

Welcome to Form 1



Information Booklet 2018 – 2019



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Welcome to Form 1!

Here is a brief introduction to help your child to settle into Form 1.

Timings

Please ensure that children are dropped off by 0830 each day. Teaching and learning finishes at 1530 and children can be collected from class at this time. Uncollected children will remain in class until 1600, when they will then be taken to Late Prep.

Lessons

The children do Language and Maths each day and these are carefully tailored to your child's individual needs. We also do Religious Studies and ICT during the term. Other subjects are taught by specialist teachers:

Music:	Mrs Sue Clark
Gym:	Ms Fiona Grant
Forest School:	Mrs Tracey Cashman
Scottish Country Dancing:	Mrs Jennifer Trueland
Art:	Mrs Judith Page
Swimming:	

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
- A painting apron
- Gym shoes
- Gym kit in a drawstring gym bag
- A water bottle
- A healthy snack (no sweets or chocolate please)
- A book bag (the school's one is best!)
- Swimming costume
- Waterproofs and wellies

Please can children not bring their own toys into school.

Topic Work

We investigate and learn about various topics each term:

Winter: Fairy Tales & Old and New
Spring: Senses & Electricity
Summer: Living and Growing & Houses and Homes

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

Prep

The children are encouraged to read at home from Monday to Thursday. Please use the homework diary to highlight any difficulties or successes!

Parents will be invited to an Information and Phonics Afternoon in due course. Please do try to come along and join in the fun. We will run through some of the phonics activities that we use in the classroom and discuss ways to help your child at home.

Once a week the children will be given a "Big Talk" Homework alongside reading and during the 3rd Term the children will enjoy reading our "Fireflies" non-fiction books and preparing a short presentation. From January onwards the children will receive weekly maths homework sheets.

The children will also receive weekly spelling words from the October half term onwards. These are to support reading and writing only and there will not be a test on them.

Healthy Eating

At lunchtimes everyone is asked to try a little of everything in order to learn to eat different meals. If there is something on the menu that you know your child really hates, then please let me know.

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 put on an assembly performance, which you will be very welcome to attend. We also plan a Christmas spectacular each year.

Sport

The games kit consists of navy tracksuit bottoms, navy sweatshirt and sky blue polo shirt (all are branded with the school logo) plus gym shoes. We encourage the children to take their gym kit home on a Friday for washing! We encourage the boys to learn to tie their own tie as soon as possible to assist with changing after gym. Again we ask for all items to be clearly named.

Music

Class music is with Mrs Sue Clark. 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).

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 Me

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

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staffaclark@craigclowan-school.co.uk