



Crest Infant & Nursery School

Weekly News Update

8th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week back has flown and all the children have returned to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. This is always a very busy term with lots of exciting events and activities.



This week, as part of the community element of our Character Education learning, we have had the RSPCA in for an assembly to talk to the children about taking care of animals. The children listened very well and took part in some of the scenarios posed by the officers. Mrs Hyde arranged the visit along with her dad, who is an RSPCA volunteer in the Walderslade area and we thank them.

The School Council, who led the assembly would like to support this Charity and have asked the children to bring in small change to put into the collection box in the Year 1 area. The children love hearing the bell inside ring when their penny hits the bottom!

It would be fantastic if we could support the School Council with this community project.



Remembrance

We were honored to have soldiers from the Royal Engineers, Brompton join us today to join in with our assembly. The children asked very thoughtful questions and a potentially sensitive subject was managed really well. We always take time at this point in the year to remember people who have helped us in the past and those who help to keep our country safe today. Thank you to Mrs Seales for arranging this and to Sergeant Townsend-Smalley and Corporal Peel for giving up their time.



Cool to Be Kind Week (11th – 15th November)

Mrs Banks sent out a letter via Parentmail with information about next week's kindness project, linked with Anti-Bullying Week. The week will end with an 'own clothes day' for **Children in Need (Friday 15th)**. The theme this year is 'Get Together' so is perfect for the end of the 'Cool to be Kind' week. The children may come in their own clothes/wear something spotty on the 15th.

School Photographs - Monday 11th November 2019

Don't forget - the school photographer will be visiting on Monday next week. Please make sure your children look 'extra smart' for their poses.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are trialing a new company so any feedback from you once you receive the photos would be appreciated

Goodbye

We are sad to be losing Sandra, our Home School Support Worker, who is moving on to a role within the Attendance & Advisory Service in Medway. Her last day with us is Thursday 14th November. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Sandra for all she has done here at Crest. She has touched the lives of so many children and families and really has made a difference. Good luck in your new adventures Sandra, we will miss you!

As the Jumble Sale on the 26th November was being organised by Sandra, we will unfortunately need to postpone this as we just don't have the capacity to organise this at the moment. Thank you.

Mrs Shields

Attendance Ted Awards



For last week:

Reception: Octopus Class - 96%

Year 1: Penguin – 98%

Year 2: Polar Bear – 95%

Amazing attendance again! Well done!

Parents in Partnership Platform

We are constantly looking for ways of improving of how we work in partnership with you and would like to invite you to a meeting (with refreshments) to have a discussion of how our partnership can strengthen even more in the future. This will also provide an opportunity for us to explain the thinking behind some of the things we do.

The provisional date is set for the **28th November at 6pm**. More details will follow soon.

Persistent lateness and absence

Whilst we understand that emergencies can occur, these should be rare but our persistent absence rate is almost double that of the national picture.

Mrs Bourne, our Attendance Officer, along with the other office staff, have a duty of care to find out why a child is late to school or why a parent is late collecting so they will need to ask for reasons or evidence. Please understand that this is part of our overall safeguarding responsibility. Thank you

Thank you!



Thank you to Euan in Penguin Class' mummy for the surprise flowers the other day. The have brightened up the office areas and made us smile ☺

Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2019	
Week beginning 11 th November - Friendship/Kindness Week 'Cool to be Kind'	
11.11.19	Individual Photos (children and staff)
14.11.19	Parent Consultation Evening
15.11.19	Children in Need - TAG Day (own clothes)
19.11.19	Parents Consultation Evening
21.11.19	Flu vaccinations
28.11.19	Parent in Partnership Platform Meeting - 6-7pm
05.12.19	Xmas Fun day for the children
11.12.19	Christmas Concert - KS1 9.15am/YR & Nursery pm 2.15pm (Parents invited)
12.12.19	Christmas Concert - YR & Nursery am 9.15am/KS1 2.15pm
13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day
18.12.19	Y1 & Y2 Parent Assembly (after reading in class) Children's Christmas Dinner Christmas Parties
20.12.19	Last day of term 2

Diary dates are also on our website.

NB: All newsletters are now sent via Parentmail. Alternatively you can find a copy each week on the school website – www.crestinfants.co.uk