

Friday 7th February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

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

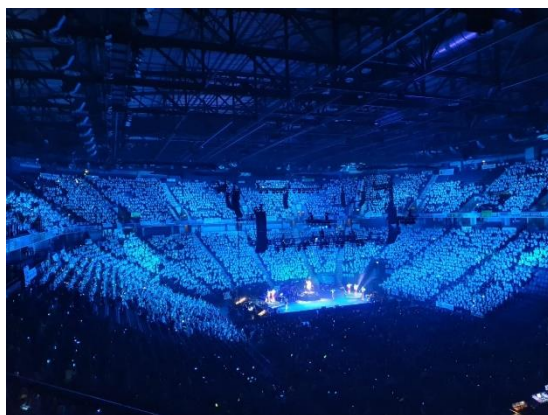
Each class has a blog page where information for your child's class will be shared; please ensure you subscribe to this by clicking the link at the top of the page. If you aren't receiving notifications of blog entries, please check that you are subscribed to the blog page or speak to your child's class 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

Young Voices!

Crossdale once again sung and danced their socks off at Young Voices! This year over 50 children from Year 3-6 travelled to Manchester Arena to take part in the largest school choir in



the world! It was a long journey and a wet walk to the arena, but this did not dampen the spirits of the children, teachers or wonderful parent helpers that accompanied us! Special thanks go to all those parents that came with us to help or spectate, to our choir teacher Mrs. Mack for helping the children to learn so many of the songs so well this year and of course to our wonderful **Crossdale PTA** for

Upcoming Events

February 13

Maths Morning for Parents -
POSTPONED (apologies – new date
TBC)

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; witches and wizards theme (Harry Potter dinner)

March 9-13

Science Week

March 9

Science Fair 3:30 – 4:30pm

March 13

Sport Relief (details TBC)

March 17 & 19

Parents' Evenings

March 25

Street Dance workshops with Urban Strides (Year 3, 4, 5, & 6)

March 26-27

Year Two Residential (Beaumanor Hall)

March 31

Base One Time Travelling Trip
(Methodist Church)

April 1-3

Year Five Residential (Peak Venture)

providing the funding for her each week in school! The children's behavior, enthusiasm, singing and dancing were most definitely something to be very proud of! If you've not seen the blog yet then have quick peek by following this link...

<https://crossdaleschool.wordpress.com/>

Now, talking of dance moves Young Voices is supported each year by a street dance crew called Urban Strides (which the children absolutely love!) and this year we have been lucky enough to secure some of their workshops at school! So, on **March 25th** all pupils in KS2 (Y3-6) will have a one-hour workshop with Urban Strides instructors.

There will be a contribution towards the cost of £3 per pupil (payable on school money please!) and I personally cannot wait so I'm sure the children will be super excited too

! To find out more about these inspirational dancers visit...

<https://www.urbanstrides.com/>



Please note we did try to book for all pupils, but Urban Strides only work with 7+ so I will try to arrange an alternative for our younger pupils later in the year.

Book Week and World Book Day

Book Week begins on Monday 2nd March with a week full of lots of fun book related activities; story swaps, paired reading, author studies and library visits and this year's world book day takes a magical twist! On

Thursday 5th March we'll be inviting children to dress as their favourite witch or wizard and to join us for a Harry Potter themed lunch in Hogwarts' Dining Hall.

We will also be running a "**decorate a wooden spoon**" competition. All entries need to be in by Friday 6th March ready for judging. Wooden spoons should be decorated along the magical, wizarding theme too. And finally, look out for our magical **reading challenge** in the hall! As a school, we will be trying to read as many of the books on our display as possible. There will be pictures of many books on this theme suitable for a variety of ages and abilities.

We hope the children are going to love all these activities and that it will add a little bit of magic to their reading.



Diversity Champions

The Equals Trust Diversity Champions team has been formed with pairs of pupils from each of the Trust schools and last week had a very successful first meeting. **Freya and Maxi from Year 5** have been voted in as Crossdale's representatives and now that project planning has been completed, they will begin their fieldwork with their first visit planned to a Hindu Temple. Watch this space for more details of how they will be sharing their experiences with the whole school.

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: Immy, Leo

Year 1: Matilda, Henry, Elise, Dorothy, Lily, Alec, Amelia, Theodore, Toby, Harriet, Bailey

Year 2: Benja, Danny, Charlotte, Fergus, Harvey, Jack, Logan, Owen, Olivia, Lewis, Rosie, Ruby
Year 3: Emma, Elizabeth, Ethan, Ismail, Layla, Madeleine, Noah, Blake, Izzy, Faith.

Year 4: Charlie

Year 5: Freya, Erin, Jacob, Bella, Holly, Toby, Lily, Kesia, Molly, Ella, Isobel, Isaac O, Stuart, Poppy, Fern, Olivia, Joel, Ophelia, Maxi,

Year 6: Lucas

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!***

Online Safety

Many thanks to those who joined us for our Online Safety meeting this week and for the positive feedback. A copy of the slides we used during the presentation can be found on the safeguarding blog on our school website along with information on how to get kids tech safe using step-by-step controls and privacy guides <https://www.internetmatters.org/setup-safe/>

These will be useful for all parents from Reception up to Year 6. Please pop in if you have any questions.