



# Crookesbroom Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term  
2

November 2015

## WELCOME BACK !!

Welcome back after the half term break. We are now officially on the countdown to Christmas! Soon school will be covered in tinsel and glitter and we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible to join in with our various Christmas celebrations over the coming weeks. As I am sure you will have noticed, our new build is well under way and we cannot wait until it is ready! Thank you for helping to keep your children safe when dropping off and collecting them; the builders are doing a fantastic job of ensuring the safety of everybody but your help is also very much appreciated.

### Attendance Congratulations

Congratulations to the 131 pupils who achieved 100% attendance last half term and to the 31 whose attendance was above 97%. You should have received your 'well done' certificates in assembly!

Cake continues to be awarded to the classes who achieve 100% weekly attendance and as an extra special reward, the class with the best attendance for this term will be having a pizza-making master class at our local Domino's Pizza on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December!

We are continuing to monitor attendance very closely in school. If your child is ill, please telephone school first thing to let us know the reason.

Just another reminder that holidays in term time will not be authorised and a fixed penalty notice will be issued.



### Book Fair

The book fair is coming to Crookesbroom this week Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2:45pm – 3:45pm in the hall and for nursery parents: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11:25am in nursery. An ideal chance to buy some Christmas presents! School receives lots of books in return for the books we sell.

### Shoe Boxes

This year we are supporting the Shoebox Appeal to help disadvantaged children in other countries. Thank you to all who have donated so far. Donations of separate items for class shoeboxes or complete shoeboxes will be greatly appreciated. Closing date is this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**School closes for the Christmas holiday on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

(Reminder: Spring term training days are Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February (at the beginning and end of the February holiday).

### Harvest

A huge thank you for all of the harvest donations; Thorne Foodbank were very grateful. If you look on our website, you will see the mention that they gave us on their Facebook page.

### Parents in School

Do you have any free time on your hands? If you do, please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Hillyer know! We would love to have more parents/grandparents in school to hear readers, work with groups, bake or to offer any other skills/interests that you have.

Thank you to everybody who attended parents' evening; it's really important that we work together for your children. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have not seen them yet.

### Friends of Crookesbroom

Thank you to the new parents/grandparents who have recently joined our Friends of Crookesbroom! More new members are always welcome! Any support you can offer will be gratefully received.

### Mobile Phone Numbers

**Please let school know if you change your mobile number so that we can contact you in an emergency.**

### Autumn Term 2 Diary Dates

If any of the dates change, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Children In Need – bake sale  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2:15pm - Key Stage 2 Reading Workshop  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2:15pm - Key Stage 1 Reading Workshop  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 10am – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Santa's Grotto  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – Y3 & 4 Christmas Tree Festival @ St Lawrence Church  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – Y5 & 6 Christmas Tree Festival @ St Lawrence Church  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper/top day  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December pm – flu vaccinations for Y1&2  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – Key Stage 2 Carol service  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December (am) Pizza-making for the class with the best attendance this term  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1pm – Y1 & 2 Christmas Tree Festival @ St Lawrence Church  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm – Griffin & Phoenix Christmas party  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm – Pirate, Pixie & Elf Christmas party  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December (am) Dragon Christmas party  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm – Wizard & Superhero Christmas party

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## FAST

Lots of our Y1 children and families are currently taking part in our FAST project. It has been a great success and we are very proud of their commitment. A special thank you goes to our FAST team members who give their time after school to support the project. We are looking forward to a fabulous graduation on 3rd December.

## Reading Workshops for Parents

This month, we will be holding a KS1 and a KS2 reading workshop for parents. The national curriculum now requires us to teach reading in a slightly different way and so if you would like to find out how you can help your child at home, please come along. Letters will be coming out soon!

## Christmas Jumper/Top Day

As it is our Christmas dinner day for the children in Reception to Y6 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we are having what has become a tradition of non-uniform Christmas jumper/top day! Please don't feel you have to go to great expense; in previous years we have had some lovely home-made decorated tops!

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## Enterprise

During December, the children in classes from reception to Y6 will be getting busy making things! They are hoping to sell these to help raise funds to keep the cost of trips down. Individual classes will send out letters with more information but if you are able to support this, it would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

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## SCHOOL WEBSITE

If you haven't yet visited our website please do so. There is lots of useful information about school on there. Also, if you have any suggestions for what else you would like on there, please let us know. [www.cpacademy.org.uk](http://www.cpacademy.org.uk)