Dear Parents/ Carers
Welcome back to the start of the new term, it's lovely to see all the children back and ready for learning. It's especially lovely to meet all of our new primary ones. It's going to be a very packed year with lots of learning.

**STAFFING**
We are delighted to welcome Mrs Vaughan back from her maternity leave and we welcome Miss Inch to be our P2/3 teacher.

**UNIFORM**
It's lovely to see all the children in their school uniform, it really helps to add to the sense of school community. One plea though, can you please put your child's name on all their clothing, shoes, school bags and packed lunch boxes.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**
Breakfast club is open to all pupils in P1-7 and runs every day of the school term from 8am -8.45 am. It is operated by the Machan Trust.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**
The school photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs on **Monday 9th September**.

**PARENT HELPERS**
Thank you to everyone who volunteers within the school. We enjoy working with you on a regular basis and hope that you continue to work in partnership with us for the benefit of the children. If you are interested in becoming a helper within the school please contact Miss Sinclair, Mrs Barr, Mrs Sharp or Mrs Vaughan.

**PETS**
Please note that dogs are **NOT** permitted on school property whether they are on a lead or not. School property includes the playground and car park area of the school.

**P6 & P7 SWIMMING**
Primary 6s and 7s will begin their block of lessons on Friday 23rd August. The rising costs of transport and lessons has meant that we now need to charge the children £1 per week. This is paid through ParentPay. This cost is still heavily subsidised by the school as we place great importance on water safety. All pupils including non-swimmers are expected to take part. Your child will be required to bring swimwear, a £1 coin for their locker (refunded) and a towel each week. The children will walk to the leisure centre on a weekly basis with Mrs Adams and Mrs MacLeod until the October holiday. Following the mid-term break they will travel by bus.

**PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**
The Parent Council AGM will take place on **Tuesday 27th August @ 6pm**. Any parents who would like to come along are very welcome. We are looking to recruit new members so that we can organise fun days and fundraising activities for the children.

**MEDICATION**
If your child requires medication during the school day please inform the office. For health and safety reasons all medicines and tablets should be kept by Mr McIntyre in the school office and a parent consent form must be completed.

**SCHOOL MEALS / PACKED LUNCHES**
Pupils in P1-3 receive a free school lunch. Lunches for pupils in P4-7 are £1.70 unless they are in receipt of a free school meal entitlement. Water is the only drink offered at lunchtime therefore your child can bring a carton of juice for lunch. No glass bottles or cans of fizzy juice are allowed.
P.E.
We ask for safety that all pupils remove their jewellery including watches prior to any PE lessons. If ear-rings cannot be removed then plasters need to be worn. (Plasters to be provided from home.) Should your child be unable to participate in PE then a letter must be provided.

Primary 1 pupils are encouraged to wear their PE uniform to school on PE days only. All other pupils, in P2-P7 should wear shirt and tie every day and change for PE.

3-2-4 CLUB FOR P5-7 PUPILS
The after school 3-2-4 club run by The Machan Trust will resume on Wednesday 28th August. Please note, at this time it is only for pupils in P5-P7

COMMUNICATION
Our App is the easiest way to get messages from school. It can be downloaded from App/Google Play store using School App for Parents. Then enter Craigbank Primary School. You need to allow push notifications. Also remember to check our website for more information.
www.craigbank-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk

To assist in the reduction of paper used, only our new P1s will be issued a hard copy of this Newsletter. All other Newsletters will be available electronically through the App and the website. We will use your child's Homework Diary to let you know when the newsletter is available. A hard copy can be picked up at the office.

PERMISSION FORMS
Thank you to everyone who has returned the forms listed below. If you have still to return them please do so as soon as possible in the poly pocket provided.
- Annual Data Check
- Photograph Permission
- Internet User Agreement
- Medical Form
- Annual Excursion Form

SCHOOL ABSENCE
If your child needs to be off please telephone the school to notify the absence
Could you please ensure that a note is sent to school with your child on their return from any absence they may have. If no note is sent to school the absence will be recorded as unauthorised (even if a phone call has been made earlier).

LATENESS
We understand that sometimes things happen and children are late into school. Please make every effort to have your child in school for 9am as they miss lots of their learning if they are late.

ASSEMBLIES
Across the session we will invite a representative from Chalmers Church into school to deliver our assemblies and religious observance. If you do not wish your child to participate in these religious observance assemblies please notify the school in writing of your intent and right to withdraw.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS
Football- Lee Waugh from the Machan Trust is returning to coach our P5-P7 football club. The training will start on Tuesday 27th August at 3pm.
Netball for P6-P7 with Miss Craig will be on a Tuesday at lunchtime.
We will let you know when other extra curricular clubs are available.

SCHOOL GATES
If you are collecting your child at 3pm please do not wait at the front gates of the school as this causes congestion. Please wait in the Parent Waiting Area at the front of the building.

SEPTEMBER WEEKEND
Please note the school will be closed on Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September. School will re-open on Tuesday 1st October at 9am.
HELPING YOUR CHILD TO SUCCEED
Our new P1 parents/carers are invited to information session/workshop on Wednesday 10th September to help understand how we take forward their child’s learning at school. They will also have the opportunity to see how the teaching and learning happens in their child class.

HEALTHY FAMILIES
All P1-P3 along with their parent/carer will have the opportunity to work with Healthy Schools and South Lanarkshire Leisure during an afterschool session for 6 weeks beginning on Wednesday 4th September. There are only 20 places available. A letter will be issued soon to sign up to this programme.

DRESS DOWN DAYS
Our first dress down day will be Friday 30th August, the theme for this dress down day with be sporty clothes. No football strips are permitted and no face paints are allowed. The list of the themes for the other dress down days will be issued after the Pupil Council have met together to decide what the themes are.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE
Thank you to everyone who took time to share their views on the questionnaire last May/June. The full results of this will be published soon. One area identified that the school needs to address is homework. We will be asking the views of the children, parents and staff and let you know the outcome after this has been completed.

CHANGES OF DATES
Please note the change of dates in the holiday list that you were issued. There are 2 extra INSET dates this year, Tuesday 19th November and Friday 7th February. The May Day holiday and INSET day has been changed from Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May to Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May.

WORRIES OR CONCERNS
At Craigbank we aim to keep your child safe, happy and learning in school. If you have any worries or concerns please pop in to see us or pick up the phone.

Dates for Your Diary

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