



# CROWCROFT PARK Headteacher Newsletter



5.11.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term! We have an exciting and busy few weeks ahead, with many learning opportunities and celebrations for our children and families to engage with.

## Ofsted

We were inspected by Ofsted on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. The inspector completed a 'deep dive' in Reading, Maths and History to find out all about the quality of education in these areas. He spoke with children, parents, governors and staff to find out views about the school. The inspector also checked that our school is safe for our children and that we teach them how to stay safe beyond the school.



We are awaiting the outcome of this inspection and formal report, but will share these with you as soon as we can. In the meantime, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your support during the two days of the inspection. I know many of you had a chance to speak to the inspector and shared several positive messages with him about our school. During the inspection, the children were an absolute credit to both the school and their families – we are sure you are just as proud of them as we are!



## Bonfire Night

This weekend some of you may be remembering Guy Fawkes and the 'Gunpowder Plot' at a local bonfire and fireworks event. We have spoken with the children about this during assembly and shared stories about the amazing fireworks we have all seen. We have encouraged the children to have fun if they attend a bonfire event – the sights, sounds and smells are an exciting experience for children. We have also spoken to the children about SAFETY.

We have suggested to them that organised fireworks events are often very safe, but reminded them to:

- Keep the correct distance away from fire and never play with it (including matches);
- Never return to a lit firework or pick up a discarded sparkler;
- Stay close to the adults who are looking after them.

If you are attending a fireworks event this weekend, do enjoy yourselves and remember to stay safe!



## COP 26

COP26 is one of the most important meetings on climate change that has ever taken place. The conference is being hosted right now in the UK – in the city of Glasgow – and provides a unique opportunity for children to get involved!

The UN Climate Change Conference – also known as COP26 – promises to be an historic moment that will define the course of political action to address climate change in the UK and around the globe.

Educators have an important role to play in ensuring that their students understand the significance of this event and the relevance to their own lives, and have the opportunity to be a part of this landmark moment in the fight against climate change. Schools are uniquely placed to play an important part in the legacy of COP26. They can take action to help in the fight against climate change right now, while ensuring that pupils are equipped to drive, and thrive in, a zero-carbon future.



Over the coming weeks, we will be talking to the children about the importance of looking after the environment and about climate change.

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### Pupil Attendance

Before the half term holiday, we held special attendance assemblies with the children. It was exciting to see so many children being given a certificate for 100% attendance, meaning they have been in school EVERY DAY!

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the BEST START IN LIFE. Children who miss school regularly can fall behind with their learning, miss exciting events and experience friendship problems.

Our Deputy Headteacher Ms Daly is our attendance champion and will be working with children and families to support good attendance. If you are contacted by Ms Daly, please do come in for a supportive meeting so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance.

We recognise that the majority of our families have relatives abroad. We know that the Coronavirus pandemic has stopped you from visiting these important relatives for a long time. We know that travel during school holidays is often more expensive. HOWEVER, our role as school leaders is to educate children, keep them safe and well and ensure high levels of attendance. We therefore cannot authorize any travel abroad during term time. Please arrange to travel during the 13 weeks that are school holidays. Thank you for your support.



### Anti-bullying Awareness

Bullying is the term used for unwanted, aggressive or harmful behavior among school children. Bullying is targeted and repeated. The person doing the bullying often has power over the victim – they might be bigger, stronger, older or more popular.



ODD SOCKS DAY  
15th November

Bullying is very different to arguments between friends, accidents in the playground or one-off name-calling or teasing (although we take these things seriously too and support children to resolve them).

**We are very pleased to tell you that we do not have a problem with bullying at Crowcroft Park.**

The best way to stop bullying from becoming a problem is to educate pupils and families to recognise and report it.

On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**, we are inviting children and staff to come to school wearing odd socks – the brighter and sillier the better! Throughout the day we will be raising awareness of bullying and how to tackle it. After school we will hold a workshop for parents – please come along!

**If you have any concerns about bullying, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team. Your concerns will be taken seriously and investigated properly and swiftly.**



### Year 6 Residential

Year 6 children will have the opportunity to go to Ghyll Head in The Lake District in January. We very much hope that every child in Year 6 will attend this exciting trip. Please speak to us if you have any concerns at all – we can overcome anything together. **Please remember to pay your deposit and further payments for the trip on Parent Pay.** Thank you.

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### Diary Dates

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Trip to Roman Chester	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Food Bank opens
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Odd Socks Anti-bullying Day	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Aladdin Theatre Experience (in school)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Children's Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Councillor Rahman visit to School Parliament	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Carol Service & Mince Pies 9.30am
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Christmas Party
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup>	End of term assessments begin in school - please ensure all children are present.	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Dick Wittington Pantomime Trip
		Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Carol Service & Mince Pies 9.30am
		Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS2 Christmas Party
		Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of autumn term - children return to school on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. I look forward to seeing all of you at one of our parents' evening events.  
Have a good weekend!

**Mrs Francis**