
Friday 13th December 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

Deputy Duo!

After her maternity leave, Miss Seedhouse will be returning to work in February. Although Miss Seedhouse has been in very regular contact with school, it will be great to have her back in the team! On her return, Miss Seedhouse will be working part-time, 3 days per week, and will now share the Deputy Headteacher role with Mrs Westmorland. This will be their working pattern:

- Miss Seedhouse will work Wed-Fri, her main focus being school leadership (3 days in total)
- Mrs Westmorland will work Mon-Tue, focussing on school leadership, and Thu-Fri teaching in class. (4 days in total)

Sharing the Deputy Headteacher role, they will have complementary remits that ensure Crossdale keeps moving in the right direction – they will make a formidable team!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Westmorland for her tireless commitment whilst covering Miss Seedhouse's maternity leave. Crossdale will continue to benefit from her energy and experience as she works alongside Miss Seedhouse.

Upcoming Events

December 17

Y6 DARE assembly for parents 9:15am

December 19

Christmas dinner day

December 20

Last day of the Autumn Term

January 6

First day of the Spring Term

January 7

Keys to Learning day; Reflective Learners

January 17

PTA disco

January 31

Young Voices Choir

February 4

Safer Internet Day; parent meeting 6:30pm

February 5

PTA Film Night

February 6

Pupil Parliament

February 7

Recorder Club Assembly 9.10am

February 7

NSPCC Number Day

February 13

Maths Morning for Parents (and last day this half term)

February 14-24

Half Term

February 25; First day back after half term.

OFSTED

You will all be aware that Crossdale was subject to an OFSTED inspection in late November. OFSTED reports are typically finalised and returned to schools within 2-3 weeks, so we are hoping to be able to share the final report with you before Christmas. Once we have the report, we will aim to provide opportunities for parents to come into school to discuss the outcomes. Although we do not yet have the report, Governors and staff felt the verbal feedback given at the end of the inspection was very positive and we look forward to sharing the strengths OFSTED identified with you, as well as the things we will be doing to make Crossdale even better!

Year 6 DARE Assembly

DARE 25 is a Primary programme which is delivered to our Year 6 students at Crossdale. Recently refreshed and updated in September 2019, the programme aims to equip young people with a range of knowledge and skills which they can use as they transition to secondary school and beyond.



Our Year Sixes have now come to the end of the programme and Y6 parents are invited to our DARE Graduation Assembly on Tuesday 17th December at 9:15am. We hope to see you there!

Chicks

Once again, we will be welcoming chicks back into school in January. This is always one of our favourite times of year when the children have the chance to see the wonder of new life first hand. As part of our ongoing aspiration to enrich the curriculum these visitors very much consolidate the living and growing elements of science as the children get to see the chicks hatch, grow and change over the time that they are with us.

<https://www.thehappychickcompany.co.uk/>



Christmas Thanks to Notcutts Wheatcroft Garden Centre!

A huge 'Thank you' and 'Merry Christmas' to Notcutts Wheatcroft garden centre for donating our beautiful Christmas Tree once again this year! It looks fabulous! For more details please see...

<https://www.notcutts.co.uk/garden-centres/wheatcroft>



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: Ted, Zoe, Beatrice, Marie, Arthur S, Evelyn J, Maxwell, Leo, Sonny, Teddy, Edward.

Year 1: Elise x 2, Amelia, Henry J, Harriet, Toby, Bailey, Theodore, Leo

Year 2: Eadie, Alistair, Clara, Lewis, Harvey, Torin, Benjamin K, Alfie, Rosie, Archie, Danny, Owen, Reuben, Imogen, Charlotte, Sadie, James, Olivia, Remaya, Luca.

Year 3: Dylan, Izzy, Stephanie, Fina, Harrison, Elizabeth x 2, Oakley, Ava, Hamish x 2, Albert, Ethan, Layla, Emma.

Year 4:

Year 5: Ophelia, George, Poppy, Molly, Liam, Calum, Will B, Spencer, Eva k, Isobel, Kesia, Toby, Holly, Eva W.

Year 6: Charlie P

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!**

Huge Congratulations to **Albert and Ethan in Year Three** who both made Keyworth United team of the week at the end of November!