

*Welcome to Form 4*



# Information Booklet 2017 – 2018



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Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 4.

## *Lessons*

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. Some subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Art:	Mrs Judith Page
Music:	Mr Astmar Olafsson
Gym:	Ms Fiona Grant
French:	Mrs Fabienne Thompson
PSE:	Mrs Vicki Kelly
ICT:	Monsieur Patrick Borderie
Forest School:	Mrs Elizabeth Denyer

## *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, small ruler and some colouring pencils
- Waterproofs and wellies

## *Topic Work*

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

<b>Winter:</b>	Britain Since 1930 Science: Magnetism and The Senses
<b>Spring:</b>	Rainforests Science: Weather and Recycling
<b>Summer:</b>	Vikings Science: Plants and Animals

Please encourage your child to bring in anything to show and discuss which may relate to these topics.

## *Prep*

All prep which is set will be written in the daily prep diary and should take approximately 30 minutes.

There will usually be spellings to write out and learn on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday and Thursdays there will be a maths prep, plus tables or number bonds to learn. At the weekend there will usually be a topic related prep to complete.

In addition to this, the children have reading every day from a school reading scheme or their own library book. The children will have a reading record to be signed each day, with space for comments. On the days when reading is from a library book, we would like the children to note the pages they have read and again we would ask you to initial this to be sure that it is realistic. Later in the year the reading groups will join the Form 4 Book Club. In this Club we read more challenging books, discuss them twice a week, carry out tasks related to them and complete book reviews. We have found that the children gain a great deal from being members of the Book Club.

We do appreciate the time and effort that you give to hearing your child read and discussing the content. The value of this cannot be underestimated; understanding, fluency and expression all derive from regular practice. The children are welcome to borrow a library book from the classroom or from the school library, which is open every lunchtime.

Please would you check your child's prep diary daily for prep details and any other general reminders.

## *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.

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 which take place 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 for Thursdays this year. Form 4 games lessons are on Monday and Thursday afternoons.

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

All items of games kit should be clearly named.

## *Music*

Class music is with Mr Olafsson on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please could we ask you to ensure that the children have their 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!

Mrs Gillian Whitelaw: [staffgwhitelaw@craigclowan-school.co.uk](mailto:staffgwhitelaw@craigclowan-school.co.uk)

Mr Adam Pattinson: [staffapattinson@craigclowan-school.co.uk](mailto:staffapattinson@craigclowan-school.co.uk)

## *Suggested Authors*

Reading should be a pleasurable experience for children! The authors listed below have written novels which can be enjoyed by children in Forms 4 and 5. Many of these books are available in the school library and from the classroom book shelves.

ANDRAE Giles  
BAWDEN Nina  
BLACKMAN Malorie  
BLADE Adam  
BRANFORD Henrietta  
CASSIDY Cathy  
COLE Steve  
COLFER Eoin  
COOPER Susan  
COPE Andrew  
COWELL Cressida  
CROSS Gillian  
DAHL Roald  
DOHERTY Berlie

FINE Anne  
GATES Susan  
HIGSON Charlie  
HOFFMAN Mary  
HOROWITZ Anthony  
IBBOTSON Eva  
KING SMITH Dick  
LANDY Derek  
LAWRENCE Michael  
LEWIS Gill  
MAGORIAN Michelle  
McCAUGHREAN Geraldine  
McDONALD Megan  
McKAY Hilary

MORPURGO Michael  
NICHOLSON William  
NIMMO Jenny  
NIX Garth  
NORTON Mary  
NORRISS Andrew  
OGILVY Ian  
PEARCE Philippa  
PLATT Richard  
PRINCE Alison  
PRATCHETT Terry  
PULLMAN Philip  
REEVE Philip  
SIMON Francesca  
WALLIAMS David