



Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome back to our new school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are ready and willing to start the new year. We kick start the year with our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings where you are invited in to meet your children's new teachers and staff. It's a fun morning and you will get to familiarise yourselves with other parents and find out about expectations and teaching. We really look forward to October with lots of exciting learning around Black History celebrations and we announce a very special guest due to perform for us in November. We want to hear your opinions on our school survey and please consider the expectations around school attendance. Wishing you and all our children a fabulous new month and a wonderful school year!

Mrs Stav & Mr Winnard



## Diary Dates:

### Meet the teacher dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep - Year 1

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep - Year 6

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 2

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Sep - Year 4

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep - Year 3

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sep - Year 5

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Celebration

Phonics Workshops for Parents

### October

Black History Month

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Ann Wall Ballet Performance

## Strictest Attendance Measures by the Department of Education

This is an important reminder to all our families that the Department of Education has further reinforced stringency around pupil absence and attendance. Our current school attendance figures stand at 94%. Research shows a direct link between school attendance and school attainment; this cannot be denied. As a school we celebrate high attendance rates for each year group and we offer support to families through regular meetings. This year we plan on introducing further incentives for our attendees who meet the 100% target and apply more stringent measures around school absence. Special leave requests will be considered on a one to one basis and will only be granted under very exceptional circumstances supported by evidence. Unauthorised absence may well be subject to fines being issued which is not a desirable outcome. In the meantime, let's all work together in order to ensure that our children are not missing out on vital learning. For further information on DFE guidelines please click link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

## October is Black History Month

Thursday 12th October 2023

### BLACK CELEBRATION MONTH

**"THE GRIP"**  
Focusing on 'the grip' - a traveller's suitcase - We will be discovering some exciting facts about local Black pioneers living in Haringey. Hear some of their journeys to the UK and what they have done to advance and add to Black Culture in the UK.

**MISS FLORENCE RETURNS TO CROWLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Actress Paulette Harris-German plays Miss Florence, who came to England on the Windrush boat in 1948. She will be returning to share some more of her stories and make us laugh again.

Create your own postcard and write a message to someone you love.

Watch performances from Year 6 Students

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We have some very exciting activities planned for our Black History Month, including the return of Miss Florence on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, who came to England on the Windrush boat! Please keep an eye on letters and Class Dojo messages coming your way.

### School Uniform



Can we please remind our families that our school uniform is now purple jumpers/cardigans as shown above (motive shown different to that of Crowland). Shirts are white and skirts and trousers are grey. Please also be kindly reminded that shoes should be black without visible brand names. Thank you very much to those of you who have recycled used uniforms. We have sufficient amount in stock now and will not be taking any more for the time being. If you are in need for support please see an office member in order to arrange. Our uniform policy can be found on our website. Many thanks.

### School Parent Survey

In order to further improve Crowland Primary School, we kindly invite all our parents and carers to complete an online survey which will be circulated soon. Please spend a few minutes to respond to the questionnaire and offer your opinions on how we are doing and how we can improve. Please forward your responses by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. We thank you in advance.

### A Warm Welcome to our new members of staff



**Mr Cooper - Nightingale Ms Gorsia - Penguin Ms Gosling - Parrot**

### Prime Ballerina performing in Crowland

We have the privilege of welcoming one of the country's prime ballerinas who trained at the English National Ballet School. She will be performing for us in the afternoon of the **22<sup>nd</sup> November** and we are so excited to see her. Ann Wall trained on The Royal Ballet School Associate Programme and at English National Ballet School. She has performed with companies including Ballet Cymru and Brecon Festival Ballet and is now a professional freelance ballerina and teacher. She is currently dancing as a principal dancer with English Youth Ballet dancing lead roles including Odette in Swan Lake and Princess Aurora the Sleeping Beauty and The Spirit mother in Cinderella. Passionate about bringing dance to young children, she is also part of The Ballet Pod - a community dance company in North Wales which brings performances to rural areas. She holds a BA in Professional practice in Dance from Middlesex University and is currently studying for an MA alongside her work. You can find out more about Ann on her website: <https://www.annwalldance.com/>

