

Friday 17th 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

Individual School Photographs

As mentioned in our last newsletter, 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. School dinners are now available to book and pay for on School Money for the next term.

Next week (week beginning 20th September) is our week 2 menu.

Upcoming Events

September 20

Individual School Photographs

September 27

Harvest Festival – see information in the newsletter

September 28

Harvest Festival lunchtime meal – see information in the newsletter

October 1

Black History Month

October 8

Hello Yellow Day – wear something yellow (see information in the newsletter)

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

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

Free School Meals

Did you know that all children attending state-funded schools are eligible to receive a free school meal if their parent receives one of the following benefits:

- income support
 - income-based jobseekers allowance
 - income-related employment support allowance
 - support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guarantee element of state pension credit
 - child tax credit (provided they are not entitled to working tax credit)
- and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)⁷

It is important that all parents who receive one of the benefits listed above register for free school meals as this will enable your child's school to claim pupil premium allocation. The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise attainment. This additional funding for schools can help to buy new equipment and resources.

More information can be found on the school website, or by clicking [here](#). Our office staff are more than happy to help you with completing any forms, should you need.

Do you have a spare 20 minutes (or more!)?

We are looking to invite parent helpers into school to support children with reading or maths skills. If you can spare any time to help, please contact your child's class teacher.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument, please contact the school office for more information. A range of music lessons are on offer, including drumming, woodwind and piano!



Parent – Teacher conversations

To help ensure that your child is happy at school, we value the communication between parents and teachers. Sometimes this may be a quick message at drop off or pick up, but if there is something that you feel you need to discuss in more detail, please email your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment. The class emails can be used for messages too, and class teachers will try their best to reply within 48 hours.

Keeping our children safe.

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



Reach for the stars!

Well done to all of the children who have been earning stamps to complete their stamp chart.

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!***

Hello Yellow!

On Friday, 8 October we are inviting everyone to wear something yellow (with usual uniform) for 'HelloYellow', to try and raise awareness of 'World Mental Health Day'. Whether it be yellow socks, a custard scarf or banana hat, we're aiming to show our children that they are not alone with their mental health!

We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs.

This year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it!

Saying 'HelloYellow' this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.



Thank you to our lovely PTA!

The PTA are a group of volunteer parents who help to raise funds for the school through various events within the school year. The funds raised go straight back to support your children in school and this term alone, they have enabled us to fund the purchase of new PE equipment, a Christmas surprise for the children in December (watch this space for more information to follow!) and an order of new reading books for each Base within school. Thank you to all of our lovely volunteers who help to run super events, raising funds for the children at Crossdale. The PTA happily welcome new faces, and will soon be hosting their first meeting. If you are able to spare some time to help raise funds to support the school, you are very welcome to come along to the first meeting of the academic year – date and time to be confirmed soon!



School Lottery

Please help your school PTA! Last year the Crossdale school lottery raised just over £1000 which goes towards enhancing the opportunities available to our children attending Crossdale. You can encourage your friends and family to buy tickets too!

Over the last few years the PTA has funded new chairs and tables for base 3, music for base 2, PE equipment, coaches for residential trips and learning resources for reception and base 1. Without the ability to run our usual fundraising events over the past 18 months we've relied on some new ways to raise funds and the lottery has been a great success.

We hope some of our new school family will be interested ,but here's a reminder to the existing families too.

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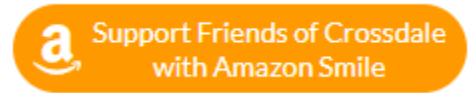
Crossdale PTA

COOP Local Cause

In October, the Crossdale PTA should appear in the local causes section of the Co-Op Members website; this is the area where shoppers can choose which local cause to support when making purchases at their local Co-Op. Look out for this when you're doing your shopping and please support our PTA, helping to raise funds for the children who attend Crossdale!

Amazon Smile

You may have noticed on our website page, the amazon smile button in the top right. If you click here and shop at smile.amazon.co.uk, a donation is made to the Crossdale PTA, at not cost to you! Please bear this in mind for any future amazon purchases!

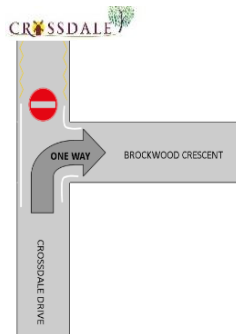


Maths Home Learning

Have you seen the latest post on our [maths blog](#)? Information can be found about home learning resources to support children with key maths skills.

Parking and Driving on and around Crossdale Drive

We kindly ask all parents to take extra care when driving and parking around school. This is vitally important to help ensure the safety of our pupils and families. As our school is located within a residential setting, we politely ask anyone driving to school to be courteous to our residents, taking care not to block driveways or make access for emergency vehicles difficult at peak times. We ask parents to follow our 'one-way system'; driving up Crossdale Drive, but then turning right onto Brockwood Crescent to help ease the flow of traffic.



Harvest Festival and Harvest Meal

On Monday 27th September we will be hosting an assembly in school for our annual Harvest celebration.

We are hoping to build donations throughout the coming week so that we can make a contribution to the Clifton foodbank. The Clifton foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's network of 428 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities, as well as across the UK. Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. We are looking forward to being able to present our donations to volunteers from the foodbank after our assembly on Monday 27th September. We appreciate any donations of dried or tinned foods and know that the foodbank are running particularly low on the following items; tinned custard, tinned carrots, coffee, hot chocolate and porridge – you can see an up-to-date list on the [foodbank website](#). Your support is greatly appreciated.

In addition to our Harvest Assembly, we invite the children to enjoy a special harvest dinner on Tuesday 28th September 2021. Take a look on the [school website, in the school meals section](#) for more information.