

Friday 18th October 2019



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 & Mrs. Westie

2019 Crossdale 10k and Fun Run!



2019, the 20th anniversary of the Crossdale 10k and Fun Run, saw the wettest and most challenging conditions we have seen for over a decade. Many runners were calling it a 'Tough-Mudder'! However, despite the apocalyptic weather forecast, the sun shone, and everyone had a great time! Sam Oldham, ex-Crossdale pupil and Olympic medal winner, came along to lead the warm-up and give out the medals. **Thanks Sam - you are an inspiration to all the pupils at Crossdale!**



Upcoming Events

Mon October 21 - Fri November 1
HALF TERM

November 5

PTA Film Night!

November 8

Love in a Box deadline

November 11 - 15
Antibullying Week

November 15

Children in Need
(non-uniform & cake sale after school)

November 20

Reading Morning (look out on the blogs for more information).

November 22

Christmas Fair

November 30

Choir Singing in the square

December 10 & 11
Christmas Performance (afternoon and evening performances)

December 13

Christmas Jumper Day (£1 voluntary contribution for Save the Children)

December 19

Christmas dinner day

December 20

Last day of the Autumn Term

January 6

First day of the Spring Term

Please see the school website (parents and carers/term dates) for the term dates for academic year 2019/20 and note the bank holiday change in May.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who were able to help ensure the event took place again this year. You know the 'Crossdale Family' is a real thing when you see parents, helpers and staff give up their entire weekend, starting before 7am on Saturday and Sunday, to show Crossdale at its very best for the many visitors who look forward to joining us every year. An extra special thank-you to the 2 different Crossdale parents who both drove over 100 miles before dawn to be at school ready to play their part! This event spreads positive vibes about our wonderful school across the county and beyond!

Reading at Crossdale

Reading skills are not only important to a child's success in school, allowing them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills, but reading can also be a fun and imaginative time for children, which opens doors to all kinds of new worlds for them. So, if you're looking for a new world to explore please check out the recommended reads on the new 'Reading' blog tab on the website. There's books lists for every age group and I've also added a link to opening times for our local library as many of the books will be available for loan from there!

On this theme, we'd also like to invite you all to join us for our **reading morning on Wednesday 20th November** which will give you an insight into how we teacher reading skills across school using VIPERS – we hope to see you there!

Becoming better citizens by doing social good!



is a community movement sponsored by Boots that believes each and every one of us can make the world better by doing social good and provides the education and resources to help school aged children to do so. Crossdale's Year Fives have been part of the WE school workshops and are planning their community project as we speak and to celebrate our involvement, they have been invited to WE Day: Nottingham at the Royal Concert Hall Theatre. On the **5th November** they will be part of this unparalleled event bringing together world-renowned speakers, A-list performers, and tens of thousands of youth to celebrate a year of action that has already, and plans to continue to, transform communities and change lives. WOW!

<https://www.we.org/en-GB/our-work/we-day/we-day-community-events/we-day-community-nottingham>

Keeping our children safe.

Please take a look at our *safeguarding blog* on the school website for more information – we update this regularly.



Reach for the stars!

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

Year R: Grace, Evelyn L, Alex, Imogen, Sophia, Ava, Thomas, Isaac, Alanah & Teddy

Year 1: Elise, Leo, Imogen, Harriet, Henry B, Dorothy, Bailey & Toby

Year 2: Jack, Luca, Imogen, Charlotte, Fergus, Ivy, Charlie, Danny, Ruby, Olivia, Rosie, Eadie & Matilda

Year 3: Orla, Elizabeth & Yosephina

Year 4:

Year 5: Jacob, Spencer, Will B, Lucas, Samuel, Isobel, Joel, Poppy, Fern x 2, Maxi, Liam, Will F, George, Stuart, Ella, Erin, Molly, Isaac R, Lily, Freya, Calum, Isaac O, Danny, Toby, Eva K, Ophelia, Holly, Bella, Olivia, Eva W & Kesia.

Year 6: Millie, Bilal, Charlie T, Martin, Kai, Amelia, Hugo & Alex

Mr. Cresswell in Tanzania!

Mr Cresswell has been in Tanzania this week with other headteachers from Equals Trust schools as part of a British Council funded project called 'Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning'. He has been allocated a school to spend a week in and has been blown away learning about their culture and education system.

If you haven't done so already please take five minutes to share the blog posts and videos with your children, it really is quite incredible.

<http://.eqttanzania.wordpress.com/>

Headteachers from Tanzania will visit Keyworth next year and staff at Crossdale will receive training from the British Council that focuses on Sustainable Development Goals.

Our plan is that this initial visit to Tanzania provides a springboard for further work in our school that will give our children an age appropriate introduction to global issues that will affect them as they get older.



Young Voices – Manchester 2020!

Once again Crossdale will be singing their hearts out with eight thousand other primary aged children at Young Voices 2020. Our choir is 63 strong this year, made up of children from Year 3-6 and for the first time is led by our expert singing teacher Geraldine. This additional resource for school has been funded by our wonderful PTA (thank you!) and once again Mr Brierley will be supporting her over the coming term to get the children ready for a musical extravaganza they will certainly remember, the event is inspirational!

This year we will be taking part at **Manchester Arena on Friday 31st January**, please keep an eye on ticket deadlines (we will let you know as soon as we do!).



Roll of Honour

*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!***

Enzo (Y2) played his first tennis match a few weekends ago. He won 3 matches and lost 2, some against children aged 8! Not only did he really enjoy himself, he showed true sportsmanship when both winning and losing. Great job Enzo!

Olivia (Y5) has just passed her grading and is now a brown belt in karate! Wowzers Olivia, what a fabulous achievement!