Friday 21st December 2018



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 and Miss Seedhouse

Treat Day

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their treat day, with a theme of 'pis and chill!'. The children have worked very hard to get their stamp charts completed and some children have even got their next stars up on the display, working towards the next treat day!

Christmas Tree

We were very lucky to have our Christmas tree donated this year from Wheatcrofts garden centre; many thanks to the staff there who kindly offered us the tree, which our reception children enjoyed decorating.

School Holiday Dates

Term dates are available on our website. The dates for the academic year 2019-2020 are published there too, and you will notice that there is a change to the October half term, which will

Upcoming Events

January 7

Start of the spring term - Return to school

January 11

PTA New Year Disco

January 14

Y6 DARE assembly for Y6 and Y6 parents

January 15

PTA Film Night

January 18

Young Voices Concert

February 5

Safer Internet Day

February 15

Last day of the half term

February 25

Start of the second half term

March 7

World Book Day

March 11

Science Week

March 26

Parents' Evenings

March 28

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March 29

PTA Easter Disco

April 5

Last Day of the term

April 8

Easter Holidays. Return to school on Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

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become a 2-week break. This decision was made after consultation with our family of schools and is inline with our feeder secondary school, The South Wolds Academy.

Staffing update

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a teacher to work in Year Two when Mrs Westie steps into the Deputy Head Teacher role when Miss Seedhouse starts her maternity leave (at the beginning of March).

Miss Sophie Robinson is really excited about joining the team – she has always been fond of Crossdale having worked with Mrs Ingle as part of her teacher training 4 years ago. Miss Robinson has very recent experience teaching in Key Stage 1 and will be supported by Mrs Westie over the Spring term as she settles into her new role and the class; we are confident that we have an excellent team in place.

Miss Robinson will be in school in the spring term to ensure that there is a good transition in place for our Year Two children.

From January Mr Sanders will be working part-time, working on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is so that he can pursue his own business ventures outside of school, which we wish him every success with. We have reorganised our timetables to ensure that the children still have PE sessions with Mr Sanders and he will continue to oversee the PE provision in school.

Mrs Lees will be re-joining us in the New Year to work in Year Six as a Teaching Assistant. Mrs Lees worked for us for several years and having recently left her last position in a different school, we are very much looking forward to having her back at Crossdale.

Wellies

As we are using the field at playtimes, it is important for children to have wellies or walking / snow boots in school every day. If your child currently doesn't have any, please could they bring some in when they return to school in January.

Chess Tournament

Some of our pupils recently entered the Nottinghamshire Individual Chess Tournament. William B (Y5) won the 'Under 10 'B' section' – well done William!

Attendance Monitoring

As you are aware, we monitor attendance in school on a regular basis. Part of our monitoring includes logging children who are late into school in the mornings. We have also started logging returns to school in the afternoon for any children who are late back from having lunch at home. We will communicate with Parents / Carers

Keeping our children safe.



Reach for the stars!

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

Year R: Henry B, Harriet, Dorothy, Matilda, Imogen, Leo, Amelia, Theodore, Toby, Henry J, Lilly, Alec Year 1: Rosie, Olivia, Danny, James, Fergus, Matilda, Ruby, Reuben, Blake, Caleb, Logan, Ben K, Archie, Remaya, Charlie, Enzo, Ivy, Torin, Jack, Imogen, Charlotte, Rosie

Year 2: Dylan, Fina, Izzy, Emma (x2!), Lauren, Meagan, Ava, Stephanie, Izzy (x2!), Charlotte, Evelyn, Harrison, Fina, Elizabeth, Faith, Layla, Hamish, Madeline

Year 3: Evelyn, Isabelle D, Tamara, Sophie

Year 4: Isobel, Bella, Kesia, Maxi, Poppy, Joel

Year 5: Lucas, Rowan, Ella, Charlie T, Will, Beth, Clara, Sophia, Ella, Charlie P, Charlie T, Tilly, Anastasia

Year 6: Charlotte, Dakota, Eila, Sarah, Fay, Elia, Will, Andres, Fin, Joe

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via text or letter if we have any concerns over your child's attendance at school, as we aim to work with all of our families to ensure that every child's attendance is as good as it can be.

Packed Lunches

Please could we request that children don't have sweets or chocolate bars in their packed lunch boxes. We appreciate your support with this.

Book Amnesty!

If your child has several Crossdale reading books at home, please could we ask that they bring these back in the New Year.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

As we have come to the end of our first term of this academic year we would like to thank everyone for your continued support. We would like to wish Peggy (Y1) and her family all the very best as they move abroad; we know that you'll soon be settled and enjoying your new adventure! We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 7th January 2019.

Roll of Honour

A huge well done to George P (Y3) who gained his 'chief scout bronze award' with the Keyworth 1st Beaver group – this is the highest award that a Beaver can achieve! Well done George!

Bailey (R) passed his Freestyle Rosette One dance exam and Isabelle W (Y3) passed her Freestyle Stardance One exam, both via the international Dance Teacher's Association. We know Mum and Dad are very proud and we are too – a very big well done to you both!

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!