



# Supporting Learning and Parental Engagement



## Newsletter

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each term Miss Hughes, SFL, and myself, Caroline Ashbrook, 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 first newsletter and we are linking it in with each CPSC meeting and coffee morning and then we will send out information via GroupCall. We also plan longer term to put this information onto our website- we will be looking into this next term.

### 'Cluster Coffee Morning and Parental Engagement Survey'

#### 'You said, we did...'

Before Christmas many of you replied to our 'Cluster Coffee Morning and Parental Engagement Survey' about what you would like to find out more about. Out of all the areas you were asked to vote on in the survey and write feedback about, some of the most popular were subjects were:

1. Digital ideas to support learning
2. Online safety
3. Anxiety – how can I help my child?
4. Dyslexia

You said you could not all come to coffee mornings. We are therefore going to try a mix of different ways to let you know information – through coffee mornings, evening events, the website, our amazing Parent Reps and Twitter.

Our first cluster event was held in the evening at the Royal High School.

1. The focus was '**Digital ideas to support learning and online safety**'. Next term this will be a focus for our CPSC meeting and coffee morning so if you couldn't make it last week, don't worry – you will all get the chance to find out more next term. There will be more on the website to follow.

Here are some handy online safety links for you that were also included in the Headteacher update this week:

Keeping Safe Online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://parentzone.org.uk/>

2. **Anxiety** – how do I help my child if they are feeling anxious?

#### Save the date!

3<sup>rd</sup> May

9-10am

**#Cramondcares Coffee morning**

**At Cramond Primary School**

Our Parent Reps will be sending out a flier to tell you more about it. If you would like to chat informally with other parents at this event about some of the things that have helped your child, please do let your reps know and they will pass this onto Mrs Ashbrook and Miss Hughes. School staff will also be there sharing information on Mindfulness, Emotion Talks, Seasons for Growth and lots more.



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### 3. Dyslexia

#### Save the Date!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

9.30-11

Coffee Morning

Royal High School

Come along and find out more about supporting children with Dyslexic difficulties or difficulties with Dysgraphia/handwriting. This event will have all cluster primary schools presenting and is being organised by Fiona McCrory, our Additional Support for Learning cluster team leader.

#### **Helping your Child with Literacy**

At our CPSC meeting and coffee morning this week Miss Cessford and the Literacy Team in school have organised lots of useful information about what we do in school with Literacy and how to support at home. The power point for this is already on the school's website. You can find out more about for example,

- Using sound charts to support spelling at home
- Promoting positive conversations about learning in school and at home
- Finger spelling strategies
- Reading regularly with your child and asking them to talk about what they have read
- Using games and app to support learning in a fun and exciting way

Here is a website you may find useful:

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/learning-at-home/Supporting%20literacy%20at%20home>

#### Volunteers

Thank you to all of you who got in touch to say that you could help with admin tasks in school. After we had put out the request for help we realised that we would need more information and the support of a Business Manager to proceed. Our new Business Manager, Lisa Maclsaac started last week. We know we haven't been in-touch but we are still really keen to get you involved if you still have the time and are interested. Caroline Ashbrook will be in touch directly with all the people who gave their contact details at the start of next week.

#### **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.



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