



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 & Miss Seedhouse

## Well done and thank you!



After a half term that has been like no other, we want to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Crossdale families and our fabulous Crossdale staff team. You have all embraced a new way of working, tackling challenges and you've still managed to show a smile even when things have been a bit tricky. Thank you to you all for your patience and understanding, it means a lot and we feel very lucky to have such supportive families. We hope that you all have a wonderful half term break.

**Please remember that the first day back for children is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, as Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is an INSET day and school will not be open to pupils on this day.

## Wow, what an assembly today!

Thank you if you managed to join us for our live TEAMS assembly this afternoon. It was great to hear from the teachers about how fantastic all of our Crossdale learners have been, and there were some great dance moves too!

## NCC Information on Social Distancing

The school received information from the LA in regards to concerns over social distancing and we would like to draw your attention to this with the summary message below:



*'There have been increasing reports of children being seen to be mixing outside in the community in local parks and shopping areas as well as visiting other households. The government has made it clear that households should not be mixing during this period, except under certain conditions, including the forming of 'childcare bubbles' which should only be with one other household.*

*School staff are understandably worried about the impact of such actions on their own health and safety, as well as the safety of the children within school bubbles. In the absence of any specific guidance on this topic from the government, I would emphasise the importance of parents' role in keeping children, and the adults who support them, safe during the pandemic.*

*Please adhere to the current national restrictions and that any breaches by children attending the school will be viewed as jeopardising the health and wellbeing of the school bubble and relevant staff and as such will place them at risk of losing their keyworker/vulnerable child place in school.'*

## Positive COVID Tests over half term

Over the first few days of the holiday, schools have been asked to help coordinate Public Health England's response to any positive cases of Covid-19 amongst school age children.



### If your child has a confirmed case of covid-19:

- before or on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, please use this link to let us know: [CLICK HERE](#) . We will then contact members of staff and other children who might need to self-isolate.
- after the 18<sup>th</sup> February, please follow NHS advice and let us know on the first day back, the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, that your child is self-isolating following a positive test result.

NHS advice can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## Activities Pack for Families

As we approach a half term break in a national lockdown, we understand that it can be tricky to find ways to keep your children entertained. We have blogged on the school website in the latest news and updates, an [activity pack for families](#), which contains some great ideas for ways to keep the family entertained over the break. There are links to virtual attractions, activities for mindfulness and keeping active, free drama and theatre activities, information about free audio books, fun and educational resources, and ideas for things that you could do indoors or in the garden.

## Hand Sanitiser in school - reminder

If your child wishes to bring their own hand sanitiser into school, please ensure that this contains a **minimum of 70% alcohol**, as anything below this does not meet the required standard to be classed as virucidal. Not all hand sanitiser has enough alcohol to be protective against coronavirus (some only have 50% alcohol), where the required amount is 70% minimum. We ask that should your child bring their own hand sanitiser into school, it is stored in their classroom tray for health and safety reasons.

