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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Crossdale News - we hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter!

Each class has a blog page where information for your child's class will be shared; please ensure you subscribe to this by clicking the link at the top of the page. If you aren't receiving notifications of blog entries, please check that you are subscribed to the blog page or speak to your child's class teacher; this is an important way to stay up-to-date with what your child might be doing in class as well as a way of us communicating important information to you.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell, Miss Seedhouse & Mrs Westie

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### **Au revoir Miss Seedhouse!**

I'm sure you all know that Miss Seedhouse has now begun her maternity leave. She is excited and looking forward to motherhood – rest assured that we will keep you informed about the imminent arrival! I know you will all want to join me in wishing her every happiness and joy for the future. However, I also know that she will be missed until she returns next year - her caring and enthusiastic approach has helped Crossdale go from strength to strength in recent years.

Miss Seedhouse has been working extensively with Mrs Westie for some time now to ensure a smooth transition as Mrs Westie takes up the role of acting Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Westie is looking forward to her new role – we can expect exciting things to continue at Crossdale! Mr Cresswell

## **Upcoming Events**

### **March 4**

Miss Seedhouse starts maternity leave. Mrs. Westmorland steps-up to Deputy Head Teacher.

### **March 6**

PTA Film Night – more details to follow.

### **March 7**

World Book Day

### **March 8**

Parents invited in for VIPERS Session 9-9:30am

### **March 11**

Science Week.  
Science Fair Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:15pm.

### **March 15**

Comic Relief

### **March 26**

Parents' Evenings

### **March 28**

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### **March 29**

PTA Easter Disco

### **April 1**

Y5 Residential Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April –  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### **April 3**

Base 1 DT Day – Carnival

### **April 4**

Y1 Phonic Evening for parents – 6pm

### **April 5**

Last Day of the term. Return to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019.

## World Book Day

This year's theme is 'share a story' and we have organised for children to enjoy stories throughout the week. There will be some teacher swaps for reading stories, a dressing up day on Thursday (book themed costume) and on Friday we invite parents / carers to join us for a VIPERS session (reading comprehension skills) from 9-9:30am – please join us if you can! We are also running the reading challenge which was launched just before half term – please make sure entries are returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## Dropping children off in the morning

Please could we kindly ask that children are not left unaccompanied on the school playground in the mornings prior to school opening at 8:50am.

## Pupil Premium Funding

Please take a look on the school website for information around funding that could be secured for your child in school; go to the parents and carers section and click on 'free school meals and milk'.



### Crossdale 10K

Take a look at [www.crossdale10k.co.uk](http://www.crossdale10k.co.uk) for information about the annual event! Save the date to join us for the 20<sup>th</sup> year.

### Comic Relief

We will once again be supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to come to school in something red for the day with a suggested donation of £1. We will also have a cake sale at the end of the day so please could any donations of cakes be brought in on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Windmills childcare – changes and improvements

Since Windmills Childcare (overseen and established by Mr Cresswell, Mrs Ingle and school governors) took over the running of our preschool and breakfast & afterschool club, we have been overwhelmed by demand for places. As such, we will be expanding the offer for parents at Crossdale by using the bungalow and the 'Hive' to their fullest potential. Over the coming weeks we will be moving some of our older preschool children into the Hive, allowing for more joint work with Mrs Ingle and Mrs Mellor. This transition work between school and preschool has always shown huge benefits for children starting in Reception at Crossdale and is something staff and parents have frequently commented on.

Furthermore, we will be using both buildings for our breakfast & afterschool club. The split between these 2 buildings will be largely dictated by the children's age, but Windmills staff will speak to parents ahead of the switch. We are also pleased to announce that we will be investing in improvements to the Hive over the coming weeks and also planning significant changes to the unused garden area behind the bungalow: an

## Keeping our children safe.

There has been lots of information regarding Momo on the internet – please take a look at our safeguarding blog on the school website for more information.

## Reach for the stars!

Well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts over the last couple of weeks:

Year R: Dorothy, Lily, Harriet  
Year 1: Eadie, Rueben, Charlie, Owen, Ruby, Lewis, Imogen, Charlotte, Olivia, Archie, Matilda, Remaya, Logan, Rosie, Luca  
Year 2: Ava, Emma, Stephanie, Charlotte, Blake, Izzy  
Year 3: Peter, Izzy P, Isabelle D, Ana, Mason  
Year 4: Isaac O, Molly, Freya, Will F, Eva W, Lily, Ella, Eva K  
Year 6: Tom, Ava, Amy, Zak, Sarah, Elia (x2!)

## Roll of Honour

Poppy in Y4 swam with her team of 3 other 9-year-old girls in the Nottinghamshire County Championships and won the 200m freestyle event with a nail biting final! What a great achievement Poppy – keep up the super swimming.

*Please contact the school office, preferably by email marked 'Roll of Honour', if you would like to share the achievements of your children with the rest of the school community.*

*We love to hear about what they have been doing outside of school!*

exciting outdoor learning area, including a sun canopy, will be created to enhance provision for children at preschool. This facility will also be available to children in Reception.

I, and the charity trustees, feel confident these changes will improve provision and allow us to support more families. Exciting times! Please pop in for a chat with Windmills staff or Mr Cresswell if you have any questions.

### **Farewell from Miss Seedhouse**

Today marks the last day I'll be in school for a while as I start my maternity leave as of next week. I am hugely excited about starting a family, but I will most definitely miss all of the children, parents and staff from Crossdale whilst I'm off. The last 3 and a bit years that I have been at Crossdale are ones that I have thoroughly enjoyed; working with the staff, children and families has proven to be very enjoyable, stimulating and hugely rewarding. I will be popping back in after having the baby to see everyone and I'll look forward to hearing about all of the fantastic things that have been happening whilst I'm off. I'll look forward to seeing everyone soon!