

# Crosshouse Primary School



## Newsletter April/May 2020



I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

I am sure, like me you wake up some mornings and still can't quite believe how our lives have changed in recent weeks.

Never did I imagine that I would be deleting our Term 4 events from our newsletter. However, the priority for us all remains the health and wellbeing of our children, their families, our staff and our wider community.

I want to sincerely thank you all for your patience in adapting to the changes, particularly in relation to supporting your child's learning at home.

### Home Learning

Guidance around our approaches to home learning was issued via email following the Spring break. I want to reiterate that our children should complete whatever work they are able to do, there is no expectation that children will complete all tasks set. The challenge is to "see what you can manage" rather than "here's what you have to do." We will continue to provide a weekly overview of learning but tasks will be posted onto the Google

Classroom on a daily basis. This is in line with current guidance, feedback from staff and feedback from some of our families. We are aware that this may not suit everyone and we understand that each household is different with varying degrees of demands and challenges at this time. If we can provide any help and support please do not hesitate to get in touch via our office email address.

Thank you to our parents/carers who have been in touch already. Your feedback, positive comments and suggestions are very much appreciated.

### Parent/Carer Contact

Please be aware that if a member of staff calls you then this may appear as 'unknown' or 'no caller ID.' If you do not answer then we will endeavour to leave a message, indicating when we will call back.

Please be advised that school staff can not respond to parents/carers via Google Classroom as the login details and account belong to your child. Please use the office email address to contact school staff. Thank you.

### Transitions

You will be aware that at this time of year there is a culmination of events to support transition from nursery to primary and primary to secondary. At the moment we are working closely with colleagues from nurseries and secondary schools to plan new transitions activities which will support children and young people as they move to new establishments. Our P7s received a letter from Duncanrig Secondary this week and the Duncanrig Captains posted a reassuring video on Twitter for our P7s. Our new P1s will also receive transition information this week.

If you any questions regarding transition or would like to speak to a member of staff please get in touch.

### Classes for Next Year

Due to the uncertainty around when we will return to school we are not in a position, as yet, to confirm the number of classes and staffing we will have for next year. As soon as I receive further guidance and have any further information I will let you know.

### P7 Dalguise Residential Trip

A number of parents/carers have contacted me regarding refunds for the Dalguise residential trip. We have been advised that South Lanarkshire Council are currently working on identifying processes and timescales on behalf of all establishments. As soon as I receive further information I will let our P7 parents/carers know. Your patience regarding this is very much appreciated.

### Placing Requests

Due to the operational consequences of COVID-19, the Scottish Government has extended the deadline of letting parents/carers know the outcome of placing requests to 31st May 2020. South Lanarkshire Council are working to have decisions sent out around 18th May 2020.

### School Holiday

Please be advised that classwork will not be posted on Friday 22nd May & Monday 25th May as this is a long holiday weekend.



### Message from Carol Gillies, Parent Council Chairperson

First of all I hope that you are safe and healthy. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the entire Crosshouse staff for all the work that is going into supporting both the children and adults in these strange days of Home Learning. I can only imagine the mammoth organisation that goes into Google Classrooms, often while looking after their own families as well. Thank you so much.

Please keep checking the Parent Council Facebook page as we update it with all the messages and emails that come from the school as well as posting links and ideas that I come across for keeping the children occupied.

If you are struggling to find information on a topic you want, please get in touch as between us all in the parent forum we can usually find some resources.

Stay well, stay home when possible and I hope to see you soon.

Regards

Carol Gillies, Chairperson

### Reports

Our teachers are currently writing progress reports. We hope to get reports out to parents/carers before Friday 19th June as this was our original date for distribution.



### Spotlight on Success Winners

Our winners for April are:

Nursery - Ross Todd & Jamie van Henten  
Room 1 - Izak Eggleton  
Room 2 - Calum Barker  
Room 3 - Robbie Kennedy  
Room 4 - Caleb Hughes  
Room 5 - Daniel Ward  
Room 6 - Adam Clare  
Room 7 - Arran Lyall  
Room 8 - Emily Nicholson  
Room 9 - Sam Bradley  
Room 10 - Harrison Cornelius  
Room 11 - Grace Ballantyne  
Room 12 - Fraser Barker  
Room 13 - Geo Dingwall  
Room 14 - Cristian Silvast  
Room 15 - Cailin Haughey

### Staffing

Congratulations to Miss Bell who gave birth to baby Liam in March. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Alexander back to work following her maternity leave. Miss Slessor will begin her maternity leave at the end of May and we wish her well as she prepares for her new arrival. Mrs Alexander will cover the class teacher responsibilities for Room 14 along with Miss Smith.

Finally, thank you for support and patience during this time and special thanks to our parents and carers who are providing essential services. We are extremely proud to have you in our school community.

I hope that we all continue to stay safe and well.

**Mrs Murray  
Head Teacher**