
Friday 3rd September 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Crossdale News - we hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter; a communication for you with key messages and dates from school.

Please remember to keep checking our [school website](#), as this is where you should be able to find answers to many of the questions you may have.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell, Mrs. Westie & Miss Seedhouse

Welcome Back!

What a fantastic start to the new academic year we've had! The children have come back beautifully, and the atmosphere around school has been amazing.

We're delighted to welcome our new Crossdale family members, 30 lovely little ones that make up our new Penguin Class. They have been super stars over the past two days, bringing big beaming smiles to the classroom!

As we start a new term, it's lovely to be able to say a huge congratulations to Miss Rodriguez who got married over the summer holidays. She is now Mrs. Rodriguez-Pacey, although the children have stuck with a slightly shortened version of her name – Mrs. Rodriguez!

Please take a look at the dates to the right-hand side of this page and add them to your diary! We will also endeavour to up-date our [calendar on the school website](#) regularly too!

Please see the school website for the [term dates for the academic year 2021/22](#).

Upcoming Events

September 8

Base 3 (Y5 & Y6) 'Base meeting' in the hall 4:45-5:15pm

September 9

Year 1 'Base meeting' in the hall 4:45-5:15pm

Year 2 'Base meeting' in the Y2 Classroom 4:45 – 5:15pm

Base 2 (Y3 & Y4) 'Base meeting' in the hall 5:15 – 5:45pm

September 15

R 'Base meeting' in the hall 4:45-5:15pm

September 20

Individual School Photographs

September 27

Harvest Festival

October 1

Black History Month

October 12

Parents' Evening – more information to follow

October 14

Parents' Evening – more information to follow

October 15

INSET Day – School closed to pupils

October 18

Start of half term

November 1

INSET Day – School closed to pupils

November 2

Children return to school for the second half of the autumn term

Base Meetings

We are delighted to be able to offer you the opportunity to come into school next week for a base meeting, to hear some information from your child's class teacher about the year ahead.

The meetings will take place as detailed on the previous page in the dates section.

We kindly ask that only 1 adult per child attend the meeting and that children do not attend. Please do not attend if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Communication Channels

During the summer term we reviewed the ways in which we communicate with our families. In order to try and streamline the way in which we communicate to you, going forwards we will:



- Keep the school **website** up-to-date so that you can find most of the information you may have queries about, including
 - Dates
 - PTA events
 - Topic learning overviews for your child's class on the class blog page
 - Upcoming dates and key messages shared on the Crossdale News
 - Dinner menus
 - Clubs and sporting events on the sports blog
- Send a **text message** for
 - Head bumps
 - Dinner money requests for payment
 - Cancellation of activities or events
 - Absence and illness messages
 - To signpost a link to a significant update
- Send an **email from the school office** for
 - Dinner menu changes
 - Uniform collection
- Send an **email from the class email** for
 - messages or letters about trips, learning etc.
 - parent communication
 - alerting you to a blog link when posts are updated on class pages
- Use **seesaw** for homework (logon and password information to be shared with new pupils in due course)

Keeping our children safe.

Please take a look at our [safeguarding blog](#) on the school website.



Reach for the stars!

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

Year 1: Alice H, Simi, Rosa

Year 2: Freddie, Luca, Thomas, Beatrice, Rafe, Alex, Grace, Cian, Marie, Immy

Year 6: Alfie, Mason, Frankee

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!***

Individual School Photographs

On Monday 20th September, Star Vision will be coming into school to take individual school photographs.

We are pleased to be able to offer a session for photographs with siblings from 8:30am – 9am. Any siblings who attend Crossdale will have a photograph taken during the day. Should you wish to attend the sibling session, please arrive at the main entrance to school from 8:30am.



School Menu



Our [school dinner menu](#) is available on the website.

Next week (week beginning 6th September) is our week 3 menu.

Changes to the planned menu: Tuesday 7th September, flapjack instead of rice pudding.

School Swimming

School swimming will start next week for our Y4 children. After half term, our Y3 children will start their sessions and then in the spring term, we have sessions for some of our base 3 children.

Information about the swimming sessions can be found on our [sports blog](#).

Half Marathon carrying a beer barrel!?

Many of you will know Martin Findlay – an ex-Crossdale parent who worked tirelessly for many years to support our annual 10k event, helping to raise many thousands of pounds and keep Crossdale at the heart of the local community.

Martin regularly completes the Great North Run wearing fancy dress to raise money for Blood Cancer UK. This year he will complete the event with a 12kg beer barrel strapped to his back! Martin's daughter, Mai (an ex-Crossdale pupil who has just done brilliantly in her A-Levels) is taking part too – not carrying a barrel like her dad though!

If you would like to sponsor Martin or Mai, click below:

Martin: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mai-findlay>

Mai: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/beerbarrelmartingreatnorthrun>



Well being / Neurodiversity support

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget, several **Free online Level 2 Accredited Courses** are available to Parents to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing. These are being offered from the 'aim group'.

Some of the most popular subjects available:

- **Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, conditions, and how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges in Children** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Bullying in Children and Young People** (develop your understanding of bullying, including how to recognise that bullying is taking place and how to take action to stop it)
- **Special Educational Needs and Disability** (a detailed understanding of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, including equality and diversity in the context of SEND)

On average the courses take between 15-35 hours to complete (dependent on each individual's learning ability) within in a 6-week window and are completed on a laptop or computer at the learner's home. No Exams, end point assessments are involved, the courses are purely Q&A based and are available to you 24/7. You can do as many as you like, however you can just do one at a time.

The only **criteria** the learner must meet to be eligible, is the following..

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2020

Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course (Apprenticeship for example)

If you are interested in undertaking one of these Free Online courses, then please complete the following link asap. This will then allow me to contact you and send over the relevant Enrolment details and of course, answer any questions you have.

[Crossdale primary school registration form link](#)

If you have any questions, call **Stacey Taylor-Hinds on 0203 900 3091 extension 226** or email **stacey.taylorhinds@theaimgroup.co.uk**- she will be your main point of contact.