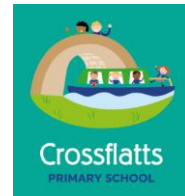


Our Vision and Values



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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 20th June 2024

Hi Everyone,



Finally, summer has arrived! What beautiful weather we have been having over the past few days, it is long overdue!

Please can you ensure you send your child to school with a sun hat, sunglasses, sun cream and with their water bottle on the warmer days. Our playgrounds are real sun traps so we need to ensure the children are well protected and hydrated. We will put out several large parasols on our playgrounds to provide some shade during playtimes.

Rose Day



Preparations for Rose Day are well underway. I thought I should explain what Rose day is, especially for our parents who have not yet experienced one!

Rose Day began over 30 years ago, as a celebration to commemorate the old school building being open for 100 years. There were four classes in school; each performed a dance and the whole school paraded around Crossflatts in their finery. This was then repeated the following year and so the tradition began! As the years have gone by, Rose Day has grown into a celebration of friendship and our way of saying goodbye to Year 6 each year. On Rose Day,

families and friends of Crossflatts are invited to our Rose Day celebrations, which take place on the Key Stage 1 playground. The audience sit on the banking and we begin the ceremony by welcoming the Rose Day King and Queen. These are two children from Year 6, who arrive with our Nursery Attendants. Each class perform a dance and then our King and Queen pass on the commemorative Rose Day plate and a new rose bush to our Year 5, our new Year 6 in September.

After school, we continue our Rose Day celebrations, which are planned and organised by our PTA for months in advance. Everyone is welcome to this celebration and there are many fun activities for the whole family, along with refreshments, hotdogs, raffles, games, music, stalls and entertainments galore! It is a very special event on the Crossflatts calendar, which all members of the Crossflatts family really look forward to each and every year. Rose day is **Thursday 11th July** and our celebrations begin at 1.30pm and then recommence with lots of fun, stalls and entertainment at 4pm – 7pm. We are all very excited about our Rose Day this year, with our theme of Music Legends.



From Friends of Crossflatts...

Our plans for this year's Rose Day evening celebrations which will be held 4-7pm at school on Thursday 11th July are in full swing. Tickets for the event will be £2 with Under 5's free. More details to follow soon on how to purchase your tickets.

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Sweet Treats non-uniform day

Friday 28th June is a non-uniform day for our Rose Day preparations. We ask that each pupil wears non-uniform and brings in a donation for the 'sweet treats' tombola! This could be a bag of sweets or chocolate. Please can we ask that nothing contains nuts and the ingredients are labelled on the packet.

Donations

A reminder that we will be collecting donations at school pick up on Thursday 4th July and the morning drop off on Friday 5th July. We are seeking donations of teddy's and new, unused gifts for children or adults for our tombola's and raffle. No books please.

Raffle

One of the most popular fixtures at Rose Day is our raffle which will be returning this year. All pupils will shortly receive 2 books of 5 raffle tickets from school. It would be fantastic if you sell as many as possible but please do not feel pressure to sell them all.

Can you lend a helping hand?

Our Rose Day preparation day will take place on Friday 5th July in The Willows from 9am. If you can spare any time to lend a helping hand, even an hour, it will make a huge difference.

We also require volunteers for our stalls on Rose Day between 4 and 7pm. If you or any member of your family/friends can offer 30 minutes to help on a stall it would be greatly appreciated. Volunteers are able to sign up to a slot via an online App this year, please follow this link: <https://volunteersignup.org/CMJHW>

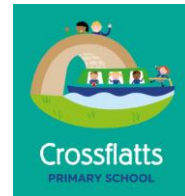


Safeguarding

This week it is drowning prevention week. Considering our location at school being so close to the canal, it is really important that we ensure our children are aware of the dangers of being tempted to jump into open water to cool off on hot days. This short video is useful to share with children to discuss the dangers of open water and opens up a conversation for keeping safe near water when playing in the local community here in Crossflatts.

[Water safety for kids | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](#) https://youtu.be/3HZ_zksTjx4

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Attendance- All Day, Every Day, the Crossflatts Way!

Here are the last week of the half terms attendance figures:

Whole School: 96.3%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	97%	98.2%	96.1%	96.4%	93.6%	96.5%	96.0%	97.7%

And finally...

At this time of year we are also preparing to bid farewells to some of our staff. This July we will say farewell to Miss McHugh, who has been working her magic in Year 2 this year will also be moving on to new pastures and taking up a new teaching role in a local school in the autumn. Miss McHugh has worked across the school to develop our music provision, we are very thankful of all of her hard work, enthusiasm and wish her well in her next chapter. Mrs McCulloch, our school receptionist is retiring after ten happy years of welcoming our families into our school and being at the helm of our main reception. She is off to spend some well-earned time with her family and go on lots of adventures. We are so thankful of all of her help, support and hard work. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Prowse. Mrs Prowse has worked all over our school with children from every year group most recently sharing a class with Mrs McHale in year 4, we are so grateful for all Mrs Prowse has brought to our school- fun, so much creativity and always a twinkly light or two. Mr Weaver, who joined us last year as a learning support assistant in year 6, Mr Weaver has had a wonderful time learning all about school life and supporting our children but he is moving on to begin an adventure with the fire service. We wish Mr Weaver every success with his next chapter. We will greatly miss all of these wonderful people but we are excited for each of their next chapters and I know they will always be part of the Crossflatts family.

And finally finally...

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Litvinov's baby- a gorgeous baby girl named Florence Daisy, born last week weighing 8lb 15oz. Mummy and baby are doing brilliantly and I am sure will be into school for some cuddles soon.

Enjoy the sunshine everyone, it definitely finally feels like summer!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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