



Crest Infant & Nursery School

Weekly News Update

7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have all had!!!!

The Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed a very informative talk and lessons from the Road Safety Team at Medway Council on how we can all keep ourselves safe on today's busy roads and around our school. This has been especially invaluable to us where we have recently been experiencing an increased number of reports of dangerous driving and parking.

Two Alpacas from Lower Bush Alpaca Farm visited the school on Wednesday. All the children (and staff!) were given the opportunity to spend some time with 'Benjen' and 'Marsden' and were allowed to stroke and feed them too. It was such a lovely experience and we thank the staff at Lower Bush Alpaca Farm for taking the time to visit us.

Please note, the next Parent Consultation evenings are on the 'Date for your Diary' section. They will be held on the 19th and 24th March. You will be able to sign up for an appointment nearer the time.

Can I ask all parents and carers to be mindful of the language that they use whilst on the school grounds and around the children. We have heard a lot of swearing on site recently and this use of language is not tolerated from the children or staff at Crest so I would ask you as their parents/carers to lead by example. Many thanks.

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

Community Links



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

Monday 17/2, 11am-1pm – Toy Story 4 film 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.

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

Attendance Ted Awards



For last week:

Reception
Octopus Class - 93%

Year 1
Penguin and Seahorse – 99%

Year 2
Stingray – 98%

Dates for your Diary	
12.02.20	Y1 & Y2 Parent Assembly (after reading in class)
13.02.20	Year 2 Learning Showcase 2.45pm – Year 2 parents invited
14.02.20	Last day of term 3
Mid-term break – Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2020 inclusive	
Term 4	
Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April inclusive	
Week beginning 2nd March 2020–Book Week (Around the World Theme)	
24.02.20	Children back in school
24.02.20	NSPCC Safety Talk in school for Year 2 children
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
Week beginning 16th March 2020 - Science Week	
17.03.20	Year 1 Learning Showcase 2.45pm, Year 1 parents invited
19.03.20	Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm
24.03.20	Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm
25.03.20	Y1 & Y2 Parent Assembly (instead of 01.04.20)
01.04.20	Maths Morning
03.04.20	Last day of term 4
Spring Break – Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April inclusive	

Film Night



Thank you so much for your support with Film night last week. Thank you also to the staff who stayed behind to help and to Mrs. Seales for organising the event.

The children enjoyed an animated short film. Another example of the great team spirit we have here at Crest.

We raised £147.50 which will go towards additional equipment for the children.

Bag2School Fundraising Initiative

Miss Tunbridge has signed our school up again to the **Bag2School** collection. You sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted clothing into the bag provided. This can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds for our school, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

You will have received a bag to fill. If you fill the donation bag and still have more, you can use any other bag to donate your items. Grandparents, friends and neighbours might like to have a sort out as well!

Bag2School will be collecting from **Crest School on 3rd March 2020 by 9am so please bring your donations by Monday 2nd March (but not before the 24th February as we have limited storage space.)**. Bring your bag (or bags!) to **your child's classroom** and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity. Please speak to Miss Tunbridge in Seahorse Class if you have any questions.

School Uniform Reminder



It is our school policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school, other than on special fundraising days. Most schools decide on a uniform as it promotes a sense of pride and also promotes a sense of belonging to a community of people. In addition, by everyone having the same clothing parents do not need to feel they have to supply designer or more expensive items.

Whilst the majority of children always look smart, we have been noticing that a few children are not wearing the correct shoes. Children need black shoes, not trainers or boots, for school as stated in our school prospectus. Year 1 and 2 children should have a school tie as part of their uniform (this is optional for YR).

The **summer uniform** consists of a blue school summer dress (preferably navy blue) or grey shorts/culottes and a white blouse for girls and grey shorts (or trousers) and a short-sleeved white shirt for boys. Polo shirts are not allowed.

Hair bows for girls should be blue in keeping with our school colour and long hair does need to be tied back to avoid those unwelcome head lice visitors.

All children are also now required to have a **Forest School kit** in school which consists of a pair of sensible shoes (which will get dirty) an all in one waterproof suit, a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings and a long sleeved top or jumper. This must be kept in a named bag.

Full details of the uniform requirements can be found in the School Prospectus on our website.

Naming items of clothing

Please, please, please name all new items of clothing as adults in school are faced with over 20 jumpers, cardigans, shirts and pairs of trousers in any class which look the same. We fully understand how frustrating it is when your child forgets their jumper or cannot find it however, we cannot return the correct items to you if they are not named.

Thank you for your support.

Keeping our children safe!



The Reception and Year 1 children have enjoyed road safety talks and lessons from the Medway Road Safety team this week where they have learnt valuable lessons on how to keep themselves safe when walking to school. On this subject, we have received a few complaints recently from parents and members of the public about the driving and parking around the school. As you know, the school is limited in the powers it has over drivers who drive and park dangerously around the school e.g. on corners. As stated in a previous newsletter, **'Medway Council has launched a hotline for parents/carers and local residents to call to report illegally parked vehicles.'** Alternatively, please use the following website link

<http://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200136/parking/roadstravel/583/reportillegalparking>

Calling the hotline:

Residents can report parking concerns by calling 07718 130962 between 7am and 11am, seven days a week. A voicemail service will be available outside of these hours. Motorists can also email parkinghotline@medway.gov.uk to report any issues.

Help us to keep our children safe.