose their Big Questions for their mini topics on the Weather (Class 1) and Natural Disasters (Class 2).

Our main topic this term is 'Putting on a Performance' and children and staff have already started gathering ideas for our Christmas end of term production of 'Aladdin Trouble'- the pantomime. We will be rehearsing and performing words and songs. All children will be working on designing and making props and costumes. We will be developing literacy and numeracy skills by designing and producing flyers, tickets and programmes including costings.

We would welcome support if you feel you can help. Please contact school or leave a note in the home school diary. With so many wide ranging skills and talents, we aim to create a community production to remember!

Grounds Tidy Up

We held a short grounds tidy up during the afternoon of Thursday 19th October, sweeping leaves and planting bulbs for the Spring. The children all take a pride in their surroundings and proved once again what we can all achieve through team work!

Friday afternoons: Chess/Clubs/Soundstart.

'Come and try chess' taster session is on the afternoon of Friday 3rd November and we'd love to recruit some more girls! Chess will then restart from November 17th and we are very grateful to Mr and Mrs Chisholm for their continued involvement and support.

We are very fortunate to have Soundstart for P4-7 happening on Friday afternoons for the whole of this year. Mr Pacher and Mrs Moore from McLaren High are building a band to be proud of and the children will be bringing their assigned instruments home soon.

For this term only, Friday clubs will run slightly differently. Children will choose from a variety of clubs on the theme of our pantomime production, including set design and props making etc

Sports and Zumba

We continue with a block of Bikeability for P7s and Zumba for the whole school this term. P1-3 will attend a cluster football tournament and P4-7 will take part in cross country and swimming (tbc) events this term. Please see dates at the bottom of this letter and watch our School App and letters for details of kit.

Children in Need: Friday 17th November

There will be face painting available at break and lunchtime. £1 suggested donation. A limited quantity of Wristbands - £1, pin badges - £1, ears - £2.50 and keyrings - £3 are available to purchase. School uniform all day please.

Absence from School

Please contact the School if your child is going to be absent from School. Pupils should then bring in a note on their return to School stating the reason for their absence. If your child has an appointment during School time, please bring in an appointment card prior to their absence. This should be followed with a note stating the reason for their absence.

School Meals

In our continued effort to remove cash and cheques from school we are hoping all parents will use our e-payment system ParentPay. If you need a reminder of your ParentPay login details, please get in touch with Alison in the office. Using ParentPay gives you a single place to pay for items. Making a payment is straightforward and no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you've activated your account you can make online payments for school meals straight away. Other payment items like school trips are added throughout the year. ParentPay is a free service for you to use and provides the school with up to date contact details for emergencies and future communications. Even if you do not plan to pay via ParentPay, please activate your account for future use and communications. Please visit www.parentpay.com, and start using it today.

School meal costs are calculated automatically by ParentPay, but we have given costs below for your information. Please note, there has been no increase in costs since last term.

1 day = £2.10

2 days = £4.20

3 days = £ 6.30

4 days = £ 8.40

5 days = £ 10.50

Menus can be viewed on our school website and Stirling Council's website, although a paper copy can be sent home on request.

Free School Meals

A reminder to parents that all school meals for children in P1-3 are free of charge. However, if you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals benefit, we would be grateful if you could apply, as this is likely to affect our Pupil Equity Funding.

Home School contact

We assure you of our best efforts for your children at all times. Please do keep in touch through the Home School Diary or call the school to make an appointment to see your child's teacher. We look forward to discussing your child/ren's progress more formally at Parent's Evening.

Yours sincerely,
Catherine Lochhead (Acting Principal Teacher)

Diary Dates



October

- 23rd – Badminton after school club starts 3.30 – 4.30pm (every Mon until Christmas) P4-7
- 26th – Rag Bag Collection
- 30th – Pipes & Drums tuition starts – see email / ParentPay (every 2nd Mon)
- 31st – Halloween Themed Menu (see email) and Activities (see note home)

November

- 1st – Football P1/2
- 2nd - Parents Evening – Times have been confirmed
- 3rd – Scottish School Meals Themed Menu
- 6th – Bikeability P7
- 7th – Stirling Youth Forum
- 8th – Football Tournament – P1/2 – Letters to follow
- Bikeability P7
- 13th – Bikeability P7
- Family & Individual photos – siblings welcome (please contact school to arrange)
- 16th – Parent Partnership
- 17th – Children in Need
- 20th – Bikeability P7
- 22nd – P5-7 Swimming Gala tbc
- 23rd & 24th - In-Service (school closed to pupils)
- 27th – Beauty & the Beast Panto – Letters to follow

December

- 8th – Cross country P4-7 tbc
- 14th – Carols in the church 2pm – All welcome
- 20th – Christmas lunch including pre-school children (menus will be sent home nearer the time)
- 21st – School Panto “Aladdin Trouble”
- 22nd – School Christmas Party – party food served at lunchtime

January

- 8th – Back to school