

Friday 15th November 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

Let's get Festive!

On Friday 22nd of November Crossdale will be getting Christmassy with our PTA Christmas Fair. Starting at 5pm and running until 7:30pm, it is always a wonderful way to kickstart the festive season.

We have a huge range of stalls again this year as well as hot food, drinks, a performance by the school choir (at 6pm in the hall) and of course Mr and Mrs Claus, the magical Christmas duo, will once again be in residence in their grotto in Year Six (ticket letters have gone out this week)!

Year Five and Six will also be 'elfing' as part of their Enterprise project and will be running stalls with lots of Christmas goodies that they have planned, budgeted for and created over the coming week so please do support them!

Hopefully see you there!



November 20

Reading Morning (see below for more information).

November 22

Christmas Fair 5 – 7pm
(choir sing at 6pm)

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.

Reading Morning for Parents

At Crossdale we aim to promote a love of reading to all children. We prioritise reading and ensure that this skill is returned to in a cross-curricular sense so that children can enjoy and develop their skills in a meaningful way. On **Wednesday 20th November** we would like to invite parents in to join us in school for one of our VIPERS reading sessions (**KS2 9am start and KS1 10.45am start in the hall**). We teach this throughout school and these whole-class lessons explicitly teach children **comprehension skills** using VIPERS (Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieve, Summarise/Sequence) and allow all children to access a broad and balanced range of texts. We'd love for you to come and see how we use an *agree, build or challenge* structure to promote class discussion around a text and for you to hopefully take away some ideas about how you could further support your child at home with their reading. There will also be an additional **'drop in' evening held in Reception on the same day from 3:30 – 6pm** which will focus on how to promote essential early reading skills (decoding using a combination of learning sight words and using phonics) with your child.

Vocabulary
Infer
Predict
Explain
Retrieve
Summarise



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: Rafe, Alex, Max, Arthur W, Flynn, Tegan, Freddie, Cian, Joshua

Year 1: Bailey, Alec, Matilda, Lilly

Year 2: Clara, Caleb, Harvey, Logan, Olivia, Sadie, Matilda

Year 3: Faith, Isabelle W, Elizabeth, Noah, Blake, Charlotte, Izzy

Year 4: Rocco, Woody, Mason, Peter

Year 5: Freya, Olivia, Eva W, Poppy, Lily, Fern

Year 6: Lucas, Hugo, Olivia, Ella



Crossdale Will Remember

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for our Remembrance Assembly on Monday 11th. Miss Rodriguez and the Year Fives have been learning all about Keyworth and the Great War and they did a

fantastic job of leading the assembly. Not only were we enthralled by the fascinating facts they'd uncovered from their research projects, but they also entertained us with a hearty song from the trenches, re-enacted the first ever Remembrance Day 101 years ago and finished with a very respectful recital of the poem "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon. **Crossdale will remember them.**

Children in Distress – Love in a Box Shoe Box Appeal

This volunteer-led appeal ensures that infants and children from the poorest families or in orphanages, hospices or hospitals know someone cares and that they receive a gift this Christmas. Because so many of the donors involved now also fill boxes with senior citizens in mind, the appeal also ensures that those living alone or in care, are not

forgotten. These special gift boxes really do make a difference, bringing a little joy and warmth over the festive season.

Huge thanks to **the Masons** who have led the Crossdale 'Love in a box' appeal this year and to all those children and families who have contributed. We have sent a huge pile of shoeboxes off on their long journey!

For more information visit <https://www.childrenindistress.org/>

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!***

During October half term **Isabel (Y4)** entered a dance competition and performed a ballet solo winning first place in her age category. Isabel was incredibly brave getting up and performing a solo in front of a large group of people- we're very proud of her. Awesome work Isabel!

Imogen (Y1) performed in a musical on 8th and 9th November at the Nottingham Arts Theatre. She took part in 2 of the dances in 'Feargus The Musical' and very much enjoyed being part of the show. What a fantastic achievement Imogen, we look forward to seeing you in a starring role on the Crossdale stage!



Albert (Y3) has been to Hanoi volunteering for 'Newborns Vietnam'. He even got to have tea with the British Ambassador! He was very good at using some Vietnamese words and joining in the teaching. What a unique opportunity to experience a different culture Albert, we're so pleased that you enjoyed it!