

# Our Vision and Values



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## Mrs Bennett's Blog

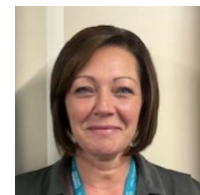
Thursday 5th September 2024

Hi Everyone,



Welcome everyone to academic year 2024/25! It has been wonderful to see everyone bounding in through our gates this week ready to begin a brand new year here at Crossflatts Primary School! A special welcome to all of our new children and families, who are just beginning their very first days with us, we are so excited to welcome you into the Crossflatts family and see you fly!

We also welcome Mrs Ambler our new school receptionist, who has begun her new role with us this week as our school receptionist. Mrs Ambler is very excited and looking forward to getting to know all of our families as she learns the Crossflatts Way, do pop in and say hello in you are at the front of school.



There are only **190 days** in our school year and it is vitally important that all the children attend school every day, in order to gain the very most they can from the learning opportunities we provide at Crossflatts Primary School. The national target for attendance is **96%** and we are aiming to be above that target this year. In order to do so, we will be monitoring absences very closely and we are encouraging all our children to aim for at least **96%** attendance over the course of the year. Of course, we are all unwell from time to time and if there is a rare occasion your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please can I request that you telephone the school office to inform us of your child's absence no later than 8.30am. Let's go big this year... **All day, every day, the Crossflatts Way!**



You may have noticed we have a new clothing donation recycle bin at the main entrance of our school. Pupil parliament have worked to create our fundraising video for more information please click here:

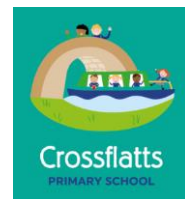
<https://online.fundraiserecycleltd.co.uk/bank?bankId=crossflatts-primary-school>

School is given a donation from the company who come to collect the clothing so please do use the bin to recycle unwanted clothing as every little helps our school.

A parent also reached out to me this week to share with me that he had selected Crossflatts Primary School on his Asda App and loyalty card- see below... Please consider selecting our school if you have the Asda loyalty card and shop at Asda as we'd be delighted.



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## THE BIG START 2024!

Every year we believe it is crucial that we light the learning fires within our children, so that they are truly engaged and ignited to learn. We do this with our Big Start and really fortify the Crossflatts family together and it is an annual event much loved by our children. This year we are having our Big Start on **Thursday 19th of September when Years 1 to 6 will be spending the day on an adventure to Stockeld**

**Park!** A letter went out before the summer holidays with all the trip information and payment details for the trip. Please ensure all payments for the trip are paid on parent pay by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of September at the latest. It is going to be a great day!



### Secondary school open evenings

For our Year 6 children who will soon be commencing the process of considering which Secondary School they wish to move on to when the end their time with us next summer- Beckfoot open evening is being held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> of September 5.30pm-7.30pm and Bingley Grammar School's open evening is being held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 5.00pm-8.00pm

### Friends of Crossflatts

Our first Friends of Crossflatts meeting of the academic year will take place on Friday 20th September after morning drop off. All welcome to attend for a cuppa and biscuits including any younger children. Please sign in at reception and head to The Willows. If you can't attend, we will also be holding an evening Zoom meeting on Wednesday 25th September at 8pm.

Please email [friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk) to receive Zoom details.

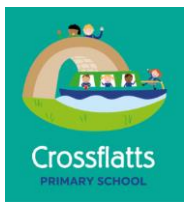
We will be reviewing Rose Day so do let us know if you have feedback or ideas via email if you cannot attend the meetings.

### 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.

This time of year brings a change of season and a fresh start to a new chapter. I can't wait to see where our story takes us over the next year. We are on our way! Full steam ahead!

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**Nicola Bennett – Headteacher**



**Rebecca Petrie – Deputy Head Teacher**



**Richard Atkins – Assistant Head Teacher**



**Laura Barker - Assistant Head Teacher**



**Laura Reynolds – Assistant Head Teacher**



**Gemma Craven – Assistant Head Teacher**



**Jo Cattell – Learning Mentor**

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

**Family-Flourish-Fly**