

*Welcome to Form 3*



# Information Booklet 2017 - 2018



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Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 3.

## *Lessons*

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. We also do Environmental Studies, Science, Art and Design, Religious Studies and ICT.

Other subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Ocarina and Music:	Mrs Sue Clark
Gym:	Mrs Fiona Grant
Art:	Mrs Judith Page
Forest School:	Mrs Elizabeth Denyer
PSE:	Mrs Vicki Kelly
Swimming:	Mr Mark Dibnah
Games	

## *Equipment*

The children will need the following items. We would be grateful if all items could be clearly named as appropriate.

- A large school bag (it needs to hold an A4 reading folder)
- A painting apron
- Gym shoes
- A water bottle
- A healthy snack (no sweets or chocolate please)
- A pencil case containing pencils, rubber, sharpener and small ruler
- Waterproofs and wellies
- Swimming costume

## *Topic Work*

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

Winter: Victorians / The Elements / Changing Materials

Spring: Japan / Forces

Summer: Ancient Egypt / Habitats / Teeth and Digestion

Please encourage your child to bring in anything related to these topics to show the class.

## *Prep*

All prep which is set will be written in the daily prep diary. Please check each day that this is being done and to the best of your child's ability. All prep should only take 30 minutes.

- Monday: Reading plus a maths based activity.  
Tuesday: Reading. Write out spellings doing Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. Write three sentences using the words  
Wednesday: Reading. Write out spellings doing Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check. Write three sentences using the words  
Thursday: Reading plus a maths based activity  
Friday: Reading plus a research based activity based on the topics we are studying

The children will be tested each week on the spellings and the maths they have been working on. It would really improve their performance if you could check that they know all twelve spellings for the week and that they know the times table they have been working on.

## *Healthy Eating*

At lunchtimes everyone is asked to try a little of everything in order to learn to eat different meals.

No sweets or chocolate should be brought for snacks. Crisps are best left as a special treat.

Fridays are 'Fruity Fridays' at Craigclowan and children are encouraged to bring fruit for their morning snack.

We do love birthday cakes to celebrate with the rest of the class!

**Please remember that Craigclowan is a nut-free school.**

## *Assemblies*

We take part in assemblies with the other classes in the School. These happen on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Each term the children will put on an assembly performance, which you will be very welcome to attend. We also plan a Christmas spectacular.

## *Sport*

Gym is timetabled on Tuesdays this year. Form 3 games lessons are on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Swimming is timetabled for Friday mornings.

Due to changeable weather, full games kit should be brought in to school on each occasion and we encourage it to be taken home for washing after each lesson. Don't forget mouthguards and shinpads.

Boys do rugby in the Winter, hockey in the Spring and athletics in the Summer terms.

Girls do hockey in the Winter, netball in the Spring and athletics with the boys in the Summer terms.

As with all school uniform, every item of games kit should be clearly named.

## *Forest School*

Form 3 have Forest School on Wednesday afternoons, 3DS for the first half of each term and 3M for the second half of each term. Children need games kit, waterproof jacket, waterproof trousers and wellington boots in school for this, along with hat and gloves in colder weather.

## *Music*

Class music is with Mrs Clark on Tuesdays and ocarina is on Wednesdays. Please could we ask you to ensure that the children have their ocarinas and music books each week. The children are very welcome to have individual music lessons. Our Director of Music is Mr Astmar Olafsson and he should be contacted to arrange this ([staffaolafsson@craigclowan-school.co.uk](mailto:staffaolafsson@craigclowan-school.co.uk)).

## *Extra Curricular Activities*

The list of extra curricular activities is issued to parents near the start of each term. Please review these with your children and sign them up for whichever activities they are interested in. Each activity will list the member of staff to contact.

## *How to Contact Us*

If you have any questions, problems or concerns we will be available before or after school most days. Please feel free to contact us via email but we cannot guarantee to respond before the end of the day as we are usually busy with the children.

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