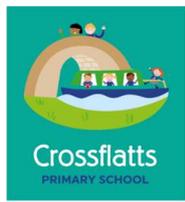


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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 26th February 2026

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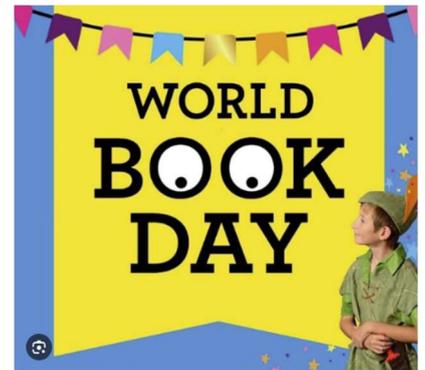


A great first week back to school after the holidays and the days are becoming brighter and longer by each day that passes. First day of Spring on Sunday too!

Next Thursday the 5th of March, we will be celebrating World Book Day here at school...

For World Book Day this year, the whole school will be reading *The Day the Crayons Quit*.

We would like the children to dress up as crayons to fill our school with colour. Choose a colour that you would like to be for the day. You could dress all in blue, all in green, all in red etc. Or, you could even make a crayon costume! As always, please do not go to any expense - use items that you already have at home.



Back by popular demand! We are launching our Story in a Jar competition for after the holidays too. The children loved this when we did it two years ago... **Please bring your entries into school on Thursday 5th of March...**

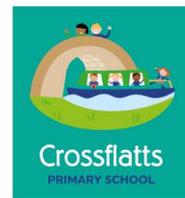
Arrival and Drop offs

Following the completion of our six-week trial of families dropping off and collecting children directly from their classrooms, we have taken time to reflect carefully on the impact this has had on the children and the school day.

Many families have shared how much they value this change — particularly the opportunity for children to start and end their day calmly, confidently and with familiar adults. Staff have also seen clear benefits, including smoother transitions into learning, stronger relationships with families and more settled starts to the school day.

I do also fully understand parent's views that parking can feel extremely busy at drop-off and pick-up times and I appreciate that this can be frustrating. However, we have decided to continue with the current

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system, as the benefits for the children are considerable. Most significantly, this approach has enabled us to gain approximately 30 minutes of additional learning time each day, which amounts to over two hours of extra learning every week. This has a direct and meaningful impact on children's progress.

To help ease congestion, I would like to remind families of the following options:

- School gates are open from 8.30am, and families are welcome to arrive from this time.
- Many of our families chose to use Breakfast Club which is open from 7.30am.
- We have three entrances available:
 - The Back Gate on *The Drive*
 - The Bridge Gate
 - The Main Gate
- Families who live close to school are encouraged to walk where possible, as this significantly reduces congestion.
- Some families find it easier to park on Keighley Road and walk up, rather than parking on Morton Lane.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support. While we recognise that parking can be challenging at busy times, we believe this approach is firmly in the best interests of the children and their learning, which must always remain our priority.

Safeguarding

Manipulative marketing in games (Better Internet for Kids)

Children's online experiences increasingly intersect with potential financial and psychological risks. Manipulative marketing tactics are commonly employed in digital platforms, games, and apps that target children. Understanding these tactics is crucial for safeguarding professionals, as they can lead to unauthorised spending, privacy breaches, and impacts on mental wellbeing.

There are three important areas to consider: persuasive features (such as 'dark patterns' and variable rewards), subscription traps, and product placement. As digital safeguarding becomes increasingly complex, children need support to recognise and respond to manipulative online marketing strategies.

To read more about how manipulative marketing affects children and young people, go to:

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

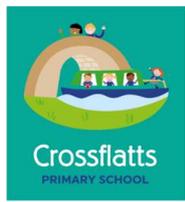
Attendance:

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

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 95.6%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.0%	97.5%	94.8%	95.0%	97.0%	98.1%	90.0%	96.6%

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Friends of Crossflatts

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their smarties tubes already this week. We will announce the total amount once we have collected them all and counted them! We have been asked if there is a way for parents to make a donation online so we have created a link to make a donation to our SumUp account. If you would like to do this, please use the following link. <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QMMNU5DZ> Alternatively, you can use the QR code below to access the link.

Our next meeting is on Friday the 6th of March. If you would like to join us, please meet us at the school office after the morning school run at 9am. Tea and biscuits provided. Everyone is welcome to come along.



Here's to a pleasant spring season ahead!

Best Wishes

Mrs Bennett
Headteacher