



**CRUDIE SCHOOL**



## **NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents,

While the situation around us in the UK continues to be changeable, I feel we have been able to establish a structure and routine in which our school community feels safe and settled. I thank you for your part in this: maintaining social distance at pick up and drop off, being understanding as to why we can't have parents in school, limiting items brought into school, encouraging your children to wear face coverings on school transport, and so on. We will continue to adapt and change as required as we enter the winter term. One thing to bear in mind with the colder weather this will bring, is that it is important that your child is well equipped with appropriate clothing for being outside.

### **Dalguise update**

King Edward School have been dealing with getting a refund from the cancelled trip to Dalguise in April. With the Covid situation it is taking a bit longer than we had anticipated but we are very hopeful that the money will be back with us soon. The authority finance department is providing assistance and we are hoping for a settlement in the next few weeks but don't have a confirmed date as yet. As soon as it is reimbursed, parents will get back what they had paid. Thank you for your patience.

### **Reporting Calendar**

Crudie School reports continuously to parents throughout the school year in a number of ways. Every year we update our reporting calendar to reflect how we will report to you during the current session. This year, until the situation

changes with regards to Covid-19, we are limited in the ways in which we can report to you. You will see this reflected in the reporting calendar that we have attached to this email. As things change and the situation improves we hope that we shall be able to have parents and relatives back into school to share what we are doing in person, for events such as Community Cafes, open sessions, assemblies, and so on. We hope that in the meantime, our correspondence through email, newsletters and Seesaw is providing you with plenty information about how your child is getting on.

### **Parent Meetings**

Parent meetings will take place on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. This year will be a bit different as we will be unable to have face to face meetings with you. We can offer the meetings via phone call or video call instead. Please fill out the form [here](#) by Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> October so that we can allocate you a time and date that suits your needs best. If you opt for a phone call and only one parent is on the call or you choose to use speakerphone, we shall phone you at your allotted time. If you wish both parents to be on the phone call, we can set this up through Skype and send joining instructions so you can both join the call through your own phones. If you opt for a video call this will take place through Skype also. A meeting will be set up and you will be emailed joining instructions.

### **Curriculum information**

Please also find attached to this email, a leaflet for parents with information about what we are covering in our classes this term and next. We hoped to have had this with you earlier this term. It has been a very busy few weeks as we have adapted to the new and different demands placed upon us and so apologise in the delay in getting this to you.

### **Seesaw**

Homework grids were handed out earlier in the term and I know that some of you are keen to share what your child has done through Seesaw rather than email. To do this your child needs to sign into Seesaw through the class app rather than the family app. For this they need a code. If they would like a code to access this at home, please let us know and we will get that sent to you. When they have signed in once with this code, they will continue to have access

on that device but need to do it as soon as possible as the code is only valid that day.

### **Parent Council Meeting**

The next Parent Council meeting will take place via Teams. As soon as I have a date this will be shared with you. All are welcome to join the meeting. Get in touch if you want to attend and we will send you the Teams joining code and instructions.

### **Live Life Aberdeenshire: Live Life @ Home**

There's still time to give your feedback on the Live Life @ Home portal developed by @Live Life Aberdeenshire to provide free activities and resources which can be accessed from home.

Live Life Aberdeenshire delivers sport, leisure and cultural services on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council.

As its normal services, including swimming pools, gyms, museums and libraries were unfortunately forced to close, the portal was developed to offer free activities and resources which could be accessed from home.

Thousands of people accessed online library services, "make and do" activities and exercise at home videos, amongst many other resources.

The intention is to develop Live Life @ Home further in future, continuing to provide a resource for people who are forced or who choose to stay at home, and feedback will inform that development.

Views are being sought from those who used the platform, as well as those who didn't.

Take part in the short [survey](#)

You can see what's available on [Live Life @ Home](#)

We have been able to reopen some facilities, in line with the route map out of lockdown. [See what's available](#) and how to book

## Across the grain festival

Live Life Aberdeenshire's Across the Grain Festival programme is now online, featuring film shorts, musical composition premieres and opportunities to tune in live and chat with performers, musicians and festival contributors.

An inspiring mix of activities, workshops and films celebrating Doric language, culture and traditional music of the north east will take place online on Saturday October 3 and Sunday October 4. P4-7's video created with Feis Rois last session, has been added to Saturday's programme of events. Click here for the full programme: <http://bit.ly/AtG2020>

## Dates for your diary

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 2
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Meetings
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Meetings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	In-service day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2