

Crosshouse Primary School

Newsletter

April 2019



It is hard to believe that we are now in our final term of the school year. Where has the time gone? Fingers crossed we see the sunshine soon and we get lots of opportunities for learning and playing outside.

You will see in this newsletter that we have had lots of success at recent events. We are absolutely thrilled at the recent successes and achievements.

The final term is always a very busy one and I would ask that you pay particular attention to the 'Dates for Your Diary' section.

Staffing News

Mrs Alexander's maternity leave began on Monday 29th April. We wish Mrs Alexander well and look forward to meeting baby Alexander in May. Mrs Allison will teach in Room 2 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Green, a new member of staff will teach in Room 1 on Thursdays and Fridays.

We also welcome Mrs McLaughlin to Crosshouse this term. Mrs McLaughlin will teach in various classes, covering the class teacher's non class contact time.

Sporting School of The Year

We are absolutely delighted to win the Sporting School of the Year award for the East Kilbride and Strathaven area. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Dance Showcase

Well done and congratulations to our dance troupe who represented our school at the EK and Strathaven Dance Showcase. It was a great evening and our team put on a great show for the audience.

Daffodil Tea

Well done to our nursery class who raised over £800 for Marie Curie. This is a huge amount of money for a very worthy cause. Thank you for all the very generous donations. I have received a lovely letter from the Marie Curie fundraising team who were overwhelmed by the amount raised.



Duncanrig Creating Engineers Final



Congratulations to Calum and Reece who brought the Knex challenge trophy back to Crosshouse for the 2nd year in a row. Well done!

Duncanrig Maths Champions

Huge congratulations and well done to Arran, Michael, Zak and Oscar who were crowned Duncanrig Learning Community Maths Champions.

CONGRATULATIONS
to our
WINNERS!



School Lunches

Our new summer menu started on Tuesday 23rd April. Please take time to go over the menu with your child as there are a number of changes. Please note that the price of a meal for P4-P7 is now £1.70.

Breakfast Club

As of Monday 15th April there will be no charge for breakfast club.

Holidays

Our school will be closed on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th May (In-service day) We are also closed on Friday 24th May and Monday 27th May.

European Elections

The European elections will take place on **Thursday 23rd May 2019**.

The Election Office has advised that our school will be used as a Polling Station on **Thursday 23 May 2019** which therefore means that the school will be closed to pupils on this day.

This is the day prior to the May week-end holiday.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but as you are probably aware public buildings and some schools are used as local polling stations during elections.

Our P7s should still attend Duncanrig on Thursday 23rd May as originally planned as Duncanrig will be open.

Annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Our annual parent/carers questionnaire has been emailed out. Your views are very important as they help us to make changes and improvements, identify next steps and inform our School Improvement Plan. The questionnaire can be accessed via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/6HwukiU1FDFETHdd6>



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 23rd April

P7 Trip to Dalguise
10.15am Room 9 visiting Taylor Wimpey

Wednesday 24th April

6.30pm Fundraising Committee Meeting
7.15pm Parent Council Meeting

Monday 29th April

Term 3 clubs begin

Wednesday 1st May

Football team out

Thursday 2nd May

9.00am Nursery Stay & Play
1.00pm Nursery Stay & Play

Tuesday 7th May

In-service day - school closed to pupils

Wednesday 8th May

8.00am Room 15 to Sky Academy

Thursday 9th May

Netball Team Out

Friday 10th May

Fundraising Committee Quiz Night

Wednesday 22nd May

P7 visit to Duncanrig
New P1 Induction

Thursday 23rd May

P7 Visit to Duncanrig
School closed to pupils - European Election. School used as Polling station

Friday 24th May & Monday 27th May

School Holiday

Wednesday 29th May

6.30pm Internet Safety event - parents/carers only
Room 13, 14 & 15 Trip to Glasgow

Family holidays

As we enter the holiday season I have received a number of letters regarding family holidays during term time. Every effort should be made to ensure that your child attends school during term time. As per our policy the advice is as follows:

Family holidays should be avoided during term time as this both disrupts the child's education and reduces learning time. If holidays are taken during times when the school is open parents should inform the school in advance by letter.

If your child is taken on a family holiday during term time then this will be classified as an unauthorised absence. However, in exceptional circumstances schools may register a family holiday during term time as an authorised absence when, for example, parents are unable to obtain leave during the school holiday period.

We do not provide 'extra' work to be completed at home as children who are taken out of school miss the teaching input required to complete the work missed.

Dogs In Playground

I have received a number of complaints regarding dogs in the playground. Parents/carers are reminded that dogs are not permitted within school grounds under any circumstances.



No dogs

Thank you.

Message from Parent Council

The Parent Council have organised an internet safety evening for parents/carers on Wednesday 29th 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. Due to the nature of the information this session is for parents/carers only. This promises to be a very informative evening.

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.

Claire Steele, Chairperson

Dates for Your Diary cont.**Monday 3rd June**

Health week

Wednesday 5th June

Nursery, P1, P2 and P3 trip to Heads Of Ayr

6.30pm Writing Family Learning Event

Thursday 6th June

P1-3 Sports Day

1.30pm Races - parents/carers welcome to attend

Friday 7th June

P4-7 Sports Day

1.30pm Races - parents/carers welcome to attend

Tuesday 11th June

12.30pm Room 13 trip to Sky Academy (will return after 5pm)

Thursday 13th June

P7s visiting Modern Languages department at Duncanrig

Friday 14th June

Room 11 & 12 Trip to Sealife Centre, Loch Lomond

Tuesday 18th June

8.00am Room 14 trip to Sky Academy

6.30pm Curricular evening for new P1 Parents

Room 9 & 10 Trip to Summerlee

Wednesday 19th June Nursery Leavers Ceremony

P7 Party (evening)

Friday 21st June

Reports out to Parents/Carers

Saturday 22nd June

Summer Fun Day

Thursday 27th June

9.30am P7 Leavers and Awards ceremony

Friday 28th June

Non uniform day - pay £1

1.00pm School Closes

Parent Council Succession Planning

A number of our office bearers will come to the end of their 2 years of service in June. This means that we will be seeking to elect new office bearers at the AGM in June. If you are interested in getting involved in our Parent Council please contact any member of the council or school staff.

Family Quiz Night

Our Fundraising Committee have organised a Family quiz night on Friday 10th May. A separate letter with ticket information will be issued shortly but please keep the date free if you are interested in coming along.



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

Isabelle Murray

Mrs Isabelle Murray
Head Teacher

End Of Year School trips

We are in the process of booking summer school trips. Some trips have been confirmed and the dates are included in this newsletter.