

23/08/2019

*CRIMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER*

***Welcome Back***

******It is lovely to see everyone again and I sincerely hope that you all had a good summer holiday. Our pupils and the staff are all looking forward to a new session! We are pleased to welcome our new P3 teacher, Miss Dow, who is very happy to be here and is enjoying getting to know our lovely children and staff.

 We are delighted to welcome our 5 new Nursery pupils and 19 excited Primary Ones. We are also pleased to welcome Ashton Smith and his family back into our school community. I am sure that everyone will settle in very quickly but please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns that may arise.

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***Congratulations***

Heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Hay, our P1 teacher, and her husband, who were married in the summer holidays. We wish them a lifetime of happiness. We are all looking forward to Miss Stewart’s wedding next summer now!

Many congratulations to Jacqueline Smith, our catering supervisor, who has welcomed her first grandchild, a beautiful baby girl, this week.

***Crimond Fun Run – Now There’s a Children’s Race!***

Crimond Fun Run is on Sunday 29th September. It is always a very popular and successful event and is famous for the fabulous free refreshments available to runners as well as a spectacular hamper raffle. The adult races are a 6km run at 12 noon and a 12km run at 1pm. For details on cost etc. have a look online at [Crimond Run Fest fun runs](https://www.facebook.com/crimondrunfest/?__xts__%5B0%5D=68.ARBExdUC3QhvNBm8ieTRzuoGvM0ZECYUQJNLiOrNRPh7lpJoEFmbltl4bfPhU_TQbTBYa0lnsASrNCq6E6e8nzWJRL4pLjed_jQNwKC3i_0EMhn-8KDAZNeeCgEKi2nrB4vUsD4fy4CXnqQ9tGZ5toxwtv5oWe4DWSN_fo2Ky18SNmjsTXlBaFExL6jOQMTnVkjpHCfsaY1nzokhc6FfaBNSP1iO_pVpuh1YICxaC-rUw8_Kg6mLoG1gxNPKd3z3hZ0wnZSS2ePtr38O9jnUG9VwpLlGyOpBM96zWgmVc86VopYC9K7g7AQwnmJRMSaAGc3wl_KhKOJ9VKXB1nTyAp9viLlkW2do0sHn8XvDm5LkIWYKWxhDe3q8DbQwAqVUJFfgjmE9UlBFDwGNPAocCzMSwl-M3gfvZwT1abuhnFBm7K_x6VooPSR077GqWBoQUacGpVm6ogvsGPQUXs3fH4FYsKczDdEUUSiDrCP0eGFwun1aETlTHxJC-Q). Adults can sign up online at [*https://www.entrycentral.com/crimondrunfest*](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.entrycentral.com%2Fcrimondrunfest%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR3_TImFBOOMJhajo-98FOhFzXFG8wSt-NZtTBy1pkJcsjmf0G3hYjobV7Y&h=AT30-ztgPFHOIKazz_b26Z4OMquwDUD9Ye2j0QCxCC3cuVcQZXHWkne9Xge7nEsFeO8Oa3wFMbBzZRUnd9GSvWddlWCfA6TxHue9lyTiagJyYopbT0qEAxcFDKbrddvw5C0vOuCKyht6f1I3RGLIlepfC25Bqelm1AF9t4mqVIhLPWZwV5H3U_Yo-TsQ3h6G-W8vEhZiXNv_LNdewfkfqy8ibzcvgimbM0DTDwb-fG4wooVmDUocw7ZwjRskLH6VFjTHZlh3WImjWP4AFTEolUp1wcY_yuGqaGDps3AKa7TJk2Lux0s-xUk3ZcP6sbJZVOWFBc-IcE13__BUzGowSRyHF1ybosTqfLOl-UkzeG3S_qljKVZl7sEXBaXyt2CsS9F3h5oCMVU6PhArbX5INcy0loKVTbiV6y5ky-ien_hUsiY43li1NbfkEJgLcFfS31Dz_tEDRQY94s9W-9JKBRBECFUwnzQSk77DtEc-rkDgB6swxqO6YTWrTWSABGrwRHfEF_7o060HCl1WqZdhvmH8dPpW5hoCbO-0VMHRCkbndGHCLeqE6Xvp4G-wv8rUy1Qyp5v1W14mIPUPS6jd3J9ILxe-yUvFE-fElpvCJLJldF180vJ_cDpqepTNVshS)

This year, we are delighted to offer a children’s race of around 1km for children aged 7 – 12 which will start at approximately 1.10pm. Children should be registered and ready to go by 1pm.This race is open to children from any primary school and will cost £1.50 to enter. Paper entry forms must be completed by an adult and these will be available from the school office or at the registration table before the race.

***Skills Academy***

Skills Academy has been a great success and we hope that you loved Graduation Day, 2019. The new session will start on Friday 6th September. This is a regular one-hour session on a Friday afternoon when children in P1-7 will be allocated an activity for five weeks. We are encouraging them to try something new. This block includes drama, keyboards, construction, arts and crafts, technology, playleaders, board games and singing. At the end of the five weeks the children will be signed up for a different activity for the next four-week block. We are delighted that we had great volunteers last year, so, if you have a hobby or a skill to share, then please get in touch to discuss signing up for Skills Academy.

***Looking Forward to Sharing the Learning***

We hope to see all of you here for our P1 -P7 Meet the Teacher session on Monday 9th September from 11a.m. till 12 noon.

P2 parents, carers and families are invited to their class assembly on Friday 4th October at 11.30a.m.

P3 are having the first Bring an Adult to School event on Wednesday 9th October at 1.15p.m.

***Working Together***

I think that it is incredibly important that school has a really good relationship with parents and carers and that we work closely together and share information. It is vital that you all feel that you can talk to us, ask questions and make suggestions. Your opinion and feedback is also massively important when we have decisions to make. Please try to come along to our Parent Partnership Meeting on Monday 16th September at 6.30 p.m. It is a fine chance to chat about how the school is doing and what we hope to do in the year ahead. You won’t be made to sign up for anything, I promise!

Please remember that the door is always open to you and that I am accessible by phone as well.

***Dress Down Day***

Dress Down Day is the last Friday of every month. Children should bring 50p to school, if they dress down, and the money goes to charities selected by our Champion Citizens Pupil Group.

***Information Sharing***

******It is important that parents and carers are aware of what is happening in school so make sure that you look out for these newsletters as well as the termly newsletters from the class teachers and regular newsletters from the nursery. These will give you class news, reminders about events, information about homework activities, explanations of the learning topics that the class are working on and everything else you would want to know!

We need to think about cutting down the amount of paper and ink that we are using and, in line, with other Cluster schools, we are moving towards online-only publishing. This newsletter has been sent to you as an attachment on GROUPCALL. Hopefully you will all have downloaded the Xpressions App and will have received and managed to retrieve the newsletter. If it has been successful, and you are happy to receive your newsletter this way, ***please let us know.*** You could fill in the reply slip below, message the school Facebook page, e-mail *crimond.sch@aberdeenshire.co.uk*, give us a quick phone call, etc. If it hasn’t worked, let us know and we can try to fix it! Once we know that you are happy with this then we will no longer send you paper copies of this and other information notes.

Any nursery parents who have not received a link for Learning Journals should let us know as soon as possible.

***Give Us Your Autograph!***

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Please make sure that you remember to sign your child’s Reading Record and Homework when it is done.

The “Monkey Book,” *aka* Reading Record, has a chart which records your child’s behaviour achievement each week. It is really important that you look at this every week, talk about it with your child and sign it. It is vital that pupils see that home and school are sharing their journey.

***School Meals***

Nursery children, who are in over lunchtime, now receive free school meals but should still pay 50p per session for snack. Pupils in P1-3 receive free school meals and P4-7 meals can be paid online at a cost of £2.50 per day. To register or to pay online visit the Aberdeenshire Council website at [*www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk*](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/) and choose “Pay” from the list of online services, then select “School Meals”. Anyone having difficulty with registering can view video guide to the registration process online at ***https://youtu.be/YwH9\_3n7O4I***. Should you have any queries or issues with registering for this system please contact our helpline on 03456 08 12 02.

***School Uniform***

****It is lovely to see our pupils so smartly dressed for the new term. Please remember that our school uniform consists of a royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper over a white polo shirt and grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore. The blue tartan skirts and pinafores are popular and smart and the pretty blue school dresses are also very acceptable. Please note that hoodies and football tops are not allowed unless it is a dress-as-you-please day. Our nursery children have really cute sweatshirts and polo shirts too. All sweatshirts can be ordered from the office.

 We also have school ties, royal blue with gold stripes, which can be purchased from the office for £3.50 (elasticated) or £4.50 (clip-on).

***Attendance***

Pupil attendance at school continues to be very good. In the interests of safety, it is essential that you phone the office to let us know before 9.30a.m. if your child is to be off school.

 Please note that it is important that children arrive at school on time and that we are obliged to keep records of pupils who arrive late at school and must submit these, along with attendance records, to Aberdeenshire Council. Children who are persistently late for school are missing valuable learning time.

 Parents/carers are actively discouraged from taking children out of school for family holidays. Should this, however, be unavoidable please give written notice to the office.

***Gym Kits***

Parents and carers are reminded that all pupils and nursery children should have a gym kit at school every day. These can be kept in a bag on their peg and should consist of a t-shirt, shorts and indoor gym shoes. There are still some fine days when we might get outside for gym so outdoor trainers would be useful too. Although some pupils do try to keep their school t-shirt on for gym, it is important to change to maintain good hygiene. Please remember that all items should be named and also that football strips are not allowed.

***Art Aprons***

Please remember that children should have an art apron to protect their clothes when they are doing art and craft activities. Waterproof aprons are available at Donalds in Peterhead but, if you do not wish to buy one, an old shirt will suffice.

***Please Return Our Library Books!***

We are very proud of our library and we happily spend money on new library books at regular intervals to help promote the enjoyment of reading and to raise attainment in literacy. We currently have a lot of books which are overdue or missing. Many of these are the brand new non-fiction books we bought last year. We cannot afford to replace them. Please have a look around your house and return any books that you find.

***Foodie Friday***

We are very proud of our Foodie Friday Project and regard it as is an essential element in the Health and Wellbeing curriculum. We are delighted to see the huge range of food preparation and cooking skills that the children have acquired and also the difference in pupils’ willingness to try different foods and to make healthy choices. This session Foodie Friday will be prepared by each of the classes on a rota. In order to keep this project going it is essential that all pupils pay their weekly contribution of 50p regularly. Some people prefer to pay termly and, for the remaining six Fridays this term, that would amount to £3 per pupil.

***Road Safety***

It is lovely to see so many families who enjoy the walk to and from school together. I would like to remind parents and friends to take care when they stand near the gate to ensure that the pavement is clear for pupils as they arrive and leave school. Please remember that pupils who cycle or scoot to school must wear a cycle helmet. New cycle racks and scooter pods are in place and are used well.

Drivers – our children ‘s safety is crucial so please be mindful of your speed as you pass the school.

***School Improvement Groups***

We are committed to giving pupils a voice and involving them in planning and decision making. The children have all selected a pupil group and we are always delighted to see the enthusiasm they have for taking on these responsibilities. This year’s school improvement groups are:

Pupil Council – school and curriculum improvement, communication and safety

Champion Citizens – global citizenship, community and charities

Eco-Warriors – school grounds and litter, energy & waste issues

Health Heroes - healthy living, active playground, Foodie Friday and tuck shop

Rights Respecting Rangers – help develop and work through our Action Plan to be a Rights Respecting School

Could I ask you all, please, to have a look and return any monitor, captain or committee badges that you find!

***Parent Helpers***

**![MC900435039[1]]()**It was an absolute pleasure to have a large number of parents, grandparents and friends who came into school last session to help out in many ways. We hope that you all enjoyed coming in to work with us and that you will continue to do so. We would love to have even more people coming in to school on a regular basis to help us out.

We are always very grateful for *Classroom Helpers* who could help by supervising activities, taking children to the library, helping with art lessons etc.

 We are also delighted to have some volunteers who help to run our *Daily Tuckshop,* thus allowing our PSAs to stay in class supporting pupils.

 We are keen to give the children a selection of activities for Skills Academy on a Friday mornings. It would be fantastic if we could recruit some *Skills Academy Tutors* to take a small group for an activity. In previous years we have had volunteers doing art and craft, yoga, crochet/knitting and cooking. You could perhaps teach origami, help supervise games or even street dance!

 The parent-led school *Active Sports* and *Junior Joggers* have been very successful and we are always happy to take ideas and volunteers for after-school clubs

 Our *Bring an Adult to School Days* are very popular and we are looking forward to continuing this initiative. There are, of course, some families where, due to work and other commitments, an adult is unable to accompany a child. We therefore keep a list of parents / carers who are willing to come along and work with a pupil.

 We are, of course, always grateful to people who take the time to accompany classes on various *School Trips* throughout the session and would be pleased if you put your name down on the list of people to call.

 There is always a lot of work to be done in our *School Garden* and we are looking for some additional adult help for our after-school club and also during the school day.

 *Bikeability Scotland* is the new Cycling Proficiency course and has been of significant benefit for our pupils. There are courses available for parents /volunteers who would like to get involved in training our young people in this essential skill.

 Should you wish to volunteer for any of these activities – or anything else - please let us know on the attached reply slip.

**Dates for Your Diary**

***September 2019***

Monday 9th P1-7 Meet the Teacher 11.00am – 12 noon

Monday 16th P6/7 trip to Gordon Highlanders Museum

 Parent Partnership AGM 6.30pm

Sunday 29th Crimond Fun Run

***October***

Friday 4th P2 Assembly 11.30a.m.

Wednesday 9th P3 Bring an Adult to School Day 1.15pm

Friday 11th School closed for In Service Day and October Holidays

Monday 28th School opens after October Holidays

***November***

Monday 4th Book Fair Week

Thursday 7th Parent – Teacher Meetings 3-5pm and 6-8pm

Monday 18th School closed for In Service Day

Tuesday 19th School closed for In Service Day

Friday 29th P6/7 Assembly 11.30a.m.

***December***

Wednesday 11th P1 Bring an Adult to School Day 1.15p.m.

Friday 20th Crimond School Church Service 10.30am

Friday 20th School closes for Christmas Holidays

***January 2020***

Monday 6th School opens after Christmas Holidays

***February***

Friday 7th P4/5 Assembly 11.30a.m.

Thursday 13th School closed for Occasional Holiday

Friday 14th School closed for Occasional Holiday

Monday 17th School closed for Occasional Holiday

Tuesday 18th School closed for In Service Day

Wednesday 19th School closed for In Service Day

***March***

Friday 27th P3 Assembly 11.30p.m.

***April***

Friday 3rd School closes for Spring Holiday

Monday 20th School opens after Spring Holiday

***May***

Thursday 7th Parent – Teacher Meetings 3-5pm and 6-8pm

Friday 8th School closed for Occasional Holiday

Friday 22nd P1 Assembly 11.30a.m.

***June***

Monday 8th School closed for Occasional Holiday

***July***

Friday 3rd School closes for Summer Holidays

***August***

Tuesday 18th Pupils return after Summer Holidays

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**NEWSLETTER REPLY SLIP**

**Child’s name………………………………………………………… Class……………………………**

I confirm that I have read and understood the contents of the newsletter dated 23/08/19 🞏

I have received and retrieved my electronic copy of the newsletter 🞏

I am happy to receive information from the school in electronic form from now on 🞏

Any comments about this?

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| I can attend the Parent Partnership AGM on Monday 16th September at 6.30p.m. 🞏**I would like to volunteer to help out in the following ways:**Classroom Helper 🞏Skills Academy (Please specify activity) 🞏Tuck Shop Assistant 🞏After School Club (Please specify activity) 🞏School Trip Helper 🞏Bring An Adult to School Day Volunteer 🞏School Garden 🞏Bikeability Scotland 🞏Resources (photocopying, laminating, making resources etc) 🞏Any other volunteering? |

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| Any questions, comments, suggestions? |

Parent / carer signature……………………………………………………………. Date…………………