



Supporting Learning and Parental Engagement



June Newsletter

Mrs Ashbrook, Depute Headteacher, Miss Hughes, Support for Learning

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each term we will be in touch with you all to give you information about some of the things that are happening in school and useful suggestions regarding helping your child. We will listen to what you want to find out about and get that information to you.

This is our second newsletter and as with the first one, we are linking it in with each CPSC meeting and coffee morning and then we will send out information via GroupCall. We will also be updating the school website and app with information during this term. When this has happened, we will ask Mrs Donaldson to let you know in her regular HT update.

Do you want more information and advice about Dyslexia and strategies and supports that are available?

#Cramondcares Coffee Morning

Dyslexia Focus

Friday 14th June

9-10

At Cramond PS

Come along and find out more about supporting children with Dyslexic difficulties. Myself and Miss Hughes would love to see you. It will be in the dining hall and teas and coffees will be available in The Burrow. If you have found any useful resources or strategies that you have used and found to be helpful then please feel free to bring these in. We will have an area where these can be shared

A cluster coffee morning focussing on Dyslexia will be coming in the next academic year

Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has returned forms. Caroline Ashbrook and Alison McKay are working with Lisa Maclsaac, our Business Manager, to get all the forms processed

Transition and pupil support

At Cramond we have a robust and in depth transition process where key information is passed on and plans are made for pupils who would benefit from enhanced transition. Enhanced transition is in place for all children who we think need a bit more of a helping hand to make a happy, smooth and supported start to their next academic year. A variety of supports are available for example, transition meetings between your child's teacher and their parent/carer, child planning meetings, social stories, extra visits to their new classroom, extra informal visits and chats with their new teacher and/or time spent with a Pupil Support Assistant who will be with their class next year.

All staff work very hard to try to get it right for your child. If there is something that you think is important that your child's teacher should know, please do get in touch with your child's teacher to tell them. We understand that some of our pupils get highly anxious before starting a new school year. We are therefore inviting some children and their parents in for an informal drop-in on one of the in-service day afternoons in August. This will allow a child to see their new classroom and feel more relaxed about starting the new term. Your child's teacher, Miss Hughes or Mrs Ashbrook will be in touch with you individually about this. Of course, if you don't hear from us and think your child would benefit from this, please do let your child's teacher know.



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Support for Learning

Parent/carers of children that Miss Hughes works with will have received an additional report which details their progress within the group interventions they are part of. If you have any further questions, please feel free to get in touch and Miss Hughes will get back to you. All groups will finish before the end of term and in the new sessions you will be made aware of whether you child will continue to work with Miss Hughes or part of small group interventions led by a PSA or class teacher. Our dyslexia coffee morning will be held on the 14th June. Thank you for all of your support.

'Anxiety – how can we help our children?: coffee morning update'

It was great to see so many parents drop into our informal coffee morning on 3rd May focussing on how we can help our children who suffer from anxiety. Many thanks to those of you who brought along resources to share and for chatting about what is helping your child. We will be putting information on our website about:

1. Emotion Talks
2. Zones of Regulation
3. Seasons for Growth
4. NHS resources
5. Mindfulness
6. Books to support emotional literacy and managing difficult life experiences

What next?

The resources and information were shared again at the CPSC coffee morning on 22nd May and we also discussed how we plan to take forwards further developing mental health, well-being and resilience at Cramond. Next year we will be continuing with all current interventions and also having a greater focus on Restorative Practice, Resilience and the City of Edinburgh's Growing Confidence programme. We are also in the Process of recruiting a Pupil Support Officer – more will follow about this in August.

Parent and Carer area in school – coffee and a chat

Emma Walker and our Parent Reps will be in touch about offering a chance for parents to meet up once a week if there is something you would like to chat about with another parent. It will be informal and school staff won't be there. We have sofas in the main entrance and we are also going to reserve time in The Burrow, our Nurture Room, should you wish to pop in for a coffee and a chat. In the entrance we are also keen to get more information that you would find useful to come along and 'pick and lift'. As you see this developing myself, Miss Hughes and the Parent Reps will be in touch to get feedback from yourselves and to see what else we can do/have that would be useful for you.

Parent Partnerships

At Cramond we really value working closely with yourselves to help your child. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for how we can improve. We send out a survey each year to get a snapshot of what you would like to know more about and this helps to shape what we focus on in school. Please do contact school either directly to Mrs Ashbrook or via our Parent Reps to let us know if there is something that you think both yourself and other parents will benefit from finding out more about.

Holidays: flying when there are additional needs in the family

We thought you may find the following information useful. If you are flying this Summer, Edinburgh Airport have an excellent team who can help make your journey as stress free as possible.

<https://www.edinburghairport.com/prepare/travelling-with-additional-needs>



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