

CREST INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL



Weekly Newsletter

14th February 2020

MESSAGE FROM MRS. SHIELDS...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has flown by with lots of new and exciting learning taking place. For parents who attended the Year 1 & Year 2 parent assembly this week, I have included a link you might want to look at to do with online safety. Parents of our younger children may also be interested in this so we can work in partnership to keep our children safe online.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Our school website also has information and signposts sites you can visit.

As you know we had a visit from Ofsted this week. We will let you know the outcome when the report is finalised but thank you so much to those parents who found time to contribute to the Ofsted Parent View survey. We were blown away by your support for the school. Whilst I cannot say much about the inspection, I can say that the inspector made many positive comments about the children's attitudes to learning and their behaviour. We are very proud of them.

We hope you like the new version of the weekly update with more photographs so you can see the learning experiences the children have enjoyed at school.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy half term with your children. We will see you all ready for the new term on Monday 24th February 2020.

Mrs. Shields

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

KEY DATES AHEAD ...

24.02.20: Children back in school

NSPCC "Speak Out, Stay Safe" for years R to 2

3rd - 7th March: BOOK WEEK

03.03.20: Parents in Partnership meeting for parents, 6-7pm

05.03.20: Dress up as a Book Character Day (Around the World Theme)

13.03.20: TAG Day (wear sports clothing) for Sport Relief)

16th-20th March: SCIENCE THEME WEEK

17.03.20: Year 1 Learning Showcase 2.45pm (more info nearer the time)

19.03.20: Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

24.03.20: Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

25.3.20: Y1 & Y2 Parent Assembly 9am (instead of 1.4.20)

1.4.20: Maths Morning (Parents invited)

3.4.20: Last day of term 4

ATTENDANCE TED AWARD

For last week:

Reception:

Octopus Class 95%

Year 1:

Turtle Class- 96.5%

Year 2:

Polar Bear Class

99.5%

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNING?



During their recent Forest School session the Year 1 children have been toasting marshmallows!

As well as learning how to be safe around fire and thinking about potential risks associated with the activity, the children actually enjoyed eating them! They could see how the consistency of the marshmallow changed when heated, which is part of their learning in Science.

Year 2 have been learning division in Maths. and showed good Teamwork. There was lots of discussion and problem solving along the way.

COMMUNITY LINKS

With Half Term coming up, please find below suggestions of local events for your family enjoyment:

Monday 17/2: 11am-1pm

Toy Story 4 showing at the GlassBox Theatre, Gillingham

Wednesday 19/2: 11am-1pm

The Lion King film showing at the GlassBox Theatre, Gillingham

Wednesday 19/2: 10.30am-2.30pm

Explore and Draw, Lunar at Rochester Cathedral

Thursday 20/2: 12.30-1.30pm

Animal Handling sessions at the Pentagon Centre

Thursday 20/2-Saturday 22/2:

Peter Pan Family Pantomime at The Brook Theatre.

Sunday 23/2: 2.30-4.30pm

The Big St Justus Litter Pick

Please contact the venues direct for further information and prices/booking details.

Crest Character shining through in our Nursery & Reception - the children look so proud of their efforts in painting and model making.

They have been investigating the properties of solid shapes in Reception and painting by observation in the Nursery.

Well done children, you really are successful Sammy Seals!



CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Lower Bush Alpaca Visit

We thought you would appreciate some photographs of the visit from the Lower Bush Alpaca Farm we had earlier in the term. This was the first school visit the farm has organised and we would certainly recommend it! You can find out more about the farm on their website:

<https://www.lowerbushalpacas.co.uk/>

Benjen and Marsden were the stars of the show and the children really enjoyed meeting them and finding out more about these very cute creatures.

This is an extract from the Lower Bush Alpacas Facebook page.

"We took Benjen and Marsden on their first school visit to Crest Infant & Nursery School. It was a delight to spend time with you all. Thanks to careful planning between the school and ourselves and, without exception, very well-behaved and polite children, the visit went very smoothly."

Well done to everyone and children, we are very proud of you for showing great Crest character.



Additional Information

Term Dates for 2020/21

The 2020/21 term dates have now been agreed and have now been sent out via ParentMail and published on the website.

Where we can, we try to align our dates with Delce Academy, however this has not been entirely possible this year. As an Academy, Delce have more freedom to choose their own term and staff development days. We thank you for your support and apologise for any inconveniences differences in dates may cause some of our parents.

Cold Packed Lunch Option

The kitchen offer a cold packed lunch if your child prefers this to a hot meal. This includes a sandwich/wrap - choice of fillings; fruit and salad bar and the choice of the dessert of the day.

We require a week's notice of any changes. You can collect a form from the school office. It is possible to have a mix of hot and cold throughout the week, as long as there is a set pattern each week.

Reminder, all meals provided by the school are free and will save you money and preparation time.