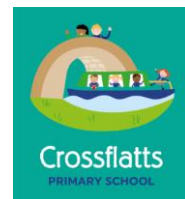


Our Vision and Values



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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 7th December

Hi Everyone,

Tomorrow, we are inviting everyone to wear their **Christmas jumpers to school**, please do not go to any additional expense buying new jumpers, we have lots of tinsel in school and we can easily transform a normal jumper in a matter of moments if you don't have any Christmas jumpers at home. It is also our Christmas picnic lunch day on tomorrow followed by our annual Christmas Sparkle event from 1.45pm-2.45pm. Christmas celebrations are well underway!

When families arrive for Christmas Sparkle please arrive at your usual gate and for Years 4, 5 & 6 please see below:

For our RAAC affected year groups:

Year 4	Please arrive at the Atrium doors, which is where the school hall used to be.
Year 5	Please go to the Willows building, which is in the bottom playground where the big 'Bramble Hedge Pre School' sign is.
Year 6	Mr Atkins- Please arrive at the Atrium side door which is where the school hall used to be. Mr Atkins classroom is the upstairs of the Atrium. Miss Dearden- where the front of hall used to be.

Friends of Crossflatts

A huge thank you to the Friends of Crossflatts for their amazing efforts with the Winter Fair last weekend! I am so grateful that the team simply took complete control of the event, organising all the stalls and running the entire event without the staff this year as we are really now in the thick of packing up half of our school and deep in preparations for moving again into the new learning village, to have the Friends of Crossflatts take the fair off our hands has helped immensely with our heavy load at the moment. Big love Friends of Crossflatts!

Friends of Crossflatts would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped make the Winter Fair a success on Saturday. Thank you to those that gave donations and to those that attended. A huge thank you to those that helped prepare in the weeks leading up to the fair and to those that volunteered their time on the day. We could not have done it without your help!

All winners of our Christmas raffle have been now been contacted.

Friday 8th December

On Friday at Christmas Sparkle pop along to see Mrs Sugden and Miss Corby at the main entrance who will be selling a selection of reindeer goodies on behalf of Friends of Crossflatts. We have reindeer hot chocolate cones for £2, reindeer food bags and reindeer poop (chocolate raisins!) both £1 a bag. Cash only please.

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Next Week continues to be extremely busy:

Wednesday 13th of December- Reception Nativity- 10.15am and 1.30pm –East Morton Church

Thursday 14th of December- Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert- 10.15am and 1.15pm - –East Morton Church

Friday 15th of December- Year 1 Performance- 10.15am and 1.15pm - –East Morton Church

Attendance:

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

Here is last week's attendance: Whole School: 95.4%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.0%	94.3%	96.7%	90.0%	97.2%	99.3%	95.0%	95.3%

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Safeguarding

As the temperature is now below freezing and our school is so close to the canal, it is important we talk to our children about water safety. This poster is a useful tool to use...

THE DANGERS OF FROZEN WATER

Every year children are at risk when they are tempted to play on the ice formed on open waters and adults find themselves at risk as they attempt to save them. Over 50 % of ice related drowning involved an attempted rescue of another person or a dog.

Areas with frozen waters can be beautiful to look at but they are also extremely dangerous. Here are some useful tips to help you enjoy these areas safely.

TOP TIPS TO STAY SAFE

NEVER GO ON THE ICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

This includes attempting to rescue another person or animal who may have fallen through the ice.

ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Try to take walks in the daylight but if you must walk in the evening, only use well lit areas and avoid anywhere with water.

KEEP AWAY FROM THE EDGE OF THE WATER

Never go close to the edge or lean over to touch the ice. You may over balance or trip and fall in.

ALWAYS WALK WITH AN ADULT OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS

Look out for each other and if someone does fall through the ice there will be others around to raise the alarm and get help.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Keep calm and shout 'help'

Spread your arms across the surface of the ice in front of you

Try to kick your legs and pull yourself out of the water and on to the ice

Lie flat, spreading your weight across the surface and pull yourself to the bank, you may find it easier to roll

If you cannot climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. ~~Keep~~ Keep your head above the water, press your arms by your side and keep your legs together

Once you are safe, it is important that you go to hospital immediately for a check up

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE SOMEONE FALL THROUGH THE ICE

Shout for **'HELP'** and dial **999** or **112** if you can

DO NOT walk on to the ice to attempt a rescue

Shout to the person to **'KEEP STILL'** and offer reassurance.

If they are close enough, **LIE DOWN TO AVOID OVERBALANCING** and falling onto the ice, and try to reach them with a tree branch clothing tied together or anything else which can extend your reach.

If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

If they are too far away, **WAIT FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES** and reassure the casualty from the safety of the bank.

Warning Thin ice

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Looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher