



Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive season is here after a difficult and unusual start to the new school year! What has been clearly evident however, has been the resilient and positive spirit of Crowland Primary School where children, parents and staff have pulled together to maintain the learning and the safety of our pupils. I want to say a special thanks to our staff team for their incredible work under such difficult circumstances and the huge support from all our parents. I thank you and forward my very best wishes for Xmas and the New Year!

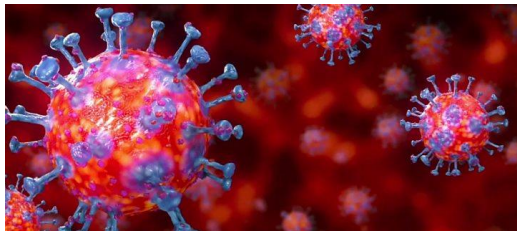
Best Wishes, Mrs Stav.



Covid-Care

If your child has any of the following symptoms cough, fever, loss of taste and smell:

1. Keep your child at home and notify school immediately
2. Arrange for your child to have a COVID test
3. If your child tests positive, notify the school immediately and keep them at home for at least 10 days
4. Make sure the whole household isolates for 14 days
5. If another household member tests positive your child must also isolate for 14 days.



Helping children in hospital spend Xmas at home!

*During assembly we have been discussing the importance of charity and helping sick children spend Christmas at home with their families. Our wonderful children decided that we can raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital to help children spend Christmas at home. On **Wednesday 16th December**, we will be dressing up in Christmas clothes and bringing in a donation of £1. Thanking you all in advance. **From Crowland to GOSH, with love and warm wishes!!***

THANKS FROC! As we are not able to see real pantomimes this year, FROC has come up with a new idea! Once again we want to say a huge thanks to you for the wonderful online pantomime you have purchased for the children to watch in school and during the festive season and for the wonderful personalised Christmas cards. Thanks also for the virtual Father Christmas this year. Thank you!

Diary Dates:

Monday 14th December

Return of Y6 'Bubble'

Wednesday 16th December 2020

£1 Xmas Dressing Up Day for GOSH

Thursday 17th December 2020

Class parties (*individually packed food donations only please*)

Friday 18th December 2020

School closes for Xmas break

End of Term (Half Day):

1:15 for usual 3:15 pick up

1:30 for usual 3:30 pick up

Monday 4th January 2021

INSET Day -School closed to pupils

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Return to School



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CHARITY**



Thank You AND Good Bye

It is with great sadness that we say 'goodbye' to some wonderful members of staff who have given so much to Crowland Primary School over the years.

We say a huge 'thank you' to Mr Campbell, Ms Dyer and Ms Wilkinson who have worked hard at improving our school and in helping our children in so many ways. We wish you the best of luck in your future careers and in any new ventures you may decide to embark on. You will be greatly missed! We welcome Ms Demitri who will be joining the Y3 team, Ms Fisher our new SENCO, Mr Ldomatos who will be working with the Y6 team and Ms Graham who has already joined the KS1 team..

We look forward to working with you!

COVID: Taking care over the festive season

We know it has been a difficult few months and the festive season is here, but it is very important to continue taking care with the current rates of infection.

Christmas is a time when we gather with friends and family and it is easy to forget the current risks. But more than ever, it is so important to be mindful of government guidelines in maintaining safety measures.

All of our reported COVID cases have been a result of external contacts and infections within the household, so please continue to take care and stay safe!

Fresh, healthy and interesting food on the plate!!



Not only do we want our children to be mentally and emotionally healthy, we also want them to be physically fit with healthy lifestyles and good quality food intake.

In recent times we have had some complaints about the quality of food and the portion sizes available to our children. These concerns have come from parents, children as well as staff members. We have listened to those concerns and have decided to go with a new catering company.

We are delighted to be announcing the launch of a new catering team as from January 2021 with an emphasis on service, freshness, quality and healthy eating. We have had the opportunity to taste some of the dishes available on the menu and we are very pleased to say that they have been healthy, versatile and delicious!

More information will be sent through the front office later this week.



Social Media



We occasionally hear of dissatisfactions being discussed on Parents Social Media (Whatsapp groups etc). **It is important that any issues are raised to the school through appropriate channels.**

There are 3 main reasons for this:

- We are not able to deal with concerns we don't know about
- Communications online can be inaccurate and thereby spread negative feeling unnecessarily
- It can be very hurtful to our staff, to be spoken about, potentially inaccurately, in an online forum

We are very proud of our wonderful parents and the warm, supportive relationship we provide each other. We would very much like to continue with this successful collaboration. Thank you for your understanding!