



Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 7th September 2023

Hi Everyone,

What a first week back to school! I want to begin by saying a huge thank you for all of the kind words, emails, messages and support we have been shown by our families this week. It has meant a great deal to know how much support we have from the people who matter, our families and children, as we find our way through these uncharted waters. I will share timescales for the next phase of the plan in the coming weeks so you know what to expect and when. My key priority for this half term is to settle everyone into school life and learning the Crossflatts Way.

It has been wonderful to see everyone bounding in through our gates this week ready to begin their next step with gusto with just a few tweaks as we go, the older children who have moved classrooms have risen to the challenge and just found their Crossflatts feet immediately. Such a testament to the resilience and confidence our children possess.

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!

I am working extremely hard to secure a hot lunch option and I am currently working with two schools who are willing to help us with a reduced hot menu. I am very hopeful to have this in operation by Monday 18th of September. As soon as I have confirmation of this, I will communicate this to you. Therefore for next week could I ask you continue to send your child with a packed lunch or order a sandwich option from Aspen's for just one more week. Thank you for bearing with me on this.

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!**

THE BIG START 2023!

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, this year more than ever it is important that we begin with a bang! This year we are having our Big Start on **Thursday 14th of September**, we will be hosting this here in our school. We don't like to give too much away as it's always a big surprise for our children. We just ask that the children arrive wearing any bright coloured clothing- anything goes- t-shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses etc. Ready to have a great day together!

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.



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



Friends of Crossflatts

Our first Friends of Crossflatts meeting of the year will be next Friday 15th 9.30am on Zoom. Meetings will then resume the first Friday of the month again. The Wednesday evening meeting will be 20th September 8pm and then the Wednesday following the 1st Fri of the month.

As there are no communal areas in school all meetings will be on Zoom for the time being. We will be reviewing Rose Day (money raised & stalls) so do let me know if you have feedback or ideas. If you can't attend the meetings we welcome any feedback via email to friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk

Not the beginning we were expecting but it really is business as usual, I am determined that the children's learning and the life they are used to here will continue to be of the Crossflatts standard. The Crossflatts spirit is strongest when we have the wind in our face. Shoulders back and onwards we march together.

Mrs Bennett

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