



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

Children's Mental Health Week 2022

As mentioned in our previous newsletters, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week next week. This year's theme is **Growing Together**. During this week, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.



Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

We will be completing activities in school throughout the week to help the children explore what it means to **grow together**.

To conclude the week, we'll be hosting a 'Dress to Express' day, to help raise vital funds for children's mental health. The idea is simple – **on Friday 11th February, wear a favourite outfit and donate £2 to Place2Be**. Donations can be made via your school money account.



Upcoming Events

February 7

Children's Mental Health Week. More information on the [school website](#).

February 8

Safer Internet Day

February 11

'Dress to Express' – non-uniform day to generate awareness about Children's Mental Health Week.

PTA Baked Goods Fundraiser after school

Last day of the half term

February 21

Return to school

February 28

Book Week

March 3

World Book Day – dress as a character from the selected class book (see main content of newsletter)

March 14

Science Week

March 18

Comic Relief

March 29

Parents' Evening – Time TBC

March 31

Parents' Evening – Time TBC

April 1

Last day of the spring term

Please see the school website for the term dates for the academic year 2021/22.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2022 will be celebrated on 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.



Whilst we always address internet safety throughout the year, on Tuesday 8th February, classes will be thinking about this in relation to this year's theme. You can find out more information by clicking [here](#).

Book Fair and Pre-Loved Uniform



The book fair is currently in school; we have sessions from 8:40am-9am and 3:30-4pm Mon – Thurs next week. At this time we will also put our pre-loved uniform out, so if you're after a few bits, please help yourself and make a donation if you wish.

Our little fluffy friends!

We have been really lucky to have 9 chicks hatch in school last week. This past week we have enjoyed seeing them grow and change, and each class has taken time to have the opportunity to see them up close and hold them.

They will soon be heading off to their new home, but it has been an excellent experience for the children, enriching the Year One and Two topic of animals and consolidating our RSE provision throughout school.



Some classes have posted some photos on their [class blog](#) page for you to see!

Home Learning and Class emails

We have recently been reviewing our home learning provision alongside our in-class provision. This has come about as we are at a time where class teachers are balancing working in class and juggling home learning for those having to isolate at home due to COVID.



Going forwards, we have asked teachers to monitor work on seesaw using the 'like' button. Once children return to school, any feedback or praise will be given verbally, or any misconceptions addressed in class.

We have also decided that from after half term, class emails will no longer be in use. Any urgent messages should be reported to the school office or emailed to contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk and these will then be passed to the appropriate member of staff.



We've got to say goodbye ...

... to Mrs. Morgan and Ms. Royale!

Mrs. Morgan will be leaving Crossdale at Easter as her husband's job is taking their family to foreign climes. We will be very sad to see Mrs Morgan go - she is a talented and committed colleague who will be missed by staff and children alike. I know parents will also miss her but will join us in wishing her luck as she undertakes this new adventure.

To ensure the children continue to make progress and enjoy life in Year 1, Mrs Westie will teach in class on Wednesdays for the rest of the year and Mrs Phoenix (who most of you will know has worked at Crossdale in different roles for many years) will teach on Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Morgan is already planning for her departure to ensure the change is seamless for the children.

Ms. Royale has secured a new job within the village and will be working her last day in school on Friday 11th February. She has worked in the kitchen at Crossdale for 16 years, and for the last few has been our lead cook, rustling up lovely meals for the children which are very much enjoyed. We are going to miss her greatly but wish her lots of luck in her new job – we know the children will be keen to say hello when they see her!



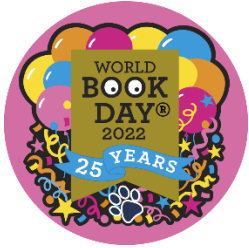
PTA Fundraiser

Please help to raise funds for the children at Crossdale by supporting the upcoming 'Valentine's Day Baked Goods Event'. Please register your interest by completing this [short form](#).



Book Week: Monday 28th February – Friday 4th March

This year our theme for book week will be 'Books around' the world'. The children will take part in various different activities throughout the week, including hearing stories from different teachers, having a story circle, paired reads and we'll also be having a visiting story-teller to school on Friday 4th. During the week our assemblies will focus on stories from different countries.

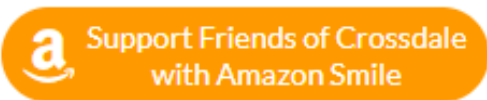


To coincide with World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we will be inviting children to dress-up to reflect a character from their class book. We will share these with you next Friday.

SEND Survey

Do you have a child who has special educational needs or a disability? Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners across Education, Health and Social care would like to hear about your lived experiences as parents/carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) of SEND services and provision in Nottinghamshire. Please take a look at the information on our [website](#) for more information. There are prizes available for completed entries!

Setting up Amazon Smile on your app



We mentioned in our last newsletter, that the PTA are registered with amazon smile – a reward initiative where you can select Friends of Crossdale

Primary to be your registered charity. You sign up and shop through smile.amazon.co.uk and at no extra cost to you, your chosen charity gains rewards! We have a button on our website homepage that you can click to get registered. Once you've registered, you can then turn on amazon smile on your mobile app:

1. Download or update to the latest version of the amazon shopping app.
2. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (≡). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone (you must have already [registered](#) and have selected your favourite charity).

Reach for the stars!

Well done to all of our pupils who have made a great start this week collecting their stamps! We'll look forward to celebrating completed stamp charts soon!

Owls: Edith, Jack, Rosa, Declan, Melody, Simi, Rupert, Sophia, Daniel, Ben, Dylan, Alice, Melody, Iona, Nancy

Lime: Zoe, Alanah, Marie, Immy x2!, Flynn, Max M, Teddy, Evelyn J, Sonny x2!, Tegan, Sophia, Edward, Esme, Marie, Beatrice, Grace, Alex, Luca, Thomas, Joshua, Axel, Maxwell C, Sophia

Maple: Harriet, Henry B, Dorothy x2!, Henry J, Alec, Dylan, Ellis, Elise x2!, Imogen, Faruk, Leo Bailey, Lilly, Joey, Imogen, Theodore, Amelia, Matilda

Apple: Emma, Faith, Erin, Orla, Ava, Izzy

Cherry: Rocco

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!***

Keeping our children safe.

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

School Menu



Our [school dinner menu](#) is available on the website. School dinners are now available to book and pay for on School Money.

Next week, we are on week 1 of our menu. There are some changes to the usual menu:

Monday:

Pizza, roast potatoes, cucumber, carrots & sweetcorn
Carrot cake and Custard

Tuesday:

Chicken tagliatelle, crusty bread and salad
Fruit in jelly and shortbread biscuit

Wednesday:

Fish fingers, potato croquettes, peas and sweetcorn
Strawberry mouse & shortbread biscuit

Thursday:

Roast beef, Yorkshire puddings, gravy, roast potatoes, carrot, cabbage
Honey & oatmeal cookie

Friday: *Miss Royales final dinner!*

Hotdog, chips and beans
Magic chocolate pudding and chocolate sauce