

# Crosshouse Primary School

## Newsletter

### June 2019



How quickly time flies. I can't believe we are now in the last few weeks of this academic year.

Over the past few years there have been changes to education at a national level, linked to the Scottish Government's National Improvement Framework and Pupil Equity Funding. This will continue to have an impact on the work and developments within Crosshouse. This year we received £94,800 through Pupil Equity Funding which has been used on a number of interventions, all aimed at closing the attainment gap within our school. We have received £102,000 for session 2019/2020. Further information on how we plan to use this funding will be provided in the new term.

As you know we have employed an additional Physical Education teacher which has allowed class teachers to provide targeted support to groups of children, and this will continue next year.

This year we have worked hard to improve our Writing curriculum, as well as improving our approaches to anti-bullying and personalised support for learners. We have continued to develop our approaches to outdoor learning and family learning. We look forward to

continuing our family learning and engagement further next session. We will also be evaluating our curriculum rationale, improving our Health & Wellbeing, Science and Social Subjects curriculum.

#### Celebrating Success

We have continued to excel in our achievements and success this month. We seriously need to invest in a bigger trophy cabinet!

Michael, Oscar, Zak and Aaron, our maths team, won the overall South Lanarkshire Enterprising Maths competition. A fantastic achievement!

Our girls football team returned with gold medals after competing in a tournament last week. Well done team!

Huge congratulations to Calum & Reece who took part in the Creating Young Engineers competition at Glasgow University. The duo came first in the Duncanrig challenge, 2nd in the regional final, before making it through to the Glasgow University finals. Calum & Reece attended the South Lanarkshire Education awards ceremony in recognition of their achievements.

After winning Sporting School of the Year for the East Kilbride and Strathaven area we were invited to attend the South

Lanarkshire finals. Although we did not win the overall prize, we were extremely proud to attend the event.

Miss Ashwood and 3 P6 pupils will attend an Enterprise Awards ceremony in Edinburgh this week. I have a feeling that another award is making it's way to Crosshouse.

#### Health Week

We had a great time during health week and took part in a wide range of activities. A huge thank you to Mrs Wright and her team for organising such an action packed week.

#### End Of Term Fun Day

Unfortunately our Fundraising Committee have been let down by the company booked to provide the inflatables for our fun day on Saturday and as a result, have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel it.

We hope to plan an event early in the new term.

Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.



#### Classes and Staffing

Next year we will have 13 mainstream classes and 2 supported classes.

We are delighted to welcome 2 new teachers to our school, who will be visiting the school in the next few weeks in preparation for starting with us in August.

I hope to inform you of your child's class for next session before the end of term. This class may be subject to change as our numbers can change on a daily basis as we have families moving into new housing in the area. At the moment our class configuration is as follows:

Nursery - Miss Connolly

Room 1 - P1 - Mrs Wright

Room 2 - P1 - Mrs Allison (Mon-Wed) & Mrs McDougall (Thurs/Fri)

Room 3 - P2 - Miss Ferguson

Room 4 - Miss McKane

Room 5 - Mrs Guy & Mrs Sprott

Room 6 - P1/2 - Mrs Curran & Mrs McKenna (2 teachers)

Room 7 - P3 Mrs McDougall

Room 8 - P3 Miss Fell

Room 9 - P4 Mrs Noon

Room 10 - P4/5 Miss Thuan

Room 11 - P5 Mrs Mason

Room 12 - P5/6 Miss Muir

Room 13 - P6 Mr Wu

Room 14 - P6/7 Miss Smith & Miss Slesser (2 teachers)

Room 15 P7 Mrs Queen

Mr Connelly Traynor, will teach in various classes across the school and Mrs Doig will continue as our PE teacher.

Our senior management structure:

Mrs Murray - Head Teacher

Mrs Tolland - Depute Head Teacher (Nursery, P1 & P2)

Miss Ashwood - Acting Depute Head Teacher (P4 & P5)

Mr Owens - Acting Depute Head Teacher (P6 & P7)

Mrs McDougall - Acting Principal Teacher (All P3s)

Mrs Guy - Principal Teacher (Rooms 4 & 5)

Mrs Sprott—Acting Principal Teacher

## Dates for Your Diary

### 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

10.00am Nursery Leavers Ceremony

6.30pm P7 Beach Party

6.30pm Parent Council AGM

### Thursday 20th June

South Lanarkshire Athletics Finals

### Friday 21st June

Reports out to Parents/Carers

1.30pm Parent Support Group

### Saturday 22nd June

11am - 2pm 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

### Thursday 15th August

Pupils return to school

### Wednesday 21st August

3.00pm Room 4 & 5 'Meet The Teacher'

### Thursday 22nd August

3.00pm Room 3 'Meet The Teacher'

### Friday 23rd August

3.00pm Room 7 & 8 'Meet The Teacher'

### Tuesday 27th August

3.00pm Room 13 & 14 'Meet The Teacher'

### Wednesday 28th August

3.00pm Room 9 & 10 'Meet The Teacher'

### Thursday 29th August

3.00pm Room 11 & 12

### Tuesday 3rd September

3.00pm Rooms 1,2 & 6 'Meet The Teacher'

### Thursday 5th September

3.00pm Room 15 'Meet The Teacher'

**Spotlight Awards**

Our winners for May are:

Nursery: Lewis Whinnery  
 Room 1: Lily McGhee  
 Room 2: Robbie Kennedy  
 Room 3: Deri Brodie  
 Room 4: Jack Hamilton  
 Room 5: Christopher Muir  
 Room 6: Abbie Fullarton  
 Room 7: Liam Jamieson  
 Room 8: Callum Carey  
 Room 9: Euan Baxter  
 Room 10: Fraser Barker  
 Room 11: Alfie Hall  
 Room 12: Lucas Tinsley  
 Room 13: Kahleia Forrest  
 Room 14: Callum McGregor  
 Room 15: Adrienne McDonald & Taylor Black

**First Day Back**

The children return to school on Thursday 15th August. Please be aware of the following entry and exit points:

Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 6 enter and exit via infant playground.

Rooms 7 & 8 enter via infant playground and exit via green stairs door at front of school, near bike shed.

Room 4 enter via infant playground and exit via green stairs exit.

Room 5 enter via upper school playground and exit via green stairs exit.

Rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 & 15 enter and exit via upper school playground at the back of the school.

**Oor Wullie 's Big Bucket Trail**

Thanks to Emma & Emily (& their mum) from Room 12 we got involved with the Oor Wullie Big Bucket Trail this year. The project involved creating and designing an Oor Wullie sculpture. The children in Room 12 came up with lots of designs and a winning design was chosen. Brooke's Popcorn Wullie was the winner and her design was inspired by her love of watching films and eating popcorn on cinema visits with her family and friends. Room 12 helped paint the sculpture and bring Brooke's design to life.

You can get involved by following the trail around Glasgow and other host cities. There is even an Oor Wullie Bucket Trail app. Popcorn Wullie is located in the Mitchel library in Glasgow. Funds raised through the trail will support children's hospital charities including Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity.

**Goodbye and Good luck**

I would like to wish our P7s the very best of luck as they embark on their journey to secondary school. It never ceases to amaze me how fast time goes by and I look forward to sharing many happy memories with you all at our P7 leavers' ceremony. Well done and thank you to all our P7 children and their families.

We also say goodbye to some of our nursery children and their families as they move onto primary school. Best wishes and good luck.

As you know we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Agnew at the end of term, as she is retiring. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Agnew for all her hard work and wish her a long and happy retirement.

We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Stevenson & Miss Carbery at the end of term as both of them have been appointed as permanent class teachers at Hareleeshill Primary in Larkhall. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Stevenson and Miss Carbery for their hard work and commitment to Crosshouse during the past year.

**Message from Claire Steele, Parent Council Chair**

We would like to give a special thank you to Mr Obre from Duncanrig Secondary School and our community Police Officer Barry for running such an informative Internet Safety Event. The information they shared is so critical to helping us keep our children safe online. For those of you that could not attend, you will find additional links to the 'Think You Know' website on the school website and the Parent Council Facebook page.

We are fast approaching the end of the school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parent Council for all they have done over the last year.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm (please note the change of time) and everyone is welcome to attend. Why not come and find out what the Parent Council have been working on this last year on your behalf.

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 the AGM- **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm** all welcome.

**Reflection**

It has been a very successful year for us at Crosshouse Primary with many highlights. We have provided lots of extra curricular activities, won countless awards and were awarded 'Sporting School of The Year.' We have worked closely with members of our community including our friends at Lindsayfield Lodge Care Home. We had a fantastic Nativity and Carols Concert, Burns' Celebration as well as numerous fundraising events.

I am very pleased to report that our overall attainment levels in Reading, Writing, Listening & Talking and numeracy have continued to improve and almost all are well above the South Lanarkshire and National averages.

Everyday we work very hard to achieve our vision by modelling our values and embracing the principles of Curriculum for Excellence. Our vision at Crosshouse is that everyone will achieve success for today and be prepared for tomorrow by attaining, believing and achieving.

I am very proud to be the Head Teacher of Crosshouse Primary and extremely grateful to be part of a fantastic team and a great school community. We have very high expectations of our children as individuals and work tirelessly to provide high quality teaching and learning opportunities.

We are looking forward to building on the improvements we have made this year, and working in partnership with all of you as we continue on our journey to excellence.

On behalf of all the staff at Crosshouse Primary I would like to thank you for your support during a very successful year and wish you all a relaxing summer break.

Yours Sincerely

**Isabelle Murray**  
**Head Teacher**



## Term Dates

### August 2019

In-service (school closed to pupils) Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
Pupils Return: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

### September 2019

September Weekend. School closed:  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September & Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### October 2019

October break. School Closed:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### November 2019

In-service Days (closed to pupils): Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### December 2019/January 2020

Christmas/New Year:  
School closes Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. School reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### February 2020

February break. School closed Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February & Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
In-service Day (closed to pupils) Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February & Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### March/April 2020

Spring Break. School closes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.30pm. School reopens Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### May 2020

May Day (school closed) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
In-service (closed to pupils) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Local Holiday (school closed) Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020

### June 2020

Summer break. School closes at 1pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.