



Diary Dates: 🧡

Friday 23rd October
Fancy Dress Day

Monday 5th Oct-Friday 23rd Oct.
Black History Month

Monday 26th Oct-Friday 30th Oct
Autumn Half Term Break

Monday 2nd November
Return to school

Week beg. 9th Nov

Parent/ Carer Consultations



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting start to the new year, with many initiatives and new ways of enjoying our time in school. The national picture still feels slightly unstable and we are doing our best to keep our school safe and as risk free as possible. The children have managed exceptionally well at regularly disinfecting, washing their hands and our staff are maintaining the routines thoroughly. As we near the end of our first half term I would like to thank you once again for helping us with our new arrangements and for supporting the children with all the changes.

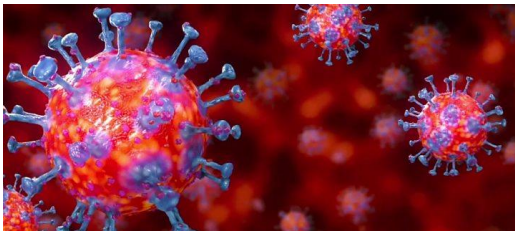
Best Wishes, Mrs Stav.



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.



END OF TERM FANCY DRESS DAY - FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

To mark the end of our first half term back we'd like to invite all the children to dress up for the last day of school in any item of fancy dress they like, their favourite weekend outfit, comfiest onesie or cosiest jamas, or even get spooky for halloween. We just ask that no props or accessories are brought in to school at this time. Suggested £1 donation, all proceeds of which will go to fund school facilities, activities and equipment.



Safeguarding/Mental Health

These routines may make us seem unwelcoming but our priority is the health and safety of ALL children, their families and staff.

Please ensure we have your **up-to-date contact information and keep your phone switched on** – we will send any child home if they display symptoms in school.

Please contact us first thing in the morning on parent mail or leave a message on the absence line if your child is absent and let us know the reason.

Please **walk or cycle** to school wherever possible. If you have to drive, please park well clear of the school grounds. If you must use public transport please follow the latest guidance re the wearing of a mask.

Please collect your child on time – note the start and end times of the day are slightly different for different year groups in order to reduce congestion.

At Crowland we are committed to promoting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing to all pupils. With this in mind the school has purchased JIGSAW PSHE scheme of work. For more information, <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Jigsaw-Information-Leaflet-for-Parents-and-Carers-2020.pdf>



Remote Learning

We have been considering ways in which we can further improve our remote learning systems.

Whilst some of the learning taking place during the last 'lockdown' period has been a tremendous success, there are areas that we can improve even further.

A survey has gone out to all parents and carers asking for your input. If you have not completed it please make sure it is done before the end of the half term so that we can improve on our offer. Thank you.

October-Black History Month



Black History Month is a time to celebrate inspirational figures throughout history, who have helped improve the world against all odds.

The children have been learning about famous people in history who have inspired us with their courage, bravery and determination. Through zoom assemblies they have been learning about figures such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and about the 'Windrush' Journey from the Caribbean.

In class, they will be studying Black Britons who have contributed to British society and consider people's histories whose journey began on the 'Empire Windrush'. <https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/>

Please use this opportunity to talk to your children about their own family histories, about migration and any events which would be of relevance to their own personal background.

It would be great if they can talk to us about their own personal histories. They can bring a piece of memory, photographs or any artefacts which represent their own personal history ...whatever the background, we are ready to listen!

EARLY YEARS

We've had a fantastic start to the year in EYFS. All the children in Nursery and Reception have settled well and are enjoying the day to day life of school. Since starting, the children have learnt what it's like to be a Crowland child and we've been having lots of fun. We've looked at some exciting stories such as 'Owl Babies', 'Rainbow Fish' and next week we will be looking at 'Funny Bones'. This week we had some very cuddly friends visit us from Ark Farm. The children got to handle lots of different animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens, tortoises, a barn owl and a dog. There was even an animal that we hadn't heard of before which was a bit like a small possum, called a sugar glider. We will be starting our next topics after the holidays. Reception will be doing 'Once Upon a time' and Nursery will be looking at Celebrations. It has been pleasure getting to know your children this half term and we feel that we have a really secure understanding of their personalities and abilities.

Quick reminder: Please remember to label all items of clothing that you send into school to avoid anything going missing.

