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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

If you aren't receiving notifications of blog entries, please 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 and Miss Seedhouse

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## Lateness

When pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential instructions given at the beginning of the lesson. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. Your child may also feel awkward arriving in the classroom when everyone else is settled. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it disrupts the entire class and the teacher – everyone's education is compromised.

We know that good attendance and punctuality can dramatically improve a child's academic performance and attainment in school. Please make contact if you are experiencing problems getting to school on time. We can offer advice and support.

As well as attendance, at Crossdale, we monitor lateness and class arriving late to school (after 9am) on more than 6 occasions per term, as Persistent Lateness.

We will contact you if your child's lateness is flagged on our monitoring systems.

If you wish to discuss this, please contact us.

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## Upcoming Events

### January 8

Start of the Spring Term – children return to school.

### January 18

PTA Film Night – More information to follow.

### January 19

New Year Disco – more information to follow!

### February 2

Choir to Young Voices in London.

### February 6

Safer Internet Day

### February 19

Half Term Week

### February 26

Back to school!

### February 27

Y2 Residential Visit (27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>)

### March 8

PTA Film Night – More information to follow.

### March 13

Parents' Evening.

### March 15

Parents' Evening.

### March 19

Science Week

### March 29

Last Day of Term. Back to school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.  
PTA Easter Disco.

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## SWA Consultation

Admissions Arrangements for Year 7 Intake September 2019.

The Governors of The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form wish to bring to the attention of all stakeholders a formal consultation to alter the over-subscription criteria for admissions to The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form effective for the Year 7 intake in September 2019. This proposal will not impact upon any children residing in our catchment area or attending our established feeder primary schools.

The governors are committed to providing the best education and enrichment possible to their community. If you wish to offer any thoughts about this proposal, please email Karen Gillen:

kgillen@southwolds.notts.sch.uk by midday on Friday 26th January 2018

Please see the previous link on the News and Updates section for the SWA Admissions policy and letter to stakeholders.

## New Windows

An exciting update - we are due to be getting new windows in school! Not only will this help smarten the appearance of our school, it will help to conserve heat and reduce condensation. Work is scheduled to start on site on Monday 12th February, but we will keep you updated on any developments.

## Whole School Welly Wednesday

We are going to continue with our whole school 'Welly Wednesday' in the New Year. Children from all classes can bring their wellies into school to wear at lunchtime play and afternoon play in order to use the field. We will review how this is working throughout the term.

## Music

Next term, children in Year Four will be having violin lessons to experience learning to play an instrument and children in Year One and Year Two will have the opportunity to join a recorder club if they wish. We believe that all children should have the chance to access music in a variety of ways and we try to offer a variety of music lessons from drums to saxophone to guitar! If you're interested in getting your child involved in any music lessons, please come and speak to us.

## Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As we have come to the end of our first term of this academic year we would like to thank everyone for your continued support. We have four children who are moving to new schools and so we would like to wish Harriet (Y3), Brooke (Y4), Jamilee (Y6) and Blaise (Y6) lots of luck; we know that you'll soon be settled and enjoying your new schools. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## Keeping our children safe.

Christmas is for sharing!

Encourage children to share safely over the Christmas holidays and beyond with 12 social media tips from [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

## Reach for the stars!

Well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts over the past couple of weeks:

Reception: Rebecca, Lauren, Benja, Charlie, Clara, Olivia, Imogen, Enzo, Ivy

Year 1: Ethan

Year 2: George, Izzy, Alvy, Angus, Riley, Charlie H, Ana, Charlie S, Oliver

Year 3: Isaac, Molly, Harriet

Year 4: Lillie-Mae, Will

Year 5: Hannah, Fay, Josh L, Zak

Year 6: Grace, Olivia

## 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!