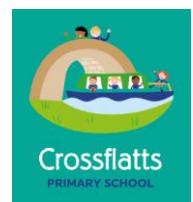


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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 29th January 2026

Hi Everyone,

I am pleased to see the end of January, it always feels like it is going to last forever, but we can say hello to February finally on Sunday!

As I wrote last week, we would love to host any parent or carer who would like to come into school to talk about their career and journey to their chosen career. I have had two parents volunteer so far but I would love a few more. If any parents would be willing to come into school to talk to the children please just send me an email, the children love listening to people's life stories and paths taken through life to their chosen job and careers.



My email address is Nicola.bennett@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk



Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to seeing our families in school next Friday - Friday 6th of February to come spend some time with your child in their classroom to talk about their learning. This will be from 1.45pm-2.45pm. Please just arrive at your normal classroom door and we will guide you from there. Hope you can make it. If you have more than one child, please do feel free to divide your time between classrooms, however please leave each child in their classroom rather than taking them to other classrooms as we just don't have the space.

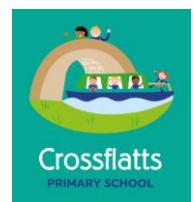
Safeguarding

Manipulative Marketing in Mobile Games - Better Internet for Kids
Children are increasingly becoming major components in the online games industry. Many games are deceptively pay to play, whilst claiming to be free. For most of these apps the download is free but most of the gameplay is locked. Free in the context of apps is a highly flexible term. Online gaming firms use the 'free' label to draw in players, whom when talking about minors may be attractive due solely to that quality. Money making tactics such as these, can be hard to detect even for adults. Their use of bright colours, distracting music and other methods can be highly persuasive in gaining players. Better Internet for Kids has crafted a learning module designed to explore digital marketing tactics. You will learn why companies use these tactics and how they can impact your child and their rights. You will also learn how you can support your child to spot and avoid these issues, as well as where you can seek help and support. If interested, please follow the link below:



<https://better-internet-for-kids.europa.eu/en/learning-corner/parents-and-caregivers/marketing-games>

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Parental Consent

We use ParentPay as a tool to gather informed consents for our many different activities within School, this includes but is not limited to Visits, Sporting activities, Extra-curricular Clubs and Events. Without this informed consent we are unable to involve your child(ren) in these activities due to health and Safety. On some occasions there is a cost so that we can provide the experience to your child(ren). We communicate any new ParentPay items on Dojo and by email. Please can we ask that you regularly check ParentPay and provide an informed consent in a timely fashion as it takes a considerable amount of time to Dojo or call each parent for each activity. Should you have any queries or need assistance please do contact the office or your class teacher. If your child(ren) does not want to join in the activity, then please contact the office to remove the payment/consent. The main contact for this is adminrequest@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk. Thank you in advance for helping us to enrich your child(ren)'s experience within School.

Attendance:

'All Day, Every Day, The Crossflatts Way!'

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 96.0%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.0%	96.3%	95.2%	94.8%	97.2%	97.1%	94.2%	97.0%

Friends of Crossflatts

The next meeting of the Friends of Crossflatts will be on the 6th of February at 9am. If you would like to join us, please meet us at the school office. Tea and biscuits provided.

And finally... after more than 30 years of a stellar career at our school, Miss Taylor will be retiring at February half term.

Many of you will know Miss Taylor well. Over three decades, she has taught and supported thousands of children, always bringing humour, gumption and commitment to everything she does. She has been someone we can rely on without question – always willing to step in, adapt, help and support whenever needed. On a personal level she has been incredibly supportive to me as Headteacher, particularly during the challenges of COVID and more recently through the disruption caused by RAAC. Anything I have asked of her has been done without question or fuss. She is part of the warp and weft of Crossflatts...

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Miss Taylor had already been planning to retire at the end of this academic year, but after a period of reflection over the Christmas holidays and with a recent period of ill health, she has decided to bring this forward slightly in order to prioritise herself and enjoy some exciting opportunities outside of school this spring. This decision comes with our full understanding and wholehearted support.

She has helped our children and our community to flourish, reaching the point where she has recently begun to teach a second generation of some of our families. Having given so much of herself to our school family over the years, it is now her turn to fly and enjoy her many other passions which usually involve a football, hockey stick and the sunshine!

We wish Miss Taylor every happiness in this next chapter and know you will join us in thanking her for her extraordinary service, dedication and care.

And I am going to give the final words of this week's blog to Miss Taylor...

*It's been a privilege to teach in the same wonderfully unique school for my entire career. I am so proud that I taught every single year group and that I will cherish countless memories of everyone I have taught or worked alongside. Best wishes Miss Taylor
xxx*

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett
Headteacher

