

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020

# Crossdale News



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 email your child's class teacher; this is an important way to stay up-to-date with home learning activities, or things that have been happening in your child's class, as well as a way of us communicating important information to you.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell, Mrs. Westie & Miss Seedhouse

## What a year

As we draw towards the end of a very unusual school year, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our Crossdale families for your ongoing support. It seems like a very long time since we were celebrating a hugely positive OFSTED that acknowledged Crossdale's outstanding provision for children's personal development. Inspectors commented on your children's fantastic behaviour and how positively they talk about life at Crossdale.

Although our plans were then kyboshed by the Coronavirus pandemic, we are very proud of how we worked with you, and the whole community, to manage this difficult time. The importance of community, and a school's place in a community, was made more obvious than ever.

We would also like to thank the staff at Crossdale who continue to show such dedication and commitment to making this a special school for children and adults alike. The warm and supportive comments received from parents over the last few months leave us in no doubt that you also appreciate their hard work!

## Back to School in September

A reminder that from September ALL year groups will be expected to attend school and our attendance procedures will be implemented again in their usual way. ALL children will be expected to wear their full and correct school uniform. There will be further details to follow regarding our return to school procedures, considering all the guidance that has been issued by the DFE. We will send further information over the summer about our procedures for the new academic year.

School will now be closed to pupils until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. [Click here to read more](#)

## Classes for next year

Our planned class structure from September will be:

- R: Mrs Mellor and Mrs Ingle
- Y1: Mrs Morgan and Mrs Westie
- Y2: Mrs Jones and Mrs Payne
- Y3: Miss Jackson
- Y4: Miss Rodriguez
- Y5: Mr Brierley
- Y6: Mr McKenna

Although this is our planned structure, parents should be aware that the likelihood of us having to alter the structure is higher than in a typical year; we are not currently able to confirm the availability of all staff for September. As ever, we will update you asap if necessary.

Our new reception class will be our 'Owls' class and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them into school in September. For children in this class, they will have a graduated start:

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> in school 9-12

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> in school 9-1 (lunch at school this day)

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September onwards, 9am-3:30pm

## Mr. Sanders

After 7 years doing a brilliant job to promote sport and physical activity at Crossdale, Mr Sanders has decided the time is right to focus on his football coaching and being a dad. For the first part of the autumn term, Mrs Sanders will be working on a Tuesday with our new sports lead to support their induction. Once we have agreed a date for Mr Sanders to leave us, we'll let you know so we can say goodbye and thank him properly!

## September start times

Year Group	Start	Finish
Reception	9:00am	3:30pm
Year One	8:50am	3:20pm
Year Two	9:10am	3:40pm
Year Three	9:00am	3:30pm
Year Four	9:10am	3:40pm
Year Five	9:10am	3:40pm
Year Six	9:00am	3:30pm

In order to manage the number of parents and children coming into school and onto the playground at any one time, we will continue to have a staggered start and end to the day (see the grid to the left).

We ask that only one parent / carer collect their child / children from school to reduce the number of adults we have coming onto the school premises.

We greatly appreciate your support in arriving and leaving promptly in order that we don't have adults gathering on the playground and ask that you observe social distancing guidelines by maintaining a 2m distance where possible.

We have yellow 'be safe' bees marked on the playground which the children will use to line-up on in the morning and throughout the day, and at the end of the day, parents / carers can wait on one of the bees for the children to come out of school.

We will send more information before Monday 7<sup>th</sup> about what to do on the first morning back.

## Thank you to our fantastic PTA

We'd like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for all of their commitment and hard work this past year. They were able to run several events in the first half of the academic year, including the Crossdale 10K, discos, film nights and the Christmas Fair, all of which helped to raise funds to support the purchase of resources that the children access in school, including:

- New playground markings
- New furniture in Year 5 and 6
- Throwing and catching equipment for each class
- A portable speaker for dancing at playtime
- Black History themed workshops
- Diwali workshops
- Book week story telling workshops

- New bikes and trikes for Reception
- £100 of new reading books in every Base

So, a great, big, giant thank you once again for volunteering, coming to the events and supporting this fabulous part of our Crossdale Family.

## Summer Holiday Activities

Children will have taken home some summer holiday activities to do from their teacher, including some activities that they can prepare to bring back to school in September.

Take a look on our wellbeing blog for some extra activities!

<https://www.crossdaleschool.com/blog/?pid=6&nid=24&storyid=2769>

## Book Amnesty!

Please can you search your houses high and low for any school reading books you may have at home hidden under beds, down the back of cupboards and in all the other places children hide things?! If every pupil at Crossdale ground 3 books under their beds, and returned them, it would save us over £3000. Many thanks!

## Can we help over the summer?

We are aware that there may be a significant number of people in our community whose financial circumstances will have changed due to the current pandemic and job losses. Holiday times can also be very difficult and applying for benefits can take time and leave many struggling to manage their budget.

[Click here](#) for more information about how we might be able to help.

## Dates for your diary for the autumn term

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Return to school for all pupils
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Keys to Learning Day – Independent Enquirers Art Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Base 1 and Base 2 Parent Meetings – Time and format TBC
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Base 3 Parent Meeting – Time and format TBC
Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Collection for Clifton Food Bank for Harvest Celebrations
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings 3:30-6:30 (Format TBC)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings 3:30-7:30 (Format TBC)

## Keeping our children safe

Please take a look at the safeguarding blog on the school website:

<https://www.crossdaleschool.com/blog/?pid=6&nid=18>