



Crest Infant & Nursery School

Weekly News Update

13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all feeling very festive now that the Christmas Concerts have taken place. The children were amazing and we hope you enjoyed the concerts as much as the children enjoyed performing them!

The Christmas Fun Day raised an impressive £1175.25 for the school which will be spent on exciting activities for the children to enhance their learning. Thank you so much for all your support with this.



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 13th December

The children all looked lovely in their Christmas jumpers today. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause of Save the Children. We will let you know how much was raised in our final newsletter of 2019!



School Christmas Card Project

Well done to all the children for their fantastic and creative work towards the Christmas Card Project. Your orders have raised a brilliant £125.25 for the school which will go towards a special treat for the children on the last day of term.

Children's Christmas Lunch – 18th December



Don't forget the Christmas Lunch for your child next Wednesday 18th December 2019. If your child does not normally have a school dinner but would like to enjoy the Christmas Lunch on this date, please notify us using the link on the ParentMail sent out last Friday.

New Football Club starting January 2020



You will all have received a ParentMail message giving details to the change in our Football Club arrangements for next term. If your child would like to take part in this after school club on a Tuesday evening 3.15 – 4.15pm, please register your child using the following link:

<https://mfse.class4kids.co.uk>

Please note that there will no longer be Pro Soccer Academy Football Club on Thursday from next term.

Attendance Ted Awards



For last week:

Reception: Starfish Class - 94%

Year 1: Penguin – 98%

Year 2: Dolphin and Polar Bear – 99%

Great attendance considering there have been lots of germs going around so please take care!

Dates for your Diary

Diary dates are also on our website.

Term 2	
Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December 2019	
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
Term 3	
Monday January 6th to Friday 14 th February 2020 inclusive	
06.01.20	Start of term 3 - children back to school
07.01.20	New date for Flu Immunisations in school
Week beginning 06.01.20: Healthy Living Week	
04.02.20	Road Safety day for Reception and Year 1
Week beginning 10.02.20-Year 2 learning showcase (timing to be confirmed) (Parents invited)	
12.2.20	Y1 & Y2 Parent Assembly (after reading in class)
	Last day of term 3

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

Term 2 Governor Visit by Neil Charlwood

My name is Neil Charlwood and I am one of the new school governors at Crest Infant School. I was very lucky to visit the school the other week where I was able to have a look around, talk to members of staff and discuss approaches to teaching.

I spent a good deal of time focusing on how English Literacy is being taught across the school. I met with Mrs Munson to discuss how the school approaches the teaching of reading and writing and how standards are raised and monitored across the whole school. I was really impressed by the level of detail that goes in to ensuring that the children receive the very best standard of education and how the teaching staff are keen to raise these levels further in reading and writing. I was equally impressed hearing about the planning and communication by staff in order that all are kept up to date with new learning/changes in policies and that the level of teaching is consistent across the school.

I also sat in on a meeting of the School Council, which is made up of 12 elected children, two from each class from Years 1 & 2. The council met and discussed how their RSPCA assembly last term had gone and what they had learnt from it. The council also wrote thank you letters to the RSPCA team who came along to the school, which they read to me. The school council has been run by Mrs Hyde since around 2008 and is a wonderful part of school life. Through her dedication and work, the school council has run a variety of projects from raising awareness of third world poverty to raising money for school equipment all chosen by the children themselves.

What really stood out for me on my visit was the dedication of the teachers and staff towards all of the children. Their hard work and dedication is clearly visible in the vibrant displays of children's work around the school. The children always looked engaged and enjoying their time learning in school, which was equally very pleasing to see.

I wanted to say a quick thank you to Mrs Munson and Mrs Hyde for their time and to also take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.