

Our Vision and Values

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Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 12th 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 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 we will guide you to where you need to be. If you have more than one child in our school, please do feel free to split your time accordingly but we do ask that each child remain in their own classroom rather than going to join their sibling in each other's classroom, we just do not have the physical space. Once you and your child/children have completed their decorations, you are more than welcome to go visit our café in the Willows and enjoy the brass band on the playground. We will ask you to sign your child out of their class and then we know they are safely in the care and supervision of their family. I am looking forward to seeing the trail of glitter around the school!

As I wrote last week, the whole school has spent some time working on a fundraising project in conjunction with the Friends of Crossflatts. Each child was asked to create a piece of artwork which celebrates their 'hopes and dreams'. This has taken many different forms across school but is personalised for each child. The children have all worked very hard and are very proud of their artwork. This will be showcased at 'Christmas Sparkle' where you will have the opportunity to purchase your child's work for £3. We will add £3 to every child's parent pay account and adjust accordingly following 'Christmas Sparkle'. If you are unable to attend you can still purchase your child's work – Please just inform their class teacher on dojo and we will send it home with them on the day. We will be unable to accept cash in the classrooms on the day.

Reminder of key dates- Next week is a very busy final week...

- Monday 16th December- Years 2 & 3 Carol Concert- 9.45am and 1.15pm
- Tuesday 17th December- Year 1 Performance- 9.45am and 1.15pm
- Wednesday 18th December- Reception Nativity- 9.45am and 1.15pm
- Thursday 19th December- Party Day (Come in your party outfits and normal lunchtime arrangements) with Friends of Crossflatts Secret Shop in the school day. (Parents not required)
- Friday 20th of December-Christingle Services- Year 1-6- Through the school day. (Parents not required)

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From Friends of Crossflatts...

Don't forget to come along to Friend's Jingle Mingle that will take place after Christmas Sparkle in The Willows tomorrow. Grab a hot drink and cake and listen to the carols played by the brass band. Please note the event will be cash only.

Our Secret Santa shop will be held during the school day on Thursday 19th December. Parents do not need to attend. The shop provides an opportunity for the children to come and choose gifts for their special people. Presents are £2.50 each. Please bring money in a named envelope to class teachers on the day.

Our next meeting will take place on Friday 10th January at 9am in the Willows.

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 rise

If you can't climb out, wait for help and keep as still as possible. 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.

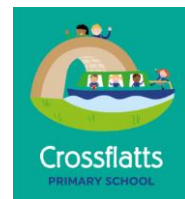
If you cannot reach them, **SLIDE SOMETHING** which floats across the ice, such as a plastic bottle or a football, so that they can hold on to it to stay afloat whilst help is on the way.

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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Attendance:

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

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 95.0%

| Our Aspirational Target | The national target | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 98% | 96.6% | 92.8% | 94.9% | 97.0% | 94.3% | 92.9% | 96.6% | 96.5% |

And finally...

When term ends next Friday, we will be bidding a fond farewell to our very own Mr Livermore. Mr Livermore has worked here for many years supporting hundreds of children to be the best versions of themselves. However the time has come for Mr Livermore to go follow his dreams and set up his own business as a driving instructor. We wish Mr Livermore every success and happiness with his new venture and I am sure many of you will give him a wave when you see him with his future students tootling around Bingley. Good luck Mr Livermore! We shall miss you.

Final week of term, here we come, jingle tingle all the way!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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