



CROWNFIELD INFANT SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

10 - 1st February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

As you are aware our Parent Consultations will take place next week either face-to-face, virtually or via a telephone call. Please speak to your class teacher tomorrow if you have not yet made an appointment. Parent consultations are an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. As you know the philosophy of the school is very much about **working in partnership with parents**. We cannot do it all on our own, we do need your support and input and this is what really makes a difference for your child. Teachers will share your child's targets on their report form. Please help your child with these at home. I will personally follow up all non-attendance with parents.

CLUBS

A reminder that the only club taking place next week is Year 1 Football Club on Friday 9th February. All other clubs are **NOT** on due to Parent Consultations, as per the original letter.

Our Crownfield Afterschool Club will still operate as normal during this week from 3-5.30pm.

MORNING PROCEDURES FOR YEAR 1 CHILDREN

It has been brought to my attention that Year 1 parents are unable to watch their children walking into school in the morning as quite a few parents are standing down the walkway and by the office entrance. We encourage the children to be independent and walk into school on their own, so unless you need to

speak to the office, please wait at the top of the walkway and watch your child walk into school. Thank you.

MEASLES - GET YOUR CHILD VACCINATED

The NHS are urging millions of parents and carers in England to book their children in for their missed measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. This is part of a major new NHS drive to protect children from becoming seriously unwell, as measles cases continue to rise across the country. The NHS campaign will see all parents of children aged from six to 11 years contacted encouraging them to make an appointment with their child's GP practice for their missed MMR vaccine. If you are contacted please get your child vaccinated.

NHS figures show more than 3.4 million children under the age of 16 years are either unprotected or not fully protected and at risk of catching these serious and completely preventable diseases.

Measles is a serious illness, with one in five children who get the disease having to be admitted to hospital for treatment, so if you or your child have not had your MMR jab, it is vital you contact your doctor as soon as possible.

Complications from measles, mumps and rubella can be potentially life changing including blindness, deafness and swelling of the brain (encephalitis).

Analysis shows one infected child in a classroom can infect up to nine other unvaccinated children, making it one of the most infectious diseases worldwide.

RECEPTION GRANDPARENTS MORNING

We were delighted to welcome the grandparents of reception children into school to spend the morning with their grandchild. What a wonderful experience! Reception children enjoyed sharing their learning environment with their grownups and giving them a tour of the school. We would like to say a big thank you to all the adults that came to support the children on this day and we hope it created lifelong memories for all.









As is tradition at our school, the children all take part in pancake races! The pancake races will be held on Tuesday 13th February – Shrove Tuesday. On this day, please send your child into school with a small frying pan labelled with their name and class and a pancake (you can buy ready-made pancakes in packs). I am sure the children will enjoy the challenge of tossing a pancake and catching it as they run!

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR AT THE O2

Miss McMahon and I took our Year 2 Choir to the O2 in London on Tuesday to perform with the Young Voices choir. Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world! 8,000 children performed on

Tuesday and Crownfield Choir were enthusiastic participants. Urban Strides performed and Nandi Bushell (aged 13 years) performed a drum solo which was amazing.

Natalie Williams, a famous jazz singer, also performed.









ATTENDANCE MATTERS



1 - Geography awards and Miss Subohon with her Masters certificate.



2 - Children awarded with Merit certificates this week.

Certificates will go on our 'Shining Star' board.



3 - Reading Awards

15TH - 19TH JANUARY 2024

Congratulations to Class 4 for winning the Attendance Cup this week with 98.6% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – Class 4

Average Attendance 95% and above – Yellow Base, Green Base, Class 2, Class 3, Class 1, Class 6, Class 7

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Red Base

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – Class 5

22ND - 26TH JANUARY 2024

Congratulations to Class 4 for winning the Attendance Cup for the second week running with 98.7% attendance!

Excellent Attendance 98% and above – Class 4

Average Attendance 95% and above – Yellow Base, Class 2, Class 3, Class 1, Class 6, Class 7

Below Average/Low Attendance 90% and above - Green Base, Red Base

Very Poor Attendance Below 90% – Class 5

CROWNFIELD STARS - MERIT CERTIFICATES



22ND JANUARY 2024

Green Base Alexander W for increased attention and effort in class

Red Base Nova O for settling into our class so well and for always trying his best

Yellow Base Taran B for great drama skills when reacting 'The Three Little Pigs'

Class 1 Cooper H for working hard and staying on task

Class 2 Rudhar S for settling into school so well during his first week

Class 3 Aleksas K for improved literacy work

Class 4 Joshua G for improved effort with reading

Class 5 Oscar B for great writing

Class 6 Barney M for sharing his history knowledge with Class 6

Class 7 Almir M for always being honest regardless of the circumstances

29TH JANUARY 2024

Green Base Vladimir P for always being enthusiastic towards his learning

Red Base Rahim R for settling into our class well and for trying to put his hand up

Yellow Base Anaya-Marie C for applying her phonics to her reading and spellings

Class 1 Ethan S for excellent story writing in english

Class 2 Layla-Leigh P for improving in her confidence in all subjects

Class 3 Vivian B for putting in the right effort when working at the table

Class 4 Aliabas K for improved effort in writing

Class 5 Parinitha B for making excellent progress in reading

Class 6 Jonathan O for improvement in all lessons and trying hard

Class 7 Salih H for constructing sentences more independently with interesting vocabulary and **Almir M** for being helpful towards the teachers and coaches

MARVELLOUS MATHS

22ND JANUARY 2024

Reception Yellow Base Rinushga M for representing '6' in different ways

Year 2 Class 7 Harry G for increasing his knowledge of money

29TH JANUARY 2024

Reception Green Base Indeyarna G for fantastic effort with greater than and fewer than

Year 1 Class 2 Ezra K for always trying his best

Year 2 Class 5 Ella A for improving her arithmetic accuracy

NURSERY



IMPORTANT DATES

w/b 5th February - Maths Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day

19th-23rd February - Half Term

w/b 4th March - Book Week

Tuesday 5th March 4-5pm - Bedtime Stories - letter to follow

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day and dress-up day - letter to follow

Friday 8th March - Mothers Day sale

w/b 11th March - Science Week

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Tuesday 26th March - Easter Bonnet assembly

Wednesday 27th March - Special Easter Assembly and Easter raffle

Thursday 28th March - Last Day of Term

LUNCHTIME AWARDS AND PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

LUNCHTIME AWARDS

w/b 22nd January - Congratulations to the following children who won Lunchtime Awards:-

Reception Yellow Base Malana G for eating all her lunch

Year 1 Class 3 Frankie G for lining up lovely

Year 2 Class 5 Darcie C for eating all her lunch

w/b 29th January - Congratulations to the following children who won Lunchtime Awards:-

Reception Red Base Robert S for eating all his lunch

Year 1 Class 4 Maryam F for eating all her lunch

Year 2 Class 7 Emelia O for eating all her lunch

PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

w/b 22nd January - Well done to the following children who won Playground Behaviour Awards:

Year 2 Class 7 Parker P for tidying up the playground equipment

w/b 29th January - Well done to the following children who won Playground Behaviour Awards:

Year 2 Class 7 Joel M for always being so polite and having beautiful manners

IMPORTANT DATES



w/b 5th February - Maths Week

w/b 5th February - Parent Evening Week

Tuesday 6th February - Safer Internet Day

Friday 9th February - Don in to celebrate Chinese New Year

Tuesday 13th February - Pancake Day

Thursday 15th February 10.30am - School Councillors visit to the Town Hall

19th-23rd February - Half Term

Tuesday 27th February - Reception trip to Barleylands

Wednesday 28th February - Don in

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Tuesday 19th March 9am or 2pm - Reception Easter assembly - letter to follow

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READING CHALLENGE



Well done to the following children who have achieved the Bronze reading challenge of reading 50 times at home.

Class 5 Darcie C.

Red Base Ciaran M, Reggie-Lee F, Miles B, Hunter S, Perry S and Melisa M.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM CAMPAIGN 2024



We are taking part in this year's 'Eat Them to Defeat Them 2024' campaign which will encourage the children to eat more vegetables with their school dinners and at home.

The people at 'Eat them to Defeat Them' say that 80% of our children are not eating enough vegetables with a third eating less than one portion of vegetables a day. A worryingly 48% of parents say they struggle to get their children to eat vegetables!

If you are worried about your child's mood, behaviour and learning, their diet is a good place to start. Studies have shown that the best diet for good mood, behaviour and learning is one that includes a regular eating pattern and a variety of food with 2-3 handfuls of vegetables per day.

This week our kitchen staff made a wonderful vegan carrot cake for the children to sample. Ask your child if they enjoyed it.

We are also introducing weekly fruit tasting in class. Mrs Wiles, our school cook, will select one class each day to sample a range of new fruits!

PARENT SURVEY



We are delighted to share the results of our Parent Survey carried out during the summer term 2023.

Q16 The school/nursery is well run and managed. 100% of parents agreed with this statement. I am so pleased that all our nursery staff recognise just how amazing Miss Martin is and how well our outstanding nursery is run.

Q17 I trust my children are safeguarded in school and their emotional needs are supported. 98% of parents agreed with this statement and 2% disagreed. It is amazing that virtually all parents agree with this statement. As a school we have so much in place for our children to support them emotionally. Miss Whitehead, Coach Chris, Coach Abi and Mrs Lewis all work with children in a range of ways during nurture and small group sessions to build children's resilience and understanding. We do have a brilliant team who support the children and parents so well, as well as all the work the teachers and support staff undertake in class.

Q18 As a parent I know where to go if I have a concern. 100% of parents agreed with this statement. I am so pleased that all parents understand who they can go to when they have a concern and that we will do our utmost to resolve these issues quickly and efficiently.

PARENT SUGGESTIONS

You said "When occasionally late for school, the line to sign in is huge making the children a lot later. Maybe lateness could be recorded on studybugs?" Our reply - Unfortunately if the children are late for school, parents will have to wait to sign their children in and explain why they are late. We are hopeful that parents will get their children to school on time and avoid this situation.

You said "Can childcare be provided for all parent meetings?" Our reply - Unfortunately we are not able to provide childcare for all meetings. We always try to accommodate parent's needs but it is not always possible due to staffing and cover needs within the school.

You said " Can teachers remind/check that the children have their jumpers/cardigans so they don't get lost?" Our reply - Teachers try to ensure the children leave with everything they bring in each day. Unfortunately when you have 30 children in a class sometimes things do get missed. We ask parents to take responsibility for their child's possessions as well as the children - who are ultimately responsible. Parents should check that their child has everything before leaving school and if you find they are missing something please escort them back to their class to collect it! This does seem to work!



4 - Congratulations to Miss Subohon who completed her Masters in Leadership in Education receiving a distinction, which is amazing! We are so fortunate to have such brilliant teachers at our school.

ART CLUB

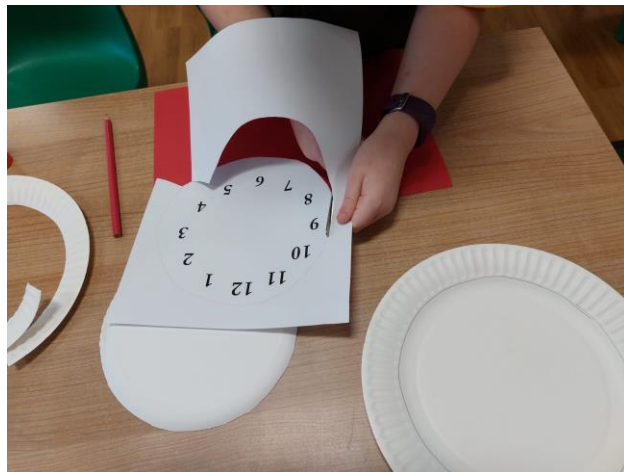
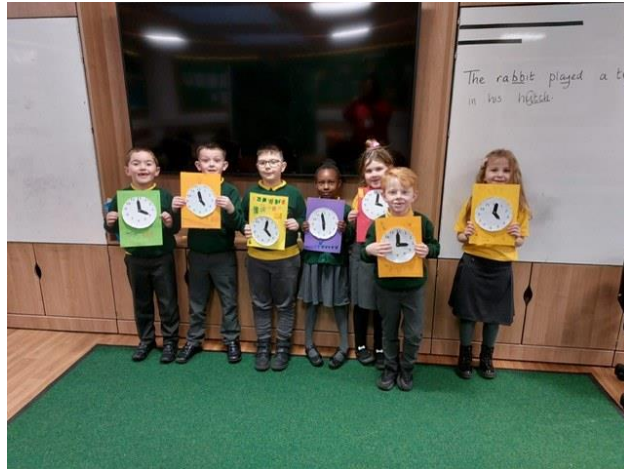
Art Club - Year 1 and Year 2 children designed a 2024 Calendar last week. Calendars help young children learn the basics of the days of the week and the months of the year.

This week Art Club made clocks. Learning to tell the time is an important rite of passage for young children, which helps the development of social and behavioural skills such as responsibility, time management and self-dependence



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