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Newsletter 1 Session 2017 – 2018

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Another term gone in a blink

The busy curriculum of a modern primary school means that there is no time to be bored.

All classes made a successful transition to the current session. The new primary one children are settled well, although not quite seasoned primary pupils yet.

Crombie's 40th Birthday

We were delighted to have a day of celebrations yesterday (see the photo gallery attached to this newsletter). Much thanks is owed to the pupils, staff and the dedicated volunteers who made it such a successful day.



Commemorative tea towels, produced by the PTA are still available to buy from the school administrative staff at any time during office hours (8:30 am to 4:00 pm). They cost £5 each (cheques made payable to Crombie School PTA)

Care Inspectorate Visit

Our nursery had an unannounced visit from the Care Inspectorate very recently. We believe that the visit went well and look forward to the report which we should receive soon after the holidays.

Start of the School day

Staff are evaluating the effectiveness of the so called soft start to the school day and comparing it with the option of having the children line up as they do at the end of break times.

Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre (ALEC)

The ALEC van visited Crombie last week. All classes worked with the ALEC teacher on appropriate aspects of health and wellbeing.

In Classes



P4 have been learning about Scotland while P2 have been using Katie Morag as a context. P4 wrote stories about Katie Morag especially for P2 and then came through to read them. P2 loved the experience.



P3 workshop on nocturnal animals at Techfest

Mastering symmetry in P3

Sharing the Learning through Class Blogs

A class blog is one of many ways in which you are kept informed of what is going on in school. Please ask your children for their log-in details so that you can view and respond to the blogs; we can all have a role in making these blogs interactive.

To make access more efficient, information from visiting teachers is included within the main class blogs.

House Captains



P7 pupils voted for House Captains. The successful candidates were:

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Arnhall:	Callum Forbes	Samuel Douglas
Carnie:	Eve Murray	Lily Ogilvie
Leddach:	Hannah Morrison	Sam Coker
Morven:	Adam Taticek	Macy Munro

Staffing

Claire Mutch will join our nursery as an Early Years Practitioner from the 30th of October.



Investigating the colours of autumn leaves to inform descriptive writing in P5Y

PTA

The PTA raises valuable finance towards key resources for the school. In the process, the members organise events which have a social and ethos-building role as well.

To get involved with the PTA committee, or to volunteer to help with any event, contact the PTA on crombieschoolpta@gmail.com

PTA updates are available from several sources. For those on Facebook, please like the PTA page – Crombie Primary School. Details of forthcoming events and any other important information will be posted on the noticeboard just inside the main school door.

School Photographer – The Tempest photographer produced another set of high quality photographs. Orders must now be made online for any photos as the envelope has now been sent from the school.

Westhill Community Survey

Some of our School Chaplains from Skene Parish Church have put together a survey for parents of the Westhill Community and surrounding areas. They are trying to find out how they can develop and expand their current children and families work further into the community. They want to explore new areas including looking at how important faith is to people in our Community today. They would very much value your taking part in the survey and passing it on to friends, family and others. They want to do the best for our community, children and families and look forward to hearing from you.

Link to survey: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfz2He5iBnKuOpwkyOvMrT1rZf_rt-lqfWTEzcFrwNPCMSoAw/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions or would like to find out more please contact Fiona Murison at developmentworker13@gmail.com

The church provides our access to Fischy Music which can help us at assemblies.

In Class



P2W were looking for the amenities we have in Westhill and, while out on the walk, we posted letters which we had addressed ourselves - in the Golden Postbox. We didn't know why there was a golden post box ...but we do now!.

Sharing Pupil Progress and Achievement with Parents

Your participation in the recent parent-teacher consultations was, as usual, very near one hundred percent. The next key event in sharing the learning will be the open learning afternoon on Tuesday, 21st November.

Restorative Approaches

These are central to our developing policy on promoting positive behavior through positive relationships and anti-bullying practice.

Pupil Council

The new Council members have discussed ideas from the suggestions box, keeping free from litter, and possible charities.

Poppy Scotland will be the first major charity to be supported; details will follow soon from the Pupil Council. Poppies will be sold before the eleventh. Subsequent events will include Children in Need (Friday, 17th November) and a joint fund raiser for Sports Relief and Lots of Socks for World Down's Syndrome Awareness in March, 2015

Parentzone Scotland

www.parentzonescotland.com is a unique website for parents from early years to beyond school. There are many clear explanations of developments in education. Jargon is avoided or explained. Have a look, for a better understanding of the Curriculum for Excellence.

National Improvement Framework (NIF)

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Education/Schools/NationalImprovementFramework>

The Scottish Government NIF is a major influence on school improvement; in particular, the emphasis on closing the gap in achievement between children from different backgrounds.

Extra-curricular activities

Please contact school staff if you have an interest or skill which could be developed as an extra-curricular activity with your support and leadership. The usual PVG checks will be needed.

This session, netball has been re-introduced

Running, football, chess, and eco-group are all on offer. We welcome your suggestions and support for additional activities.

PE Kit

Please remember that pupils should have a PE kit in school from Monday to Friday inclusive.

Ideally, the kit would include separate pairs of footwear for indoor and outdoor PE

Library Volunteers

The refurbished library is taking shape thanks to the successful efforts of a core group of volunteers. Funding from the PTA and Parent Council was crucial to the development. We now aim to add to the stock of non-fiction books.

Peanuts and Peanut Products

A school with the number of children that there is in Crombie will have some who have allergies to different degrees. To keep to a minimum the chances of an allergic reaction, it is important that we avoid peanut products in school, so no peanut butter sandwiches or anything with peanuts even as a lesser part of a product.

Children are not allowed to share snacks, and we do not accept birthday cakes or other items to share out.

Sportscotland School Sport Award – Bronze for Crombie

This award recognises a school commitment to physical education and sport. Crombie is successful again at bronze level for 2107.

School Closures – notification because of adverse weather, etc.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Hepburn".

Henry Hepburn
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary**Crombie School, 13th October, 2017**

Friday, 13 October, 2017	Last Day of Term 1 – school closes
Monday, 30th October, 2017	First day of Term 2 – school opens
Wednesday, 1 st November, 2017	P7 trip to Gordon Highlander Museum
Wednesday, 1 st November, 2017	PTA meeting, Crombie School 7pm
Monday, 6 th November, 2017	Flu immunisations (details to follow)
Monday, 6 th November, 2017	Parent Council Meeting 7:00 pm Crombie School
Tuesday, 7 th November, 2017	Flu immunisations (details to follow)
Wednesday, 8 th November, 2017	P1 and P7 class Photographs - Tempest
Monday, 13th November, 2017	In-service day 2 – School closed to pupils only
Tuesday, 14th November, 2017	In-service day 3 – School closed to pupils only
Tuesday, 21 st November, 2017	Sharing the Learning Open afternoon (details to follow)
Friday, 22nd December, 2017	Last day of term 2 – school closes
Monday, 8th January, 2018	First day of term 3 – school opens
Thursday, 8th February, 2018	Occasional day – school closed
Friday, 9th February, 2018	Occasional day – school closed
Monday, 12th February, 2018	Local holiday – school closed
Tuesday, 13th February, 2018	In-service day 4 – School closed to pupils only
Wednesday, 14th February, 2018	In-service day 5 – School closed to pupils only
Thursday, 22 March, 2018	Sharing the Learning Open afternoon (details to follow)
Thursday, 29th March, 2018	Last day of term 3 – school closes
Friday, 30th March, 2018	Holiday – school closed
Monday, 16th April, 2018	First day of term 4 – school opens
Tuesday, 1 st May, 2018	Parent Teacher Consultations 5:00 to 7:20 pm
Thursday, 3 rd May, 2018	Parent Teacher Consultations 4:00 to 6:20 pm
Monday, 7th May, 2018	May Day Holiday – school closed
Friday, 6th July, 2018	Last day of term 4 – school closes
Monday, 20th August, 2018	In-service day 1– School closed to pupils only
Tuesday, 21st August, 2018	First day of term 1 – school opens