

HEAD TEACHER REPORT NOVEMBER 2020



Covid-19 Update

- **An ever-changing picture for schools, requiring significant amounts of time each day**
- **New guidance was published by the Scottish Government last week: *Guidance on reducing the risks from Covid-19 in schools* (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus/covid-19-guidance-on-reducing-the-risks-in-schools/>)**
- **This is a 69-page document that detailed specific changes for schools and parent**
- **The most significant change was the requirement for staff and parents to wear masks, while maintaining 2m physical distancing**
- **An update was sent to parents last week and again today, with details of what staff are also doing in school**

**Remember FACTS
for a safer Scotland**



Nursery Update

- **Kirkstyle Early Learning Centre will open on Monday 9th November**
- **Linda, Aileen and Eleanor transferred to Kirkstyle on Monday 19th October**
- **As no other cover was available, we were sent Erin McGranahan and Lauren Hill from Kirkstyle – they will be with us until June**
- **Our Nursery will continue to operate until June 2021 – after that, I am not certain of what happens**



Interim Reports



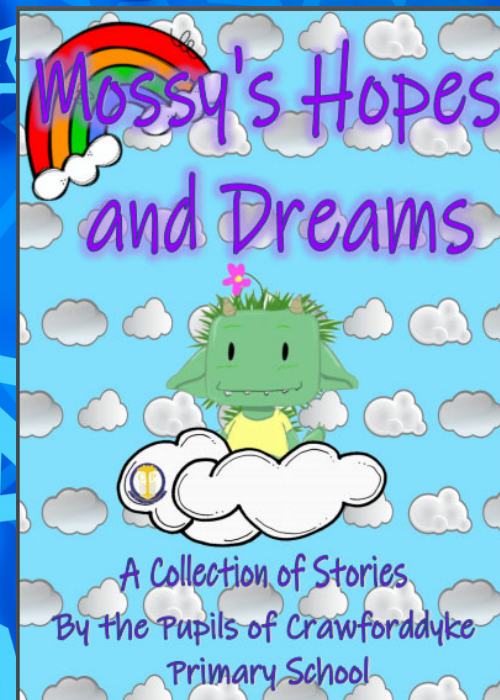
- **These will be sent home on Friday 13th November, along with assessment folders.**
- **They will look very similar to the reports that parents will receive in June 2021, as we decided to implement the new coding system being introduced by SLC now.**
- **I am aware there have been a few queries as to why we have not made phone calls. We decided on reports for a number of reasons:**
 - **The written report will provide more details than a 7-minute phone call**
 - **The written report will provide a record of progress that can be seen and kept (rather than a phone call where details may be forgotten)**
 - **There is a better opportunity for parents to reflect on the report before completing the feedback sheet with any questions or comments**
 - **We only have 2 phone lines in the school! 372 phone calls @ 7 minutes each is equal to 2,604 minutes (43.4 hours, or almost 9 school days).**

Mossy's Hopes and Dreams

Since returning in August, all our classes have been helping to write a new Mossy Book!

This is a collection of stories all about Mossy's Hopes and Dreams, which hopefully reflects some of our pupils wishes too!

We are going to have this printed by the SLC Print Room and then hopefully sell them for a small fee!



Christmas

- **We hope to make Christmas just as special this year, despite the fact there are lots of things we can't do.**
- **We are planning:**
 - **Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 9th December**
 - **Christmas Parties – w/b 14th December**
 - **Pantomime (TV production)**
 - **Christmas Jumper Day**
 - **Christmas Movie Magic + Pyjama Day**
 - **Virtual Christmas Quiz**
 - **Santa**
 - **Gifts for all children**



Any questions?



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School Photo's ? – Angela contacting SLC for advice.

Our next meeting is currently tabled for January – Do we need a December Meeting to follow up on the going actions?

Thanks for all the support to date.

Lesley ☺

