

Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 11th July 2019

Hi Everyone,

Last week, saw our annual Rose Day celebrations in school. It was a magical day, with the children performing so proudly for their families and an occasion where many fond memories were made. The weather was kind to us and we were delighted to welcome so many families and former pupils back in the evening for our evening celebrations. The PTA has been busy counting all the takings for the event and I am delighted to share that the Rose Day evening raised a total of £3646.47, plus the PTA have applied for match funding from Barclays Bank of an extra £1,000, thanks to a parent who works at Barclays. What an amazing amount of money! We are all incredibly grateful for this donation and I know all the staff and children will want me to say a huge thank you on their behalf. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for all their hard work in not only preparing the evening celebrations of Rose Day, but all their work throughout this year. We simply wouldn't have the events and activities we do throughout the calendar year without their hard work and dedication. Many, many thanks.

Many thanks to those parents who have already sent the annual report reply slip back into school-please can I ask if you still have the reply slip to send it back in to school by tomorrow.

A final reminder that our families are invited into school on Wednesday **17th July from 3.15pm-5.30pm** to meet their child's new Teacher, look around the classroom and have a look through learning so that everyone can see what the expected standard of learning will look like for their child, when the Autumn term begins. This is a drop in event so please feel free to pop in any time between 3.15pm and 5.30pm.

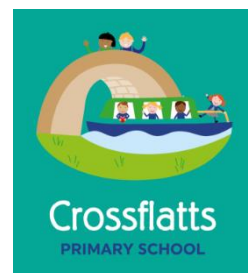
Next week will see us beginning our goodbyes to Year 6 with the children performing their leavers production on **Tuesday 16th of July at 1.30pm** and then on **Wednesday 17th of July at 6pm**. If any Year 6 parents still require tickets, please contact the office. Each family can have a maximum of 2 tickets per performance due to the seating restrictions within our hall.

Safeguarding

For many parents the summer can be a time when they book their children into summer camps, activity days and child-care settings. Last year the government consulted on a voluntary safeguarding code for out-of-school settings. Although the outcome of the consultation has not been published, a draft was made available.

In addition to the code for providers, the DfE published draft guidance for parents, in the form of 'Safeguarding questions for parents and carers (DfE, 2018)'.

Some of the questions parents could ask include:



- Have staff and volunteers undertaken DBS checks? How recent were the checks?
- Will any adults besides the instructor be present at the venue while my child is there? If so, will they be there on a regular basis?
- What training have staff had?
- May I have a copy of your child protection policy?
- Who is your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) and what training have they had? How recent was this training?
- My child has Special Educational Needs and / or a disability (SEND). What steps will you take to accommodate this?
- My child needs help with: using the toilet; changing; feeding; their medication, etc. How will these personal care needs be addressed?
- How are you securely storing the information you hold on my child? Who has access to it and are you giving it to anyone else?
- Is my child allowed to access the internet unsupervised?
- Do you have filtering and monitoring systems in place? What are they?

In addition to the questions to ask, the draft guidance for parents sets out some 'red flags' that the might prompt parents to send their children to a 'different setting'. The red flags are:

- Staff are not DBS checked
- No child protection policy
- Signs of abuse on other children who attend the setting, for example, unexplained bruises
- Provider unable to name a designated safeguarding lead
- The designated safeguarding lead has not had relevant training
- If the OOSS allows children access to the internet, no filtering or monitoring systems in place
- Dangerous physical environment e.g. loose wires, damp, no fire escape, no first aid kit
- No designated first aider
- No parental consent form or requirement for emergency contact details
- Other adults coming into the out-of-school setting who are not staff members / a lack of clarity on the roles of different adults in the setting
- No health and safety policy
- No fire escape plan

Attendance:

Here are last week's figures:

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.1%	95.8%	99%	96.9%	97.9%	98.1%	96.4%	99%

There were 4 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 7 children later than 9am

Here's to a great final week or so!

Mrs Bennett