



Crosby Ravensworth C.E. (A) Primary School

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Friday Bulletin

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents,

Future of school meeting

Thank you everyone for making our meeting last Friday such a positive and uplifting experience. It was very well attended (13 out of 17 families represented) and a number of very specific actions have come of this:

- 1) Wrap around care in school is an absolute priority. I am ambitiously targeting February after half term as a start date and will keep you all updated with progress.
- 2) Social Media should be used more to promote school activities. Thanks to Marie – Louise Raeburn, the school's Facebook page is already active (please do 'like us') and plans are afoot to join Instagram and Twitter.
- 3) Parents at the meeting unanimously agreed that they should pay more to cover the full cost of a school dinner. Dinners in our school (as in common practice) have been heavily subsidized through our budget. As a consequence of the meeting, the cost of a meal will rise from 27th February 2017 to a cost of £2.60 per child.
- 4) The committee of The Friends of The School agreed with all those present that it was now appropriate that proceeds of school fundraising be directed to support the school budget. A meeting with Friends and governors will take place next week aimed at re-wording the constitution of Friends and putting the practicalities of this in place.

Since the meeting, I've made direct contact with all 17 schools listed as having 35 pupils or fewer on roll in the county, with a view to arranging a conference of very small schools later in the year. I've had a very positive response to this and I know that sharing good practice with those in similar situations can only be extremely beneficial for all concerned.

I look forward to keeping all the school community updated with the progress we make towards alleviating our financial situation and will arrange future meetings in due course which I trust will be well attended.

Residential at York

There will be a meeting for parents of the children going on the residential, to give more information about the activities etc. It will take place on **Friday 17th February** at 3.30 pm at Crosby Ravensworth School. Please do let me know if this proves difficult for any of you.

Bags to School

Lyvennet Nursery are organising a collection with bags to school to raise funds for the nursery. Please donate any unwanted items as shown on the bag to reception in school before Thursday 9th February. Thank you.

Sports – Class 2

Swimming Gala: Congratulations to Class 2 for their amazing achievements at Appleby Swimming Gala. Winning the first four races we took part in was a great start! We won a fantastic eight firsts, nine seconds and four thirds! The children's show of sportsmanship and enthusiasm on the day was a source of pride for our small school.

Tri Golf

Yesterday was a roaring success, Crosby came third in year 3/4 and year 5/6 sections and the children had a grand time.

Thank you to all the parents who have driven children to sporting events recently. It is greatly appreciated and these events would not happen without your help.

Hockey: Every week this term the pupils have enjoyed hockey training with Lucy Elwood. We are very proud to have one of our children Jack Harrison in the county hockey squad.

U Dance: The children are also shaping up well for the U dance Festival at the Sands Centre on the 6th April. Alison Horn has visited school to help the children work on their piece to the music, 'Adventure of a Lifetime' by Coldplay. Visit our Facebook page for a sneak preview!

Healthy eating

We appeal for your help in supporting our 'healthy schools' status which was hard earned some years ago. Parents should be aware that any snacks brought into school should be healthy snacks such as: crackers, cheese, breadsticks, veg sticks, nuts and raisins. Please do not send your child with cakes, crisps, sweets, chocolate or cereal bars which are high in sugar and salt. In order to maintain our status, any such items will have to be sent home in future. Thank you for your support.

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Class 1 – Tullie House

Please remember to leave car seats at school on Monday 30th January.



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Den Day

On Thursday 9th February we will be having a Den Day morning at school. We hope to build skills in teamwork, creativity and resourcefulness as well as having a lot of fun! It will also give us the opportunity to think about children around the world who are forced to live in shelters due to war, natural disasters or poverty.

All the children will work in groups to make their ideas. However we will need a lot of resources. Please could you look out for:

- Old sheets or curtains, rugs, tarpaulins as covers for the dens.
- Large cardboard boxes, big tubes, ropes, old tent pegs etc to make the frames.
- Big clothes pegs, crocodile clips etc to attach them.
- Any other material you think may be useful please send along.

If you would like to join in the fun at 9a.m, please fill in the slip attached.

Stig of the Dump Forest School – Thursday 16th February

The Forest school day will celebrate this classic book that Class 2 are currently reading as part of their Stone Age topic. Children need not wear school uniform. Please can children wear warm and waterproof clothing with wellies or walking boots for footwear. If parents would like to come along and help they are very welcome.



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Headteacher



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Summary of dates for your diary:

Friday 6 th January	Whole school swimming - 1.30pm (10 weeks)
Monday 30 th January	Class 1 – Tullie House
Friday 3 rd February	SATS meeting
Wednesday 8 th February	X country – Hunter Hall – 1pm – 3pm
Thursday 9 th February	Den Day – 9am
Friday 10 th February	Prize Bingo in aid of Nursery and charity of Jessica's choice – CRVH - 7.30pm (Nursery fundraising event)
Saturday 25 th March	Mother's Day Coffee morning with stalls – CRVH -10am (Nursery fundraising event)
Thursday 6 th April	U dance – Class 2
Sunday 14 th May	Walk and teas (Nursery Fundraising event)
Friday 16 th June	Prize bingo – CRVH – 7.30pm (Nursery fundraising event)
Friday 14 th July	Charity auction – CRVH – 7.30pm (Nursery fundraising event)

Nursery are selling raffle tickets for there Mother's Day hamper which will be drawn at the coffee morning and a paper Easter quiz.

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I would like to come to

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Forest School Day on Thursday 16th February

Signed



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