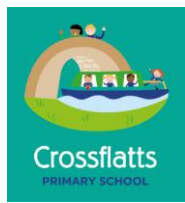


# Our Vision and Values

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## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 11th January 2024

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed the break and are now refreshed and energised for the Spring Term ahead, which only has four weeks and one day left! It is going to be a speedy one with so much learning to achieve in the coming four weeks.

We have worked so hard over the past week as a staff to move into our new learning village for our older children. I have to say it feels gorgeous over there. There is so much light and space, it really is going to be a great space to learn in and the children feel at home already. I am looking forward to the spring when we can reseed the grass and say goodbye to the mud! But Rome wasn't built in a day and it feels like we've moved mountains in a week. Here is a link to a little video I have made of the journey of RAAC so far...

<https://youtu.be/JQwDN-MxDs>

With the weather being much colder now that we are in the depths of Winter, please ensure that your children bring appropriate hats, gloves, scarves and coats, which are labelled to ensure they are toasty when they are outside in the cold weather. We could see some snow over the coming weeks, at school we make every endeavour to remain open during adverse weather. However, it is important if the weather forecast predicts heavy snow, that all families regularly check their phones and our school website as, in the rare event that we have to close the school we will communicate this to you via text message and Class Dojo in the first instance and publish this on our website. It is never an easy decision to close our school but the health and safety of everyone must come first. We would of course inform you of any decisions at the earliest possible time in order for families to make any necessary arrangements. Obviously, we grit as quickly as we can during periods of ice and snow, gritting the main entrance and exit routes first. On occasions of severe ice and snow, we will only open the main gate to ensure everyone's safety.

## Attendance

Regular attendance is crucial if our children are to achieve all they can in the next two terms. We understand that sometimes children do become ill and the best place for them to be is at home so they can recover quickly and return to school. There are only **21 days remaining in this half term** and then we will be half way through the academic year, every day really does count. As you are aware, we monitor attendance very closely, **if your child is too unwell to attend school, it is important that you telephone the school office by 8.30am to inform us of your child's absence.**

There have been several tragic cases in previous years, where schools had not chased up the reasons for a child's absence. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences and the child was too young to raise the alarm and get help. Because of cases like the ones described

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above, it is statutory that all schools have at least 3 emergency contacts within their records for each child and practise the following protocol:

If we have not heard from you by 9.00am, then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit to ensure the family are all safe. Thank you for supporting school with reporting any absence as early as possible and avoiding the need for an unnecessary home visit.

## 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.



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Last week our very own Miss Taylor our dedicated nursery teacher, celebrate thirty years of service as a wonderful teacher at Crossflatts Primary School! Miss Taylor has taught hundreds and hundreds of children throughout her time here and we are so grateful for all her dedication, experience and her own brand of magic she brings to the Crossflatts family. You are greatly appreciated.



We would also like to wish a very warm Crossflatts welcome to our new wrap-around care manager Mrs Fielding who is starting with us on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Friends of Crossflatts

Friends of Crossflatts will be holding a coffee morning on Friday 9th February at 8.50-10.15am in the willows (the building previously hired by bramble hedge). This a great opportunity to meet other parents and volunteers and find out a little more about Friends, how you can get involved and what our upcoming plans are. Whether you are new to the school or have older children, all parents, carers, grandparents and little ones are all welcome!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February. Please email [friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk) if you would like to attend.

Here's to a healthy, happy and exciting 2024, with new chapters, adventures and making lots of new memories to treasure.

Best Wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

Trust ★  
THE magic  
OF NEW ★★  
beginnings ★