

Crawforddyke Helping Hands – Mar 2019 (Edition 9)

It has been a few months since our last newsletter, but that's not to say that things have been quiet, quite the opposite!

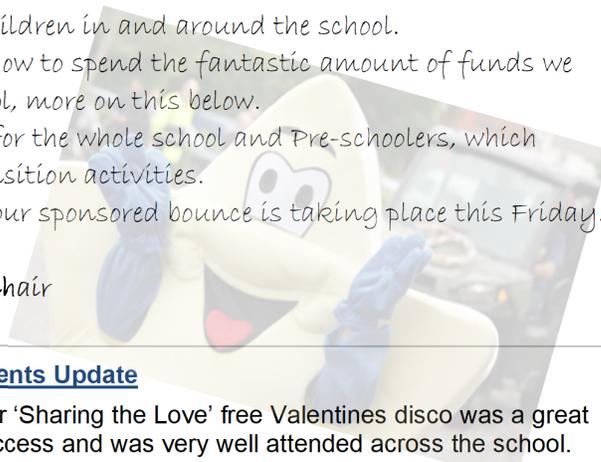
We have been working behind the scenes with the school and South Lanarkshire Council to look at the Schools travel plan to try and improve the safety of our children in and around the school.

We have been working with Mrs Gibson and her team on how to spend the fantastic amount of funds we have raised, putting them to good use throughout the school, more on this below.

We also ran our 'Sharing the Love', free valentines' disco for the whole school and Pre-schoolers, which supported, and kick started the school's nursery to P1 transition activities.

We have started our preparations for this year's gala and our sponsored bounce is taking place this Friday. All in all its been a busy time for 'Helping Hands'.

I thank you for your continued support, **Lesley Mooney, Chair**



General Update:

Our concerns around the busyness of Eastfield Road and Glenafeoch Road at drop off and pick up times is still very much on our radar.

We met with the council in January, all parties had some actions to take away, and I'm happy to report that progress is being made. Minutes for this meeting can be found on our website and our Facebook page.

Since January the travel plan was issued to SLC and the school has been visited by the H+S Team to audit our traffic management procedures. All schools in South Lanarkshire are being audited but we were prioritised due to the concerns raised. The 2 SLC team members spent time outside at 3pm and also took away the photographs we had taken. They could see the difficulties and concerns were valid and will be in touch in regard to an outcome soon.

It is the councils' intention to undertake speed surveys early in the coming financial year to assess whether certain measures can be put in place.

It is anticipated that the implementation of the School Travel Plan and the final option of works can be coordinated prior to the summer holiday period. So we will keep our fingers crossed.

In the meantime, here are a few things we can do to:

- If you can, park in surrounding streets rather than Eastfield Road and walk your child to the school gate, to keep congestion down.
- Please keep to limit and keep your speed below 20mph
- Keep pedestrian gates clear, particularly the P1 gate. Please stand well clear of the gate so that children do not have to step onto the road to walk around you.
- Please do not double park in our car park or sit with your engine running
- Do not park in a disabled bay unless you have permission or the right to do so.

Thank you from the Parent Council and the school for your cooperation in this matter.

Events Update

Our 'Sharing the Love' free Valentines disco was a great success and was very well attended across the school.

Next on the agenda is our Sponsored Bounce event, which takes place this Friday. We hope everybody has a fun day and we raise the funds needed to support our Gala Day entry this year.

Our Gala Committee met to discuss and agree our theme for this year; which will be based on the Moon Landings as it's the 50th anniversary this year.

Fundraising

Given the success of our fundraising so far, we have been working closely with Mrs Gibson and her team to look at several ideas and initiatives to put the monies raised to good use within our School and Nursery, these are outlined below:

- Apple Computer – for creating and editing I-Movies and getting access to apple software.
- Class donations (£100 per class) – for a variety of resources to be used in the classroom
- Mossy Shop items – personalised Mossy goods to be sold in the Pupil Council Shop
- Mossy Costume / Mascot for events
- Microwave – for cooking trolley
- Netball Kits
- STEM week resources

We are also looking into the following and hope that these will be implemented soon:

- Purchasing sides for our outside classroom to protect learners from the elements
- Bird Box / table with camera
- Soil and Plants for front of school planters – Getting pupils involved in planting and ongoing maintenance.

As well as some of these larger items the funds we raise allow the school some flexibility in the curriculum, for things like cooking / ingredients, science activities and other active learning resources.

Your generosity and continued support are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Helping Hands - Forward Meeting Planner

The next meeting of Crawforddyke Helping Hands will be at 7.15pm on Wednesday, May 8th in the School staffroom. All are welcome!

EVENT	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
AGM		Tues 4th									
Meeting 1 - Halloween Disco			Mon 8th								
Meeting 2 - Christmas Fair				Wed 7th							
Gala Theme											
Meeting 3 - Valentine Disco						Mon 14th					
Meeting 4 - Sponsered Bounce								Tues 12th			
Meeting 5 - Gala Day / Prize Giving										Wed 8th	

We have recently updated our web page, please take a few minutes to take a look:

<http://crawforddykepc.weebly.com>

And finally

We all have our reasons for getting involved - or not getting involved in school life. But it really is very simple – and any professional in education will tell you that:

When parents/carers and schools work together children do better!

Whatever way you look at it, the more involved you are in your child’s education, the more likely they are to succeed. The school works in partnership with all parents and carers, Helping Hands is a structure that makes this partnership easier to achieve. Quite simply we are a group of parents that want to do that little bit extra to make the partnership work as well as possible and to get the best possible outcomes for all the children attending Crawforddyke Primary & its Nursery.

This newsletter highlights some of the things that we are doing to strengthen and enhance that partnership, but we can do even more if more parents get involved. Getting involved can mean a variety of things; coming to the meetings we run, sharing your views and telling us what you want to see in the school, or sharing your skills/knowledge, it might mean volunteering in the school or at an event - in the end it means whatever you want it to mean.

Working together we can make things happen that benefit all of our children so **‘if you can’ please do get involved.**

