



Crookesbroom Primary Academy NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

September 2016

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome Back!

Welcome back and a special welcome to all of our new children and their families who have joined us across school! We are also delighted to welcome Mr Needham who is our new site manager

Mrs Lisa Hillyer, Head of Academy

Mobile Phone Numbers

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

Autumn Term Diary Dates

We have got Autumn Term dates for your calendars! If any of the dates have to change, we will inform you as soon as we know.

Tuesday 13th September – Roald Dahl Day (Non-uniform and special Roald Dahl lunch)

Tuesday 13th September @2:50pm Internet safety talk for parents

Friday 30th September Macmillan Coffee Morning (Pupils have received a letter about this.)

Monday 31st October – training day. School closed to pupils.

Monday 17th October - Parents' Evening (all classes)

Tuesday 18th October - Parents' Evening (all classes except Hedgehogs – Mrs Gudgin & Miss Churchill)

Wednesday 19th October – Parents' Evening for Hedgehogs.

Thursday 20th October - Non-uniform day & in-school harvest celebration. (Bring a tin or packet for donation to food bank.)

Friday 21st October – School closes for half term.

Tuesday 1st November – school re-opens (Monday 31st is a training day.)

Tuesday 8th November—10th November– Book Fair

Monday 5th December @ 2pm – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert (Rabbits, Doormice & Squirrels)

Tuesday 6th December @ 2pm – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert

Thursday 8th December @ 10am – Key Stage 1 Christmas concert

Friday 9th December – Santa's Grotto

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Dinner

Monday 12th December @ 2pm – Key Stage 2 Carol service (Hedgehogs, Foxes, Deer and Badgers)

Tuesday 13th December @ 1.15pm – Rabbits, Doormice & Squirrels – Christmas Party

Wednesday 14th December @ 1.15pm – Hedgehogs & Foxes Christmas party

Thursday 15th December (am) Ducklings - Christmas party

Thursday 15th December @ 1.15pm – Deer & Badgers – Christmas party

Friday 16th December – School closes for Christmas

Parents in School

We warmly welcome parents/grandparents into school whether it be to hear readers, bake, or to offer any other skills/interests that you have. If you have any free time, please let your child's class teacher know

New Behaviour Policy

We have introduced a new Crookesbroom behaviour policy. It is not very different from our previous one but one new aspect is the introduction of consequences; if any of you have older children at Ash Hill, you will be familiar with these. A copy of the consequences sheet will be sent home and any comments you have would be gratefully received. As always, we are very much about rewarding good behaviour and I am sure the children will have mentioned our new behaviour points and points shop; if not, Miss Ingram is sending a letter out later this week. However occasionally, for a small number of children, consequences are required to avoid learning being disrupted.

Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance very closely in school. If your child is going to be absent, please telephone school first thing to inform us. Also, please, where possible, try to make dentist and doctor appointments out of school hours.



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Holidays During Term Time - Update

The government have still not issued guidance for schools however I have received the following guidance this week from the local authority:

If a parent removes their child from school for a holiday, unless there are exceptional circumstances the holiday should NOT be authorised and the parent advised that an FPN may be issued. If attendance is less than 92.5% then you can refer to us for an FPN. We will check whether attendance remains below 92.5% at the point of issue and at the point of considering prosecution. We will consider the level of attendance over the last 3 terms.

Please note: an FPN is a fine of £60 per child per parent.

If you have any questions about the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will update you as I receive updates.

Uniform

HUGE thanks for your support with uniform. The children have come back looking super smart! Just a reminder, it is: grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/smart shorts; white or jade green polo shirt and navy jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt and black low-heeled school shoes. (Trainers/Pumps are not allowed unless there is a medical reason for this). Blue checked summer dresses can also be worn.

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Celebrating Out-of-School Achievements

If your child does any out-of-school activities, we would like to continue to celebrate these in our Friday celebration assembly and also take their photograph to put on the school website. You will be able to find the photographs on the website at www.cpacademy.org.uk under the 'Out of School Achievements' tab at the top of the home page.

PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD'S PHOTOGRAPH ON THIS PAGE.

School Day Visits

Staff at Crookesbroom work really hard to source visits/visitors because we want the children to have the best possible experiences whilst they are with us. School never asks for more than £12 per trip regardless of the actual cost. (Obviously if the trip costs less than £12, we would not ask for £12!!!) On the visit letter that goes out to parents, we have to ask for '**voluntary contributions**' because we can't **make** you pay! However, school has a limited budget and so if parents chose not to pay for visits/visitors then we wouldn't be able to take the children on the fantastic trips that we do.

We appreciate that some parents have more than one child in school and so if you would like to set up a weekly/monthly payment system, please contact the school office and this is something we can support with. Alternatively, if you would like to put money aside at home, classes will go on the following trips this year (no more than £12 each):

Nursery – 1 trip

Reception (Miss Walker's) – 2 trips

Key Stage 1 Classes – 2 trips

Key Stage 2 Classes – 3 trips

Some trips will be at the start of topics to inspire the children in their learning.