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Newsletter Term 1 2018-2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the children and meeting so many of you in the last few weeks. We have had a busy start to the school year with our ongoing property work but the school is back to business as usual, despite our temporary entrance and offices!

Dates for the Diary

26.9.18: P1 Numeracy Meeting 6pm-7pm
2.10.18: Parent Consultations 4pm-6.30pm
4.10.18: Parent Consultations 5pm-7.30pm
12.10.18: End of Term 1 - school closes
29.10.18: Start of Term 2 – school opens
8.11.18: School photos (individual photos only)
12.11.18: In-service day - school closed to pupils
13.11.18: In-service day - school closed to pupils
14.11.18: Flu immunisations
15.11.18: Flu immunisations
20.11.18: Sharing the Learning 2pm-5pm
10.12.18: P1 Christmas Show 2pm
11.12.18: P1 Christmas Show 7pm
21.12.18: End of Term 2 - school closes

House Captains

New House Captains and Vice-Captains have been elected. Congratulations to them and everyone else who took part in the process.



Staffing

I would like to thank Mrs. Pond and Mrs. Ingram for their role as Acting Head Teachers in Term 4

of 2017-2018 and to Mrs. Munro for supporting as Depute Head Teacher. They have now returned to their normal role as Depute Head Teachers and regular working patterns.

We are very sad to say goodbye to Miss. Fraser who is leaving to take up a new post in the city. Mrs. Skinner will be taking her post and continuing to provide PE as part of class release time for teachers. Ms. Wilson will be taking up post for Early Years Principal Teacher replacing Mrs. Foote who is on secondment to work alongside Early Years Scotland. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Postgraduate and Undergraduate Education students to the school next week.

PTA

The PTA AGM took place Wednesday 5th September at 7pm. A new Committee was appointed:

Chairpersons - Ginny Reid & Gemma Bletcher-Gray
Vice Chair - Leanne O'Donnell
Secretary - Lesley Mennie
Treasurers - Cheryl Bradford & Michelle Hardie

This year the PTA have proposed that to support their work, non-committee members who are keen to help will act as a single representative from each year group. This representative would be a link between the PTA and the parents who would be able to voice any ideas at meetings. They want to encourage as many people to come along to meetings as possible but know this is difficult due to family life.

School Closures – notification because of adverse weather, etc.

Telephone line 0370 054 4999 PIN 02 1530.

Sharply-pointed articles: Police Scotland request

Although we ask all children at Crombie School not to bring scissors, we would like you to be aware of the following statement. This is at the request of Police Scotland:

Police Scotland have advised that a number of pupils in the North East may have purchased a 'Back To School' stationery pack which, amongst the usual items, contains a small pair of scissors (similar to image below) which would be classified as 'sharply-pointed articles' under Section 49(1) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation)(Scotland) Act 1995. Whilst there is no suggestion that any pupils have brought these or any other scissors to school with any malicious intent, and we have not had any incidents in the Westhill cluster, we have been asked by Police Scotland to 'instruct parents/carers not to have pupils attend at school with same.'

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact the school office who can in turn consult our Police School Liaison Officer.



Parent Council

Parent Council held their first meeting of the school year on Monday 10th September and held a very productive meeting. They welcomed some new parents to the Council and elected Council members.

Chairperson: Mark Flynn

Vice-Chair: Emma Huntington

Treasurer: Arlene Scott

Secretary: Faye Grant

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.

Volunteers

As always we are looking for volunteers to help in different projects in the school from chess club to supporting our library. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to help. Due to

the requirement to PVG all our volunteers, which has a cost implication, we would ask to consider if you are able to commit to a certain amount of time before we undertake this process.

Peanuts and Peanut Products

A reminder that we are a nut free school in order to ensure the safety of all our children with allergies. Children are not allowed to share snacks, and we do not accept birthday cakes or other items to share out.

Sharing the Learning!

Crombie Primary has been very busy since we started back after the summer holidays!

Primary 1 Parents were invited to a workshop about supporting their child's Literacy development and were given lots of opportunities to join in some activities.



Primary 3S have been learning to recognise right angles. They made Right Angle Checkers and hunted for them outside in the playground.



Car Park

A reminder please that the car park should only be used by authorised users. For safety reasons please do not walk through this area but use the designated pathways around the school.

Lice

Please continue to check your child's hair for lice as this is the time of year when they start to make an appearance again!

Shows

This year, we are trialling a change to the pattern of school shows. The Christmas Show will be completed by Primary 1 and the End of Year Show by Primary 7, providing wonderful beginning and end of school experiences for the children in these transition years. All other classes will be taking part in Class Assemblies and parental events to ensure more children have access to share their creativity and learning with their families. I hope you will be able to join us at these events. The dates of these will be notified shortly to you.

Your ongoing support of the school is always appreciated and I look forward to meeting more of you as the term progresses.

Best wishes,

Miss Adele Dickson
Head Teacher



P2W have been finding 3D shapes in the school environment.



P2W have been working with 2D shapes to create tiling patterns and designs.



P2W have been developing confidence using laptops.

Property

The school is looking great and the children are enjoying being back and accessing our new areas. New classroom areas are complete and are almost at the final handover stage. Small fixes are still being completed and this is to be expected. The work on the second phase (entrance to the school) is well underway. We will update you with further information shortly regarding this.