

Crosshouse Primary School

Newsletter

January 2020



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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 15th January

Room 14 Trip to Science Centre
6.30pm Fundraising Committee
6.30pm Dalguise Information Evening
7.15pm Parent Council

Friday 17th January

12 Noon Athletics team out at event
2.00pm Room 1 & 2 'Let's Learn Together' Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Thursday 23rd January

Netball team out at Netball festival

Friday 24th January

1.30pm P4-7 Burns Assembly. P4-7 parents/carers welcome to attend

Friday 31st January

P7 visit Duncanrig—volleyball

Monday 3rd February

Term 2 Clubs begin

Tuesday 4th February

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.15pm Parent Council

Friday 7th February

In-service Day - children do not attend

Monday 10th February & Tuesday 11th February

School Holiday

Wednesday 12th February

In-service Day - children do not attend

Thursday 13th February

Valentines disco - P1- 3 6pm - 7pm
P4 - 7 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Wednesday 19th February

9.30am Room 14 Let's Learn Together' Parents/carers welcome to attend.
1.30pm Room 13 Let's Learn Together' Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 26th February

12 noon - Football team attending festival

Thursday 27th February

12 noon Netball team attending festival

Tuesday 3rd March

6.30pm family Learning Event

Thursday 5th March

World Book day
1.45pm Room 3 Let's Learn Together' Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Happy New Year

On behalf of all the staff here at Crosshouse Primary we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Christmas events. I am sure you will agree that our children did a marvellous job entertaining our large audiences.



Staffing News

Mrs Miller who worked in our office has moved to a new school in Stirling which is much closer to home for her. We are in the process of recruiting a support staff team leader who will be based in our school office.

Miss McIntyre will work in Room 5 on Thursdays & Fridays to cover for Mrs Sprott who left at the end of last term.

A very warm welcome to Mr Rafferty who will be teaching in Room 7 on Fridays to allow Mrs McDougall to undertake her Acting Principal Teacher remit.

P1 Enrolment

It has been lovely to welcome our new Primary 1 children and their families to our school this week. We are looking forward to helping them prepare for school as we begin our transition to school programme.

Uniform / Gym Shoes

Due to a dramatic increase in online uniform sales we will no longer stock uniform items in school. Items can be purchased from the Scotcrest website or the Scotcrest uniform shop in Hamilton.

Can I gently remind everyone that our school uniform colours are red and navy blue. We try very hard to encourage children to wear our uniform and your support is greatly appreciated. A number of children have returned after the break without gym shoes. Can you please check that your child has gym shoes to wear indoors.

It is great to see so many of our children wearing a shirt and tie to school. Please remember that we encourage children to wear a shirt and tie on the days they do not have PE.

Rainbow Room

We are delighted to announce that one of our therapy rooms has been converted into a Nurture room. This room will be known as the Rainbow Room. Our aim is to provide a safe and caring environment where children are able to develop confidence, develop resilience, develop social and communication skills, develop positive relationships, develop key skills they can learn at home and at school, understand and talk about their emotions and work at their own pace, when they are ready. We have 4 members of staff who have specialist qualifications in Nurture who will work with small groups of children who we feel would benefit from this work. Please be advised that parents/carers will be contacted by school staff if we feel your child would benefit from this intervention.



Spotlight on Success Winners

Our winners for December are:

Nursery - Ruaridh Smith
Room 1 - Lucas Hendry
Room 2 - James Duff
Room 3 - Lewis Kennedy
Room 4 - Ciaran Kilpatrick
Room 5 - Jay Cole
Room 6 - Paige Hamilton
Room 7 - Kira Fisher
Room 8 - Beth Chapman
Room 9 - Harvey Baxter
Room 10 - Lucy Knotts
Room 11 - Paige Harkin
Room 12 - Leah Griffin
Room 13 - Jack Shields
Room 14 - Cian Knox
Room 15 - Angus Wilkinson

Congratulations to our Spotlight winners!



Robert Burns Assembly

We will hold our annual Burns Assembly on Friday 24th January at 1.30pm Our P4-7s will lead the assembly. Due to the high audience numbers attending school events we will issue tickets (no charge) for this event. A separate letter has been issued.



Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Many thanks to the 42 parents/carers who have completed our recent survey. Your feedback and suggestions are very important to us. We will send out the results and our responses with this newsletter.

A New Year! A few important reminders!**Infant Gate**

Parents/carers are reminded that the infant gate will close promptly at the 9.00am bell. Children coming to school after this time should enter via the main entrance. School starts at 9am when the children are asked to line up and not when the classes enter the building. Children arriving anytime after 9am will be marked late. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Playground Supervision

Playground supervision starts at 8.45am every morning and therefore children should not be left unattended before 8.45am. Parents/carers are asked to pass this information on to child-minders, grandparents and out of school care. When the weather is particularly bad children will be allowed into the school building at 8.45am.

Visitors

All visitors must report to the main office before entering the school. We ask all parents/carers and family members not to approach children in the playground until we are able to verify identity. Our janitor and support staff in the playground will direct all visitors to the main office.

Parking

I have received a significant number of complaints regarding parking and as a result had a very productive meeting with our local police officers who will be carrying out routine checks in and around our school.

The safety of our children will always be our main priority.

Parents/carers are reminded that parking is not permitted in the drop off zone before 9.00am under any circumstances. **Drivers must not leave their car unattended.** We would like to encourage parents/carers and children to park and stride to school.

Drivers should also note that parking in the access road to the school causes congestion as drivers enter and exit the school with only one lane available. We have witnessed children crossing the access road and getting into cars whilst the cars are double parked on the double yellow lines. We also advise that children exit a car directly onto a pavement and not between parked cars or onto oncoming traffic.

Parking on the double yellow lines on the road into the school and on the zig zag lines is strictly prohibited and our local parking attendants and local police officers will be carrying out spot checks. Please be aware that should there be an emergency, emergency vehicles could not enter or exit the school when cars are parked on the double yellow lines.

Many thanks to the vast majority of drivers who understand and adhere to our parking restrictions.

Contact Information

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to contact information including new mobile telephone numbers of parents/carers and emergency contacts.

Bikes

As a health promoting school we actively encourage children to walk, cycle or even scoot to school. Children who bring a bike or scooter to school are welcome to use the shed at the infant gate for storage during the school day. Bikes and scooters left in the shed must have a working safety lock or chain. Thank you.

**Outdoor Learning**

Many classes this year will be making the most of the local environment to enhance learning experiences. The annual permission slip which was issued in August asks for permission for your child to walk in the immediate local area. We will not letter parents to advise if classes are accessing the immediate local area if all children have permission. We will continue to issue letters advising parents/carers if pupils are travelling by bus or further afield. I would ask that children are appropriately dressed for the weather each morning so they can access the outdoors.

**Dates for Your Diary****Tuesday 10th March**

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.15pm Parent Council

Thursday 12th March

1.45pm Room 6 Let's Learn Together'
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Tuesday 17th March

1.30pm Room 15 Let's Learn Together'
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 19th March

12 noon Football team attending festival

Thursday 19th March

Parents' Evening

Monday 23rd March

Nursery daffodil Dawdle

Tuesday 24th March

2.00pm Room 12 Let's Learn Together'
Parents/carers welcome to attend.

Wednesday 25th March

Nursery Daffodil tea

Thursday 26th March

2.00pm Room 11 Let's Learn Together' Parents/
carers welcome to attend.

Friday 3rd April

Non Uniform Day

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April

Spring Break Holiday

Tuesday 21st April - Friday 24th April

P7 Residential trip to Dalguise

Wednesday 29th April

Duncarig Information Evening for parents/carers
and children.

Wednesday 6th May

12 noon Football team attending festival

Thursday 7th May

In-service Day - school closed to pupils

Friday 8th May

School holiday

Monday 11th May

Term 3 clubs begin

Tuesday 12th May

6.30pm Fundraising Committee
7.15pm Parent Council

Cost Of The School Day

As a school we are conscious of the expense involved in sending your child to school, whether it is outings, uniform or even lunches and snacks. As such, and in line with South Lanarkshire Council's guidance, this session we have been reviewing and reducing the costs where possible. We have produced a Cost of The School Day Position statement, which aims to reduce the costs for families sending children to school. To date, here are the steps we have taken this session:

- Cost of School Day awareness raising with Parent Council and Fundraising Committee
- All trips & excursions subsidised by the school
- P5 swimming is subsidised by the school
- Free breakfast club runs daily
- P7 Residential trip subsidised by the school.
- No charge for extra curricular clubs.
- More lunch time clubs rather than after school, to save the cost of double-running for families returning to collect children from after school clubs.
- Swap shops introduced for school uniform, Halloween costumes, World Book Day costumes.
- Reduction in the number of charity days. Limited to 2 charities per year. The amounts suggested as donations are kept to a low amount.
- Options offered for dress up/dress down days which do not result in

spending.

- Purchasing coloured bibs for sports day so that families do not need to purchase coloured T-shirts

We will continue to work with our Parent Council and Fundraising committee on more ways we can reduce the cost of the school day.

Composite Classes & Educational Excursions/Trips

Children in all classes will follow programmes constructed to help them progress at their own level, regardless of whether or not they are in a composite or single stage class. Teachers group children of similar learning ability for learning and teaching purposes in all classes and are trained to adapt their teaching methods to meet the needs of all children.

As a school we will make every effort to involve children of any one year group in activities which bring them all together, when it is appropriate to do so. However, it is also important that the natural identity of each class is enhanced and maintained.

Learners derive a great deal of educational benefit from taking part in excursions/visits as they provide an opportunity to undergo experiences not available in the classroom or other learning environment. Educational excursions are planned and organised by class teachers but it is the role of the Head Teacher to approve all requests for an excursion / visit and to make the final decision on whether an excursion proceeds. All excursions must have appropriate educational aims and fit with the current context of learning of the

class.

At times it is not possible for whole year groups to attend the same excursion as it does not fit with the context of learning being studied at the time.

We aim to take classes on at least 2 trips in the academic year. Children will experience a summer trip in the last term and one which relates to the context or topic being studied.

Should you have any questions relating to composite classes or educational excursions please contact Mrs Murray.

Head Lice

Head lice are very common in children. They do not have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can't be prevented but we ask parents/carers to regularly check their child's head as early detection and treatment is very important.

**Message from Our Parent Council**

It's hard to believe that we are now into term 2 and the Parent Council hopes that you all had a good Christmas and New Year. We hope that you all enjoyed the festive activities at Crosshouse as much as we did.

On behalf of the Parent Council and the wider parent/carer group we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our fundraising committee for another successful Christmas Fayre. The fundraising committee's hard work and commitment was more than apparent and paid off with a fantastic amount raised. There will be further events coming up please continue to offer your support it's is greatly appreciated.

The Parent Council will continue to work on their improvement plan and we hope to engage parents on this. Any suggestions on how to engage the wider parent group would be gratefully received. New members are always welcome and we'd encourage anyone who is interested in

coming along to approach any member of the council for further information. In addition if you have any issues you wish raised at a future meeting please get in touch. Updates are regularly available on the Parent Council Facebook page.

I hope you are all settling back into the school routine and enjoy the mid term break when it arrives.

Lisa Leslie

Parent Council
Vice Chair

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

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