

“ Kindness is
a gift everyone can
afford to give.”

- Unknown

Crawforddyke Helping Hands

May update

2021



Chair Update



Some see
weeds.
I choose to
see wishes.

Chair Update – Roads & safety

Items still in discussion to be taken forward with regards to our roads safety work...

- **New Parent / Carer Survey:** Engaging people – information gathering on travel and safety. (Information for us not council stats) – **Draft in progress / still on hold pending lifting of restrictions**
Clear explanation of why we are doing it / continues previous work helping us to better understand the issues / looking for people to help us.
- **JRSO presentation: Benefits of walking** - Adapt for Parent & Carer audience. Make more hard hitting / using FB page for regular snippets and information sharing. Put out on school app where appropriate to.




- **Pick up times** — **School Janitor continues to man the gate at pick up times. Pick up / drop off area it typically full by 2.30. Ongoing review and messaging to parents to continue**
- **Design and purchase a new banner for entrances** – Harder hitting / taking advantage Facebook page - **further discussion required**



Chair Update – Roads & Safety

Council actions outstanding - Crawforddyke Primary School Road Safety – email sent to follow up on the below actions, still waiting to hear back, given the current situation and SLC concentrating on other issues - **LM to follow up again.**

Mandatory 20mph speed limit now in place – with additional road makings implemented.

Measure	Progress	Timescale
Traffic Calming / speed limit proposals for Glenafeoch Road	<p>Due to the recorded vehicle speeds, consideration was being given to replacing the existing give way junction controls at Parkandaroch Crescent and Angus Road with mini-roundabouts. This will reduce traffic speeds as drivers on all approaches to the junctions will be required to slow down and be prepared to give way to traffic.</p> <p>Should this be implemented, a further speed survey will be undertaken once the roundabouts are in place and if vehicle speeds are reduced sufficiently a part-time 20mph speed limit will be introduced on Glenafeoch Road. In the event of speeds not being reduced, other measures such as horizontal traffic calming (road narrowing/priority vehicles) will also be considered.</p>	<p>Signs up and yellow road markings to indicate entering a 20 zone have been implemented</p> <p>Update on roundabouts required</p> 
Relocate 20's Plenty Signs to junction of Glencoe Road	Instruction issued to contractor	Signs up and yellow road markings to indicate entering a 20 zone have been implemented
Relocate Vehicle Activated Sign on Eastfield Road	Instruction issued to contractor – Some works noted, but post reinstated as was	Sign post relocated – awaiting sign erection – Not actioned



Chair Update – collective vision and mission

****Action required****

Creating a collective vision and mission statement for Helping Hands – *ongoing*

Once all responses are returned these will be collated and shared for discussion and agreement at our AGM in September.

If you have not responded yet, I'd like you to have a think about the following questions and select an image from those provided to represent your answer. (if you can't select an image the answers to your questions will do) – please send them to me ASAP.

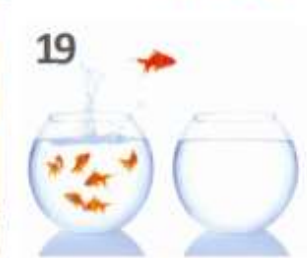
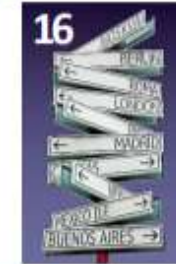
This is a creative exercise to give us a more visual output to represent our vision and goals, there is no right or wrong answer, the images are abstract for a reason and could mean multiply things to different people. So please do have a go.

1.What does being a member of the parent council mean to you?

2.How do you see your role in it?

3.What is your vision (what would you like to achieve) for the next session?





Treasury update



March Balance: £6,738.33

Bank £5,997.12 / Petty Cash £100.00 / £641.21 to be banked

Treasury Update

	Withdrawn	Paid in	Balance	Float
3.3.21 lottery		153.60		
4.3.21 statement			6313.52	
Interest		0.70		
			6314.22	
31.3.21 easy fundraising		26.19		
			6340.41	100
7.4.21 lottery		196.40		
4.5.21			6536.81	100
****raffle to be paid in		641.21		
			7178.02	100

May Balance: £7,178.02

Bank £6,536.81 / Petty Cash £100.00 / £641.21 to be banked (Xmas raffle)

Items still to be claimed / processed:

Easter sunflower gifts - £21.18 for Sunflower seeds, £20.50 for Plant pots - **£41.68 total**

P7 Frames - £9.90 for P7 word art download, £79.40 for P7 frames for word art, Photo paper £18.00 - **£107.30 total**

£12.00 for spoons for Treasure hunt

Total Debits to come off = £160.98





Fundraising Update

Fundraising Focus

- **Playground Markings**

- Order has been taken forward with Thermo Plastic Designs and Lines for the 3 chosen designs and they will do a 4th for free.
- Installation will be in Aug / Sept 2021 to allow for building works to complete first – AG to arrange date when building works complete



- **Treasure Hunt**

Caroline and Mary have been working hard to organise and set up the treasure hunt.

- There will be no entrance fee / free fun event
- Communication will be going out this week
- School handing out the sheets plus a copy will be put up on the page for anyone who doesn't get one they can print their own off.
- Starts on Friday 28th and runs over the full weekend.
- Spoons will be hidden on Thursday night and collected in the following week





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not a proclamation".

Prof Carol Dweck







| Headteacher update

Headteacher update

Please see latest school newsletter for all the latest news.

Website: crawforddyke-primaryschool.org.uk
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May 2021

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,


With May almost at an end, things in our school and nursery are certainly not slowing down! We still have lots of news and events to squeeze in, so taking time to read our newsletter is more important than ever! We are also sharing lots of information through our app, website and twitter feed so please keep in touch with us so you don't miss anything!

Mrs Angela Gibson

Spotlight on Improvement

GROWTH MINDSET MANTRA FOR MAY: I'VE GOT THIS!

"The path to growth mindset is a journey, not a proclamation."



Carol Dweck

This is the final "monthly mantra" we have been sharing with our pupils, the final "words of wisdom" we will impart and the final activity we can all challenge them with.

We are talking about talking! Self-talking to be exact. Children need to understand the difference between the fixed mindset messages and the growth mindset messages they hear, so they can re-frame them and go on to overcome the challenges they face. For example, instead of saying, "I don't get this!" they could try saying "Can I look at this another way?"

Carol Dweck suggests that making a plan and visualising how you will carry it out will help you use the growth mindset when faced with failure and struggle, bad situations that can easily knock you off course when or if you let them. Make a plan with your child to help them learn or overcome something this summer! Perhaps learning to swim or ride their bike, or even to get through 3 books! Anything is possible!

As we reach the end this session and the work with our learners, it is important to recognise 2 key elements!

- Everyone has a fixed mindset and a growth mindset: this has never been about 'getting rid' of the fixed mindset as that would be impossible! Fixed mindsets will always be there. What we have hopefully begun to do this year is give learners the tools they need to use their growth mindset to help them improve.
- This has never been a competition: students have not been competing with each other to see who has the best growth mindset. Hopefully this year has been more about recognising personal achievements and growth and giving praise where it is due!

KEEP REACHING FOR THE SKIES

TRANSITION UPDATE – SCHOOL EXPANSION PLANS

It is anticipated that work on the creation of 2 new classrooms will begin as the summer break nears the end of June. The 2 new rooms will be above our existing canteen.

All construction work to be completed during the summer holidays. From August, external work will be carried out. This means that we will need to continue to use other rooms, the Pod, until the new classrooms are ready.

Our canteen will be moving to the Gym Hall. Assessments have already taken place to ensure the full canteen menu can still be offered throughout this time. It does mean we may have to take place outside, but this may still be the case under Covid-restrictions.

At the Nursery, we will use this space to create a temporary Staff Room and Visiting Area (currently in our Gym Hall). Once we no longer require to use it for this purpose, it will be used as an active learning space for classes to use. There are plans being developed for the summer next summer, by the Schools Mod Team.

Transitions and Staffing

Information to tell you the proposed class configurations for the summer. Please be aware these are proposals only and are subject to change depending on any future changes to our school roll.

- Primary 1 – Miss. Carmichael
- Primary 1 – Miss. Reid
- Primary 1/2 – Mrs. Cullen
- Primary 2 – Mrs Bone (Principal Teacher)
- Primary 2/3 – Mrs. Waters
- Primary 3 – Mrs. Frullani
- Primary 3 – Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Connelly (Job-Share)
- Primary 4 – Miss. MacLean (will move to new classroom once completed)
- Primary 4 – Miss. Bell (will move to new classroom once completed)
- Primary 5 – Mrs. Robb
- Primary 5/6 – Mrs. Braid
- Primary 6 – Miss. Anderson
- Primary 7 – Mrs. Hamilton
- Primary 7 – Mrs. Williamson
- Mrs. Stewart



It takes a significant amount of planning, discussion and debate to form the new classes. I must also make you aware that numbers are very tight across all stages next session, leaving little or no 'wiggle' room.

Please be assured that all decisions are made very carefully and with your child's best interests in mind. While we do take into account friendships and social groupings, it is very important for parents to understand that we prioritise learning when making these decisions. Please trust us!



TRANSITIONS

Transitioning and Events

Due to current Covid guidance, SLC have informed us that no transition can take place within our school this year. This is obviously very disappointing, but understandable as we work hard to ensure the safety of our children and numbers and reduce the possibility of an outbreak that could prevent us from having a successful transition as we head into our summer holidays.

What we do hope is a plan that will ensure all of our children access some form of transition. This is a vital part of our school year as we prepare them for the changes ahead.

Nursery to Primary 1 Transition



We have 61 Primary 1 pupils joining us in August 2021! Their transition event will take place on **Friday 11th June from 9.30am to 11.15am** on our Outdoor Learning Areas.

More information is being sent to our new P1s and their parents, with all the details they will need to know.

Transition

All children within our current P1-P6 classes will get a chance to visit their new classrooms at a transition event on **Wednesday 16th June**. This will take place outside, or it may be that we can create 'bubbles' to allow children to visit their new rooms and classmates.

All children will be given letters for parents to inform them of the event and teacher (so please remember to check their bags when they arrive).



Dates for P7s to visit CHS are **Tuesday 15th + Wednesday 16th June**. These are very dependent on guidance about indoor transition visits changing. In the meantime, P7 pupils will have access to their High School Google Classroom and I would encourage them to visit it regularly.

Mrs Moffat has also created some good support materials and these will be uploaded to their Primary Class Google Classrooms.

While in school, the pupils are preparing and writing their own Personal Statements to send to the High School. These will be sent home to parents beforehand.

We also have their Leaver's Hoodies and will distribute these the day before Sports Day. P7 Pupils can wear them to Sports Day and then to school for the remainder of the term (if they choose to). They should also wear their normal uniform of white shirt/polo shirt and plain grey/black bottoms.





**Our next meeting will
be our AGM in
September 2021 – date
to be confirmed**

**Thanks for all the
support to date.**

Lesley 😊