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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 15th June 2023

Hi Everyone,



What beautiful weather we have been having over the past week. I spoke to the children again at length in my assembly on Monday about the importance of keeping safe in the sun and heat.

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 have put out several large parasols on our playgrounds to provide some shade during playtimes.



On **Friday 23rd of June**, our Year 6 children will be holding their annual Prom fund raiser stalls where the rest of school are invited to visit their stalls which sell-baked goods, drinks, games to play, toys and books to buy. If the children could

bring a donation of £2 in an envelope with their name labelled and give their envelope to their class teacher they will be issued with tokens to spend on the day.



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!

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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 Sontomber

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 13th 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 celebrating 100 years of Disney. Mickey Ears at the ready!

From Friends of Crossflatts...

Friends of Crossflatts are in full planning mode for this year's Rose Day evening celebrations which will be held 4-7pm at school on Thursday 13th July. Tickets for the event will be £2 with Under 5's free. More details to follow soon on how to purchase your tickets.

We would welcome any donations of teddy's and new unused gifts for children or adults. This year we will also be having a pop up fancy dress shop (Bibbidi Bobbidi Fancy Dress Boutique for you Disney fans) so are asking for any unwanted children's fancy dress outfits/accessories in good clean condition. Donations can be given to class teachers or dropped at reception by Wednesday 5th July.

Look out for more information about Rose Day and if you would like to help with the planning of our evening event or if you or any member of your family/friends can offer 30 minutes to help on a stall please email friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk

Safeguarding



I talked to the children about water safety in my assembly this week especially considering our location being so close to the canal and 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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'We are a family, who learn how to flourish and then fly high.'

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

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

Whole School: 95.8%

Our Aspirational	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Target								
98%	97%	95.2%	99.4%	92.3%	97.7%	92.3%	95.3%	98.2%

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 Wilkinson, who has been our hardworking Senco and sparkly Year 3 teacher as she takes her expertise with her just around the corner to Bingley Grammar to weave her magic with their Year 7 children. After lending a huge helping hand for the past two years with our resourced provision, Mrs Leatherdale, is off to spend some well-earned time with her family, we are so thankful of all of her help and support during her time with us. Miss Craven has been appointed as an assistant headteacher in our school and she will become our new Senco and lead teacher for our resourced provision when we begin the new academic year. I know she is very excited to continue the hard work of both Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Leatherdale. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Fenwick. Mrs Fenwick has worked in our school for 15 years mostly in Nursery and latterly in our reception. We are so grateful for all Mrs Fenwick has brought to our school- fun, so much experience and always a twinkle or two. We will greatly miss all of these wonderful ladies but we are excited for each of their next chapters and I know they will always be part of the Crossflatts family.

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

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher