

# Craigiebarns Primary School

## Newsletter

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I hope you all had a good October holiday. We are looking forward to another successful term of learning and fun with the children.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

We remind you that only parents/carers of P1 and P2 children should be in the playground. Please keep to 2m social distancing from other households in the playground and the entrances and exits to the school. We also kindly ask that where possible parents/carer wear masks inside the school grounds.

Please do not approach any member of staff or come to the main reception unless you are wearing a face covering.

### Parents' Evenings

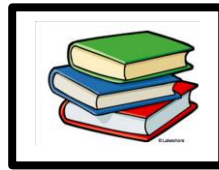
Due to the pandemic we are unfortunately unable to hold parent's evenings this term as we would normally do. We will therefore be sending home an interim report to communicate with you about how your child/children have settled in back at school and how they are progressing with learning. This will come home some time week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Should you wish to discuss any of this please phone the school on 01382 438840.

In addition to this we are going to be sending home a learning log which will contain a snapshot of the work your child has been doing during one week of each term. Further information will come out with the learning log when it comes home.

### **Reading Schools Award**

We are very excited to be working towards The Scottish Book Trust Reading Schools Award. We will share our progress on Dojo and hope to involve parents/carers in some of this work.

We are also pleased to support Siobhan McKenzie with a virtual Usborne Book Fayre which she would normally hold at our Parents Evenings. More information will come out about this next week.



### **Staffing Information**

Mrs Findlater continues in her role as Acting Depute Head Teacher. The permanent post has now been advertised and I will update you when an appointment has been made.

We welcome Mrs Lumley and Miss Davidson back to the school as they return from their maternity leaves. They will now teach P2 for the remainder of this session.

We also welcome a new Primary and Early Years Support Assistant, Mr Michael Davidson. As well as supporting children in class Mr Davidson will also be in the playground at playtime and lunchtime.

### **Edible Garden**

- As a school we are aware of the positive impact the work carried out by our Parent Partnership in our edible garden has on children's learning and wellbeing. We want to particularly recognise the commitment of Claire Holland who continues to lead this project even though her child is now of secondary school age. It has been brilliant to see this work now recognised both by the awards from this year's Culture Street competitions and by the article in the Take Pride in our City October Newsletter.
- We are very grateful for all of the work done in partnership with parents and friends of Craigiebarns and are really missing this important part of our school community. We hope it will not be long before we are back working together.





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Dates for you Diary 2020-2021

There may be further dates to add at a later date.

19.10.20	Return to school
22.10.20	Flu Immunisations
30.10.20	Fancy dress/Non uniform day
13.11.20	In-service Day 3 (school closed to children)
14.12.20	Christmas Party week
17.12.20	Virtual Panto Cinderella
23.12.20	Last Day of Term and start of Christmas Holidays
07.01.21	Return to school
12.02.21	Midterm holiday
15.02.21	Midterm holiday
16.02.21	Inservice Day 4 (school closed to children)
01.04.21	Last day of term and start of Easter holidays
19.04.21	Back to school
03.05.21	May Day holiday
06.05.21	Inservice day 5 (school closed to children)
31.05.21	Victoria Day Holiday
25.06.20	Last Day of term - Finish at 12 noon

Children can come to school in fancy dress or non-uniform. Can we please ask that costumes are not too scary including masks. We also ask that children do not come to school wearing face paints which can be messy and uncomfortable for a full day at school.

We will update you as the year goes on with what events we will be able to hold. At present we can't hold any performances etc.

#### Virtual Assembly

Every fortnight we will be doing a virtual assembly which the whole school watch at the same time on a Friday afternoon. Our focus for this is to celebrate wider achievement, promote wellbeing and to develop the children's understanding of our Vision, Values and Aims so that they permeate all that we do. We will also focus on current worldwide events.

#### Wellbeing

Through surveys we have been asking the children how they are feeling on their return to school. This has allowed for our School and Family Development worker, Natalie to spend time with those children who have communicated that they are feeling anxious. All staff have been supporting children to feel safe in school.

#### Pupil Equity Fund (PEF) and School Improvement

We continue to focus on raising attainment in numeracy and literacy. We have additional staff to support this through PEF. We have also bought a new Scottish Curriculum Numeracy Resource and continue to resource conceptual understanding strategies.

Reminder – All P4-7 school dinners must be paid by ParentPay in advance or on the day wherever possible.

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