



# Crosshouse Primary School

## Newsletter

### February 2019

We are well into Term 2 and the learning experiences within classes continue to be wide and varied. From People Who Help Us in Primary 1 to Europe in Primary 7, with Space, Human Body and the Romans in the stages in between!

The recent snowy and icy weather has really shown us that winter is well and truly here. We continue to try our best to get the children out into the playground for break and lunch times, as long as it is not too icy and unsafe. Children are coming to school dressed for this weather, which is great, and means they can get out as long as it is safe to do so. Please ensure all extra items of clothing jackets, scarves, boots, gloves etc. are labelled with your child's name.

#### Outdoor Learning & Play

As part of our improvements in learning for sustainability and outdoor learning the children will be utilising all of our playground areas, including the grass. Please be aware that the grass can be muddy and we advise that children come to school with suitable footwear.

#### School Building Works

During the February break we made some changes to our school layout. Our sensory room has been relocated

downstairs and we are looking forward to purchasing some new sensory equipment. Our Room 1,2 and 3 cloakroom has moved and we have created a new indoor play area.



#### Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Miss Adams into our nursery class. Miss Adams is an Early Years Modern Apprentice and will be working in our Nursery Class.

Mrs Alexander in Room 2 is delighted to announce that she is expecting a baby. We look forward to meeting Baby Alexander in May.

#### Skills Academy

During our skills academies we practise many everyday skills. Recently we have noticed that many of our children would benefit from lots of practise in using a knife and fork. There are many items on our menu which require this skill and we would really appreciate your help with this. If possible, please encourage the use of a knife and fork at mealtimes. Thank you.



#### Art Competition

Your child has been issued with 'Art In The Woods' competition homework. We look forward to seeing lots of interesting entries.

#### Spotlight on Success Winners

Our winners for January are:

- Nursery - Mirren Lyall
- Room 1 - Aaron Kinchington
- Room 2 - Katie Bell
- Room 3 - Mikey Reed
- Room 4 - Daniel Ward
- Room 5 - Rudy McMillan
- Room 6 - Shay Knox
- Room 7 - Arran Lyall
- Room 8 - Lucy Knotts
- Room 9 - Murray Kilgarriff
- Room 10 - Elizabeth Oluwalagaba
- Room 11 - Adam Russell
- Room 12 - Stephen Orr
- Room 13 - Emma Pazi
- Room 14 - Emmanuel Oluwalagba
- Room 15 - Lewis Orton

Congratulations to our Spotlight winners!



#### Message from our Parent Council

At the last Parent Council meeting we discussed the cost of the school day where we looked at options to help each other out with some of the extra costs. As a result of the discussion we have set up a swap shop for fancy dress outfits for World book day. If you have any unwanted costumes, please hand them into the school office. These will then be available to purchase for a small cost for other parents. If this is successful, we will look to expand throughout the year to cover Christmas jumpers, Children in Need etc. Watch out for more information in the coming months.

We have an important date for your diary. The Parent Council have organised an internet safety evening for parents/ carers on

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm. This will be your opportunity to learn more about how we can keep our children safe and you will be able to ask questions to our experts.

There are many ways for you to contact us if you have any queries. You can use our Crosshouse Parent Council Facebook page, email us, put a comment in the suggestions folder on the Parent Council noticeboard or alternatively contact a member of the team.

Our next meeting is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.15**, all welcome.

**Claire Steele**

**Parent Council Chair**

#### Parents' Evening

You may be aware that we changed the timing of our parents' evening this year in repose to feedback from parents and carers. I will send out a short survey to capture your views of this change.

If there are any questions relating to the items in this newsletter or any other matters please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Isabelle Murray  
Head Teacher

### Dates for Your Diary

**Tuesday 19th February**  
Room 7 & 8 trip to Science Centre

**Wednesday 20th February**  
6.30pm Fundraising Committee meeting  
7.15pm Parent Council Meeting

**Wednesday 27th February**  
Football team out at tournament  
2.00pm Room 5 'Let's Learn Together' session - parents/carers invited along

**Thursday 28th February**  
Netball Team attending a tournament

**Thursday 7th March**  
World Book day - children can come dressed as favourite character

**Friday 15th March**  
Comic Relief

**Wednesday 20th March**  
Football team at tournament

**Thursday 21st March**  
2.00pm Room 11 Let's Learn Together session - parents/carers invited along

**Wednesday 27th March**  
6.30pm Health & Wellbeing Family Learning Event

**Friday 29th March**  
Non Uniform day  
2.30pm School closes

**Monday 1st April - Friday 12th April**  
Spring Break Holiday

**Monday 15th April**  
Back to school - Term 3 begins

**Friday 19th April & Monday 22nd April**  
School Closed - Easter weekend

**Tuesday 23rd April**  
P7 Trip to Dalguise

**Wednesday 24th April**  
6.30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting  
7.15pm Parent Council Meeting

**Monday 29th April**  
Term 3 clubs begin