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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 & Mrs. Westie

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## Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a restful break over the holiday period and wish you a very happy new year! It has been a great start to the Spring term, kicked off quite wonderfully with another of our Keys to Learning days on Wednesday of this week. The children worked in mixed aged groups from across the whole of school and this time they were challenged to 'think about their thinking' and practice being a *Reflective Learner*. We talked a lot about the importance of making mistakes and what we can learn from them, as well as the value of trial and improvement.

Applying these strategies to all areas of the curriculum from music to mathematics created a very productive and creative atmosphere across school. It is always so nice to see the children working with pupils from across the year groups and collaborating on open ended projects. A fab day had by all, photos should be uploaded onto the News and Updates section of the blog today if you'd like to take a peek.



## Upcoming Events

### January 17

PTA disco

### January 31

Young Voices Choir

### February 4

Safer Internet Day; parent meeting 6:30pm

### February 5

PTA Film Night

### 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.

### March 2-6

Book Week (library visits)

### March 2 & 3

Story Telling Workshops

### March 5

World Book Day

### March 9-13

Science Week

### March 9

Science Fair 3:30 – 4:30pm

### March 17 & 19

Parents' Evenings

## Reading

As the new year begins, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support with reading and homework. If you are ever in doubt of the huge impact this has then please be assured that research shows that reading for pleasure (including listening to an adult read) has a very positive impact on educational performance. The UK government's Education Research Standards Team tells us, "Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment."

*So please keep reading, little and often as much as possible!*

Homework consolidates new learning and also makes a very valuable contribution to your child's attainment. New homework expectations for this term should be blogged on class pages soon.

## Chicks

Not long now until there will be chirping and cheeping around school! 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/>



## 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 **Clara (Y6) and Kesia (Y5)** who have completed their 11th Junior Park Run and have received their half marathon wrist bands! Wowzers, what a fabulous achievement girls – keep on running!

**Rosie (Y6)** has recently passed her Rookie Life Saving Silver Stage 1 at Cotgrave Leisure Centre. What a super skill to be learning Rosie, really well done!

## 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:** Imogen,

**Year 1:** Lilly, Toby, Bailey, Harriet

**Year 2:** Ivy, Jack, Harvey, Luca

**Year 3:** Oscar, Lauren, Elizabeth,

**Year 4:** Evelyn, Esme, Isabelle W, Peter, Jerome

**Year 5:** Ella, Eva K, Erin, Isaac O, Stuart, Danny, Isaac R (x2), Olivia, Jacob, Lucas, Joel, Fern, Will F, Samuel, Maxi

**Year 6:** Hannah, Tom, Charlie T, Millie, Clara, Beth, Aiqi, Rowan, Hugo, Bilal, Alfie, Edward, Tilly, Sophia, Lucas, Amelia.