# **Our Vision and Values**

Crossflatts PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Mrs Bennett's Blog

## Thursday 16th January 2025

Hi Everyone,

It has been great to be all back at school this week and for us all to welcome some much needed routine and structure into our lives once again. We only have four weeks and one day left of this half term, it is going to be a speedy one with so much learning to achieve in the coming four weeks.

#### **Attendance**

Regular attendance is crucial if our children are to achieve all they can in the next two terms. We understand that sometimes children do become ill and the best place for them to be is at home so they can recover quickly and return to school. There are only **21 days remaining in this half term** and then we will be already half way through the academic year, every day really does count. As you are aware, we monitor attendance very closely, **if your child is too unwell to attend school, it is important that you telephone the school office by 8.30am to inform us of your child's absence.** 

There have been several tragic cases in previous years, where schools had not chased up the reasons for a child's absence. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences and the child was too young to raise the alarm and get help. Because of cases like the ones described above, it is statutory that all schools have at least 3 emergency contacts within their records for each child and practise the following protocol:

If we have not heard from you by 9.00am, then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit to ensure the family are all safe. Thank you for supporting school with reporting any absence as early as possible and avoiding the need for an unnecessary home visit.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding our children is fundamental to all we do at Crossflatts Primary School and something we all take extremely seriously. As it is the beginning of a new term, I just wanted to remind you who you can talk to should you ever have any concerns about any child in our school, these are the people who will be able to help you immediately. We also have a 'safeguarding concern' button on our website where you can also report concerns.

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## **Friends of Crossflatts**

We are pleased to announce that a total of £1362.82 was raised at our Jingle Mingle and the Secret Santa shop that was held in school at the end of last term. Thank you for coming along and supporting these events. The Secret Santa shop is always a highlight of the year both for us and the children.

Our next meeting will take place tomorrow, Friday 17th January, at 9am in the Willows. Do come and join us for a hot drink and we will be discussing our plans this term.

Full steam ahead for the next four weeks!

**Best Wishes** 

Mrs Bennett Headteacher