Crombie School Newsletter

July, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children have been enjoying the beautiful weather and are feeling like it's summertime! As we hurtle towards the last few days of this session, we would like to share with you a flavour of the events which the pupils have been experiencing both in and out of school over the past 5 weeks.

Primary 7

Barcaple

Our P7 children have been experiencing a variety of team building and adrenaline rushing activities whilst on their residential trip to Barcaple. Crate climbing, abseiling, canoeing, zip lining, ropes course, orienteering, archery, mountain biking and tree climbing were some of the experiences the children enjoyed. The boys and girls had a wonderful time and through the sleepy smiles, itchy midgie bites and piles of dirty laundry, it is safe to say that they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to Mrs Repper, Mrs Munro, Mrs Webster and Mrs Stewart for keeping our pupils safe and for encouraging and supporting them to achieve personal goals.

Link days and transition

All of our P7 pupils attended the 3 day link days at Westhill Academy and then participated in a sport's transition day towards the end of June. Here the children had opportunities to meet and make new friends in their S1 classes and then on the Sport's day, working as teams to further increase opportunity to interact with children from other schools. It has been a very positive experience with the P7s eagerly anticipating their future after Crombie.

P7 Show

What a spectacular show! We are so incredibly lucky to have such talented children in our school. The show has been loved by all who have attended from families, Crombie pupils, staff and our cluster schools. Every moment was engaging with outstanding singing, acting and costumes. Well done P7, the sky is the limit for you all; we are all immensely proud.

Primary 1 Induction

Our new P1 parents have been actively involved with our very smooth and successful transition week. We introduced a new event this year called 'stay and play' which was very well attended and received and have altered the timing of our 'trial lunch' to run in the new session. The children all experienced time in their new playground and spent time with their buddies who are all set for a busy year of support next session. There was a lot to be excited about and our new P1s were wearing very big smiles.

Ainslie Gill Dance

A huge thank you to Ainslie Gill for taking time to come along to Crombie to offer hip-hop taster sessions. The P3s and 4s danced their hearts out and learned some new moves in the process.

Eco Group

Every Monday after school some of our teachers run an Eco Group. They have been very busy in recent weeks planning and developing a sensory garden in the courtyard. They had an off-site visit to Foxlane Garden centre where they learned about the types of plants and the conditions in which they grow best. They purchased some plants and have since planted them successfully.

New Playground furniture

We are excited to announce the arrival and fitting of our new playground equipment. We have a horse shoe shaped outdoor classroom for classes to use along with their teacher, to transport their learning outside and to incorporate the outdoors as an integral part of their education. In addition, we have some additional seating the Early Stages play ground with built in flower pots. The flower pots will be planted in due course. The children are enjoying their new furniture and the message from ourselves and the staff at Crombie is that all children should use the equipment safely. We would be grateful if you could please reinforce this message as due the fitting being on the concrete for 'off grass' play times, the children should not be climbing or crawling along the furniture in case they slip, trip and bump their heads. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Time Clubs

Our lunch time clubs have been a roaring success with literally hundreds of children signing up for a space. We would like to express our sincere thanks to Ms Helen Goss and Mrs Melanie Stevens for supporting these. They were fantastic and developed new skills in or children.

Nursery

The Nursery trips to Haddo House were a success and everyone had a great time. We would like to thank all of the parents who offered their time to support our staff and children on the trips, these events can't go ahead without the valued support from parents and we are truly grateful.

The Nursery also has their End of Term Garden Picnic, on Friday 6th July (weather permitting). This will be a chance to watch your children explore and enjoy their new outdoor area.
Blue Nursery: 10.45 - 11.45am
Red Nursery: 2.20pm - 3.20pm
Tea and coffee will be available along with some treats made by the children.
(Please bring along your own rug)

We look forward to seeing you then.

Transition

The Nursery have also been welcoming some new starts to the nursery after summer. The Induction programme has been very successful, including a well-attended Induction Evening and followed by the children having their transition meeting in our setting to familiarise themselves with their new environment. Links with our local Play Groups are strong and they have also enjoyed joining us for Nursery sessions to assist a smooth and successful transition after summer. We are very much looking forward to starting next year with our returners to nursery and our new starts.

Class Trips

Firstly we would like to extend our gratitude to all those parents who have supported our class trips this term. Your help is invaluable and always greatly appreciated.

P4C

P4C enjoying their trip to the Maritime Museum and Aberdeen Harbour as part of their Water topic.

P4M

P4M thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Arnhall Moss where they analysed pond samples and learned about habitats and the effects of pollution.

P4C

Some of the results of our Recycle, Upcycle homework - turning everyday waste into something practical and usable after learning about the damage plastic is causing to our oceans.

P1 Trip

P1M- enjoyed a special day out at Drum Castle exploring the wildlife, having a bug hunt with the rangers before being treated to a special tour of the castle.

P1A - We used willow charcoal to create observational drawings on our visit to Drum Castle.

P1 had a wonderful day on their trip. They were all commended by the Drum Castle guide for their exceptional behaviour and manners and during the follow up conversation they had in school, it was clear that they learned a lot.

A very big well done to P1 for representing our school in such a positive way.

P6 Enterprise

The P6 children from 6MW have been actively involved in an Intergenerational Social Enterprise with the elderly community at Blackhills Court. The aim of the enterprise was for the children to visit the ladies and gentleman to establish strong links with our community and to converse to learn about aspects of life from previous generations. The Crombie children asked about the War, toys and about the games the elderly played when they were young. In return, they shared information about technology and the games they play in this day and age. The ladies and gentlemen from Blackhills Court taught the children how to play board games and cards and everyone benefited enormously from the experience.

The following is a quote from a child following their experience:

“It was really fun to talk and play games. I liked how you taught us more about the war”

P4M Enterprise

The children in 4M have been learning about the charity WaterAid and have very considerately decided to raise money for the charity by running a business enterprise. The children created a business plan and approached the Head Teachers for money to start their business along with a very robust plan of how they were going to make money. The children have decided to make bars of soap as WaterAid believe strongly that by using soap, we can reduce the spread of germs significantly. The children very articulately presented the information and the business is now up and running. We are looking forward to finding out how much they raise.

Whole School Picnic

With the warm weather set to continue, what better way to end the term with a Whole School Picnic?

The lunch times will remain the same for the children (Early Stages, 12pm-1pm and Middle/upper stages 12.30-1.30pm)

If you have not chosen and ordered a school made lunch box for Friday 6th July, please send a packed lunch with your child on the day. The deadline for ordering a school made lunch box has now sadly passed.

Achievement Assembly

There will be a while school Assembly on Thursday to recognise the achievements of some of our pupils.

Church

The majority of the school will attend a Church Service at trinity Church on Friday 6th July at 9:30am. This will be a time to come together and wish the P7s all the best as they leave Primary School.

Staffing

Our cook Susan Matthews will be leaving us on Friday 6th July for pastures new. We would like to thank Susan for her valuable contribution to our school over the past 5 years. We will miss her and wish her well.

Our new Head Teacher Adele Dickson will take up her post on Monday 20th August. We look forward to welcoming her to bonny Scotland and to working with her.

New session and Property work

Our contractors have arrived on site and are preparing the site for work to commence on Monday 9th July. We would like to reassure you that a full and robust risk assessment is in place. Please be aware that the school building will be a building site for the full 6 weeks of the summer holidays and you would be best advised to be cautious if playing in the grounds over summer.

In order to minimise disruption for the children after summer we will outline the doors and line up areas clearly. It is important to share that the entirety of the building works will take place over 2 phases. Phase 1 to be completed prior to our start date of Monday 20th August and phase 2 to commence then. Phase 2 will not affect the children within the building but it is important to note that this will include the relocation of the main office and the SMT offices.

Main office and SMT offices – relocated temporarily to the porta cabins. The main office will be the one on the left hand side as you enter. If you wish to access the main office, please enter via the ramp. There will be a secure entry in place. SMT offices will be the porta cabin on the right.

Lines

P1- will line up in the early Stages playground beside the blue container. They will enter and exit via the door beside the nursery and music room, as was shared at the Induction Evening. Door no. 16

P2 and P3- will line up at the back of the school by the climbing wall. The children will all enter via this door in the morning and one of the P3 classes (3S) will exit at the side. Door no. 10.

P4-7- all of the children in P4-7 will line up in the middle/upper stages playground on the concrete by the porta cabin as has been done this session.

P4, P4/5 and P5 will enter and exit via the door along the front of the school directly in to the class area. **Door no. 2.**

P5/6, P6, P6/7 and P7 will enter and exit via the ramp door which is will be shared with the office. Please be mindful of access around 9am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 3.20pm as this entrance and exit will be very busy. **Door no. 4.**

All of the children from P1-7 will be greeted in the morning by their class teacher and safely directed to their class room areas.

As we close session 2017-2018, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Crombie families for your continued dedication to your children and for the support you give us as a school. We are excited about next session and all the positive changes that it will bring. We look forward to welcoming our new starts to nursery and the new P1s.

We would like to thank all of the pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm, they make working a joy. Thank you to all the staff at Crombie who work tirelessly to ensure your child is at the centre of all we do.

We would like to wish those pupils who are leaving Crombie school to continue their education elsewhere, all the very best. We will miss you and hope that you continue to be successful and happy in all that you do.

Finally, we would like to thank the current P7s. Teaching them has brought us a lot of fun and joy over the years. It has been a privilege to watch them grow and develop as individuals and learners. We sincerely wish them all well. We hope that they leave us with fond memories and with the strong foundations they need to build on as they move on to the next chapter in their lives. Our door is always open to them and with that said……

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."
— Albert Einstein

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer holidays!

Kind regards

Dates for your Diary

Crombie School, 4th July 2019

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
Friday, 11th October, 2018	Last Day of Term 1 – school closes
Monday, 28th October, 2018	First day of Term 2 – school opens
Monday, 12th November, 2018	In-service day 2 – School closed to pupils only
Tuesday, 13th November, 2018	In-service day 3 – School closed to pupils only
Friday, 21st December, 2018	Last day of term 2 – school closes
Monday, 6th January, 2019	First day of term 3 – school opens
Thursday, 7th February, 2019	Occasional day – school closed
Friday, 8th February, 2019	Occasional day – school closed
Monday, 11th February, 2019	Local holiday – school closed
Tuesday, 12th February, 2019	In-service day 4 – School closed to pupils only
Wednesday, 13th February, 2019	In-service day 5 – School closed to pupils only
Friday, 29th March, 2019	Last day of term 3 – school closes
Monday, 15th April, 2019	First day of term 4 – school opens
Friday, 19th April, 2019	Holiday – school closed
Monday, 6th May, 2019	Mayday Holiday – school closed
Friday, 5th July, 2019	Last day of term 4 – school closes
Monday, 19th August, 2019	In-service day 1– School closed to pupils only
Tuesday, 20st August, 2019	First day of term 1 – school opens