

Friday 2nd December 2022



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

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas!

The Crossdale Elves have been busy over the last week or so, making the school look wonderfully Christmassy! We'd also like to say a huge 'thank you' to Wheatcroft Garden Centre who have very kindly donated a beautiful Christmas tree.

Our Christmas Performance rehearsals are now underway and we're looking forward to welcoming you into school to share our Christmas songs and nativity with you. Ticket information was emailed, but if you have any questions, please contact the office.

We have a Crossdale Christmas Post Box in school – just opposite the Christmas tree. If children wish to write cards to friends in school, they can post their cards and then we'll get these delivered each afternoon.

Christmas is, for many, a very exciting time, but for some children it can be overwhelming. Some children's behaviour becomes challenging, children may become withdrawn or tired, and they may find the increased amount of change very challenging. We have uploaded some [information to our website](#) to help support parents and carers with some strategies to support children, if the run-up to Christmas is a tricky time.

Upcoming Events

December 9

Christmas Jumper Day
PTA Christmas Gift Room

December 13

Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm

December 14

Christmas Performance at 6pm

December 16

R Class Assembly has been postponed due to the set up of the Christmas fair. New date will be scheduled in the spring term.

PTA Christmas Fair – doors open at 5pm

December 19

Christmas Dinner Day

December 20

Class Christmas parties.
Christmas party lunch available today – pre-order??

December 21

Last day of the term

January 4

Start of the spring term – everyone back to school!
Young Voices Choir at Sheffield

Please see the school website for the [term dates for the academic year 2022/23](#).

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 9th December, everyone is invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school for the day. On the day, we will be collecting donations for the 'save the children' charity. More information about the charity and the Christmas jumper day can be found on their [website](#).

PE Kit

We are finding that a number of children still do not have the correct PE kit in school. It is important that children have their kit in school for each of their PE lessons as it ensures that children are appropriately dressed in order to take part in activities safely.

As published on our website, our PE kit consists of the following:

- a white, round-neck t-shirt*
- burgundy shorts (no logos)
- appropriate footwear - trainers or plimsolls
- a plain, dark coloured tracksuit for the colder months

Most children are participating in indoor PE lessons this half term, and so they should have burgundy shorts and a white, round-neck t-shirt to wear. However, some lessons will be outdoors, and so it is important that they also have a plain, dark coloured tracksuit in their PE bag too.

As of Monday 5th December, we will be introducing a new system in school to ensure children have the correct kit;

- On the first occasion children do not have the correct kit, they will need to watch the PE lesson and a reminder text to parents / carers will be sent home.
- On the second occasion kit isn't in school, for children in R – Y4, they will be provided with pre-loved PE kit to wear. A phone call home to parents / carers will be made. For children in base 3, they will have time out in which they will write a reminder note about bringing their PE kit into school.
- On the third occasion kit isn't in school, children will have a time out and children in base 2 and 3 will write a reminder note about bringing their PE kit into school.

If you are experiencing any difficulties in ensuring your child has the correct PE kit, for any reason, please do not hesitate to speak to either Mr Cresswell, Mrs Westie or Miss Seedhouse.

Sports Clubs

In January, Mr. Johnson will be joining our Crossdale Family as our Sports Coach. He'll be working 4 days a week and he'll be offering some sports clubs after school. For the first half of the spring term, these will be to children in base 2 and base 3. Take a look at the [sports blog](#) for more information and to sign up.

Reach for the stars!

Well done to the children who have completed their stamp charts this week:

R: Iris (x2), Edward, Chelsey, Maisie, Ellie, Olivia, Connie, Henry, Joshua, Ezra, Grace, Rex
Y1: Amber, Elijah, Dylan, Jack, Ivy, Leo
Y2: Shamiya, Harriet, Penelope, Thomas, Albie, Rupert
Y3: Alanah, Tegan, Maxwell (x2), Alex, Rafe, Luca, Arthur, Freddie, Axel, Isaac, Thomas W
Y4: Matilda (x2), Kiarri, Lauren, Jack
Y5: Ruben (x2), Owen, Ben, Ruby, Harvey, Jack, Rosie, Logan, Danny
Y6: Izzy, Elizabeth (x2), Rebecca, Stephanie, Faith, Charlotte, Maddie, Ava, Emma

Roll of Honour

Emma (Y6) passed her grade 1 Flute exam with Merit. Emma worked very hard towards her exam and put in many hours of practice. She really deserved her Merit. We know your parents are very proud of her achievement, and we are too! Well done Emma.

Henry J (R) has passed his stage 1 swimming. What a brilliant achievement! We know that Henry's parents are really proud of him for trying so hard and now moving up to stage 2. Well done Henry, keep up the great work!

Mabel (Y1) has achieved her orange rainbow awards in her gymnastics class this week. We know that her parents are super proud of her, and we'd like to say a huge well done too – a fantastic achievement Mabel!

Good luck Miss Holder

As mentioned in our previous news letter, Miss Holder will be leaving us on Friday 9th December to take up a new post in a local private nursery. We wish her lots of luck as she embarks on her new role. We'll miss her lots!

PTA Updates

Have you seen our [PTA page](#) on the school website? This is where we show the upcoming events planned by the PTA.

A huge thank you to everyone who has made donations already for the Christmas Fair. We know that we have asked for lots of donations, and would like to reiterate that it is not an expectation that everyone is able to give something to every event. We are very grateful for all of your support and any donations you are able to give.

Our Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 16th December. Doors open at 5pm and there will be a range of stalls, food available and a licensed bar for the grown-ups! More information can be found on the [PTA blog page](#).

On Friday 9th December, the PTA will be running a 'Christmas gift room' during the morning. All information can be found on the [PTA blog page](#).

Art work at Plumtree Church

Some of the artwork produced by the children in school, will soon be on display at St. Mary's church in Plumtree. The church is open most days and our Crossdale families have been warmly invited to go along at anytime to have a look!

Keyworth Friday Warm Space

Organised by churches in Keyworth & Keyworth Community Projects, 'Friday warm space' is open to all Keyworth residents.

Take a look at the information leaflet 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 for the next term.