



# Crest Infant & Nursery School

## Weekly News Update

20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school has such a lovely feel to it with all the children settling well into their new classes and year groups. Our new Reception children are getting used to their learning environments and school life in general. Well done!



Our whole school topic for this term is '**Marvelous Me**' and each year group will be sending home a topic web sheet with information about what the children will be learning. This is also useful to you as parents as you can help your child at home. If you do need any support with helping your child with homework or with the things they are learning, please talk to your child's teacher.

You will also receive a homework grid with ideas you can do to support learning in all sorts of ways at home. This is in addition to reading with your child and helping them learning their phonics (YR) and spellings (Y1 & 2).

### **Safeguarding/Child Protection**

Our school is committed to providing the best possible care and education we can for all of our children and we have a team of trained staff who lead our safeguarding support. I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Kerry Seales (Deputy Headteacher); Jade Marco (Inclusions Lead) and Sandra Gibbons (Home/School Support). The Governor with responsibility for safeguarding in our school is Claire Reed.

If you ever have any concerns that are of a safeguarding or child protection nature in relation to the vulnerability and/or risk of any of our children and/or families, please contact one of these members of staff via the school office. The following link from the Medway Safeguarding Children Partnership website provides contact telephone numbers to be used if you have any safeguarding concerns outside of school: <http://www.msrb.org.uk/contactus.aspx> with the out of hours contact number being 0300 0419191.

Our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy documents are available on our school website: [www.crestinfants.co.uk](http://www.crestinfants.co.uk)  
We are grateful to all the members of staff who give up time to make sure the children have lots of different experiences throughout the day.

### **Parentmail**

Please don't forget to sign up to Parent Mail as this will be our main communication link with you. If you are unsure or are having problems, our admin team will be happy to help.

### **Diary Dates**

Please refer to the school website or your Parentmail messages for the most recent dates for the year. We have had to alter some since sending them out last Friday (13<sup>th</sup>).

*Have a lovely weekend*  
*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](http://www.crestinfants.co.uk)*

## School Clubs

There are a wide variety of clubs for your child to attend within or outside of the school day. At the moment clubs are for Y1 & 2 children but many will be open to YR children later in the year once they have settled. At lunchtimes members of staff run clubs which may be outside or indoors so the children are very lucky. For information we have listed the current 'clubs' timetable below:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Quiet Zone/Library	Quiet Zone	STEM (Science and DT activities). Y2 by invitation	Quiet Zone	Quiet Zone/Library
Playdough	Maths games	Computing	Lego Club	Well-being & Fitness
Free Choice		Puzzle	Football Club (after school)	Yoga
Time to talk-with Sandra		STAR Readers (by invitation)		
Recorder				
Cookery Club (after school)		Dance Club (after school)		
Choir (after school)				

We are grateful to all our staff who give up their time to make sure the children have lots of different experiences. The children enjoy them as indicated in a quote from a Y2 child, *"I love going to playdough club because you can make things and Mrs Bichescu is really nice."*

### Attendance – well done!

The best class attendance for last week:

Reception: **Starfish - 95%**

Year 1: **Seahorse - 98%**

Year 2: **Dolphin -98%**



### Health & Safety Reminders



Please do not let the children climb up and walk along the wooden logs in the front playground. This is making them loose and therefore unsafe. We don't want them to fall off and hurt themselves. Also, please do not allow your children to climb on to the banks either side of the main entrance path. These are high and steep and we have had so many near misses where children have run down and almost knocked someone over.

### Parking Outside School

Please do not park on the corners of Crest & Fleet Road or Fleet and Fairlead as this is illegal and is causing disruption and is a safety concern.



### Earrings

Our school follows Medway Council's Health & Safety for Schools policy which states that earrings must be removed for PE. If your child can't take out their own earrings, please take them out before school on PE days. Only stud earrings should be worn in school for safety reasons. If you do plan to have your child's ears pierced, the best time would be at the beginning of the summer holidays as this gives enough time for the ears to heal.

Thank you.

### ALDI STICKERS – please send any you collect into school. Thank you!



We're collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools.

Help us collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win

**£20,000!**

That our motto is: get, set, go! We're at it!



### Ofsted Registered Childminders

If you are looking for a registered childminder who drops off and collects from our school, please check the Family Information Service ([https://admissions.medway.gov.uk/synergy/fisd\\_welcome.aspx](https://admissions.medway.gov.uk/synergy/fisd_welcome.aspx)) for more details.