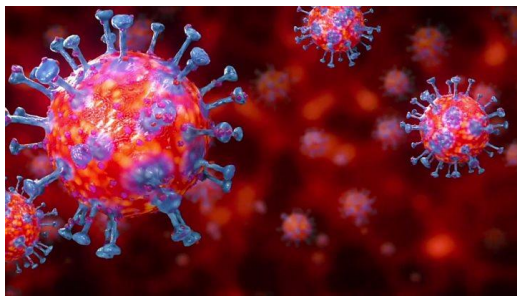




Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long time since our last newsletter and after an incredible end to the school year we are so pleased to welcome you back once again! Firstly, I would like to thank you for your incredible support during the last few months and for your understanding in response to the many adjustments which have taken place. We are grateful for your great contributions in your children's learning during that period. I am so very proud of our staff who have worked very hard at creating a safe and happy school environment but even more proud of our children who have settled into the new year so smoothly. I wish you all a happy and healthy start to the new school 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 (*only if they display the symptoms*) See link below: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>
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.



Emotional Wellbeing

Much of our emphasis this term will be on talking about feelings and emotions. Due to the lock down period, our children have undergone a range of experiences under very unusual circumstances. Some of our children may have found this time challenging may have had to adjust to new ways of living and experiencing change. We know that some may even have experienced bereavement and loss of loved ones. If you have concerns about your child experiencing anxiety, loss or worry please talk to their teacher. Please continue talking to your child about their feelings. Together we can support them in developing the resilience and emotional understanding they need for a happy life.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 14th September 2020

After School Club begins for Y2-Y6

Monday 14th September 2020

First phase of Y1 and Reception intake

Thursday 1st October 2020

Photographs Day

Monday 26th Oct-

Friday 30th Oct

Autumn Half-Term Break. Return to school on Monday 2nd November

Our New Website



You may have noticed in recent weeks that our website is under new construction and you may have spotted the early signs of change in layout and format.

We are very excited to be relaunching our school website which will take a little time and lots of work for gathering information and achieving the most suitable layout.

We are aiming for some great ideas such as creating year specific spaces for quick access, interactive work opportunities for our pupils, scope for film clips and galleries and many more!

We will ask for your patience and support in completing our new design but it will definitely be worth it in the end!

Lost Property-‘The Big Blue Box’

We want to remind you of our lost property box which is always available to our parents and children.

Unfortunately during the early days of the COVID lockdown period, we have had to dispose of many abandoned clothing items. Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name and that they are regularly reminded to be put their clothes away when not in use.

Please, look out for the big, blue, box for any lost items.



SCHOOL MEALS



Many changes have taken place during the lockdown period. After our full return to school we have had to readjust to the new demands of having our children in bubbles for extra safety.

Last week we tried a new model by introducing packed lunches to all children in class. However, we decided that if we revert to hot lunches this will provide extra choice and warm meals.

This week we are continuing with hot lunches and children seem to be enjoying them much more. We have had some teething problems but we hope that these have now been ironed out. Thanks for your patience.

STAFFING NEWS

Sadly we have had to say ‘goodbye’ to Mr Hicks at the end of the summer term as well as Ms Graham and Ms Hessey who has been with us for the past two years. We wish them all the best for their future careers and we thank them for their great work here at Crowland. We are very excited to welcome Mr Georgiou Burke as our new PE teacher and Mr Thomas as our new Learning Mentor. We are very lucky to have both of them join our team in their new roles and we look forward to some great work. We are also pleased to welcome Mr Grange who will be working with Y3. Welcome to you all!