



Crest Infant & Nursery School

Weekly News Update

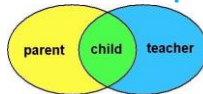
29th November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has flown by and the Christmas Concert rehearsals are in full swing! The singing sounds great and the children are learning their lines. You will soon be receiving information about any costume bits required and we really appreciate your support with this.

A huge 'thank you' to Ms Jeavons, mum of Grace in Penguin Class, for her kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree for the Hall. We can't wait to decorate it next week.

Parents in Partnership Platform



Our first meeting last night was a success. It was lovely to have all the year groups in school represented and we had a meaningful discussion. These were the main points discussed:

Home Learning: Parents quite like that they can choose activities which suit their child from the grids sent home and they feel there is a nice range of activities suggested. The parents who attended felt that the amount of homework set was enough but wondered if separate maths homework could be sent home some weeks. We will look into this.

We discussed the end of term PIP presentations for Years 1 & 2 and parents said they preferred it when we did these in the classrooms rather than in the Hall. This especially applied to Y2 as parents don't get so much of an opportunity to see the classrooms.

After School Clubs: Parents were asked if they felt we could offer anything in addition to those we have already. Art and gymnastics were suggested which we will look into. We discussed the lunchtime clubs on offer and parents appreciated these.

Birthday sweets: It was voted to reinstate the birthday sweets/cake celebration which we withdrew last year. We all felt that a healthy diet was everything in moderation. There is no expectation that all parents do this and when sweets are brought in, the children will bring them home so you can decide when they have them.

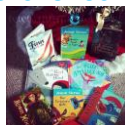
We had great feedback about Darcy, our school dog and the parents represented were really happy with the school.

Points for moving forward: Parents were asked if they, or family members had skills or knowledge which could support our curriculum e.g. sporting achievements; keen gardeners; people who have travelled to different places. Anything!

- We will hold the partnership meetings on different evenings so we reach as many parents as possible.
- There will be a meeting for the parents at Crest with the new Trust which will be working with Delce on 6th December. We were asked if a way could be found to share this with parents who can't attend the meeting which we will consider in consultation with the Trust.

Next meeting: One agenda item will be to focus on the new government requirements for Relationships Education. We are asked to consult with parents so the Partnership meeting will enable us to do that. The meeting date will be arranged soon.

Books for Schools



We are very excited to have the opportunity to gather some more new books for your children to share in school. Currently 'The Sun' newspaper is running a scheme where participating schools can collect tokens to receive over £600 of Collins Big Cat books free! In order for us to do this we are asking, if possible, for you to collect these tokens daily from now until Saturday January 18th 2020.

Please ask grandparents, family, neighbours and work colleagues so that we may collect as many as possible. Thank you.

Attendance Ted Awards



For last week:

Reception: Whale and Starfish Class - 98%

Year 1: Penguin – 98%

Year 2: Dolphin – 100%

Amazing attendance again! Well done!

Christmas Fun Day



If your child would like to take part in our Christmas Fun Day on 5th December 2019, don't forget that the payment via the Parentmail App will close on Wednesday 4th December at 10pm. After this deadline, the payment option will no longer be available and your child will be unable to attend.

Dates for your Diary

Diary dates are also on our website.

Term 2	
Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2019	
29.11.19	Chocolate Tag Day - children may wear their own cloths to school for a chocolate donation
05.12.19	Xmas Fun day for the children - payment closes Wednesday 4 th December at 10pm
06.12.19	Raffle Assembly 9am (parents invited)
11.12.19	Christmas Concert - Year 1 and Year 2- 9.15am/YR & Nursery 2.15pm (Parents invited - tickets now available on Parentmail)
12.12.19	Christmas Concert - YR & Nursery 9.15am/Year 1 and Year 2 - 2.15pm (Parents invited - tickets now available on Parentmail)
13.12.19	Christmas Jumper Day - children may wear a christmas jumper to school with their normal school uniform in return for a monetary donation towards Save the Children
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

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