



Crosby Ravensworth C.E. (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents

Ofsted

We'd like to thank all parents who completed surveys and/or spoke with our visitors from OFSTED this week. The inspectors asked us to pass on their gratitude for the warm welcome they received by the school community at large. Governors received feedback at the end of the day and we look forward to the publication of the report later next month.

Survey of Asby Common

Class 2 were due to visit Asby Scar on Monday 2nd March at 1pm. Unfortunately this has had to be cancelled due to the on-going wet weather. We're very much hoping to reschedule this archaeological dig as soon as possible.

Trip to Shap Quarry

As part of KS2's look at careers in Cumbria, children in class 2 will be visiting Shap Quarry on Tuesday 3rd March in the morning, to learn about work in the extraction industry. Please note that children must come with a warm waterproof coat, hats and gloves, and wear either walking boots or wellies. We have been specifically told by the Quarry that trainers will not be acceptable foot wear. Many thanks.

Let's Go Fly a Kite!

On Wednesday 4th March Class 2 will start a new DT topic and construct their very own kites! Please could we ask that any children in Class 2 who already own a kite bring it with them to school on Wednesday. Many thanks.

Year 5 / Year 6 Residential to Hawse End

On Wednesday of this week, the school unexpectedly received an email informing us that due to unforeseen electrical issues, Hawse End Centre will be closed to the public over the next few weeks.

I'm very pleased to say that we have been able to work an alternative venue nearby which we will be able to use on the same dates, supported by the same staff, participating in similar activities. I will be visiting FSC Blencathra Centre, Keswick next week to complete my renewed risk assessments for the trip. An internet search on the name of the centre should reassure parents that this new destination represents an upgrade in standards for the children at no extra cost. Should any significant changes to menus or the programme be made, we will of course provide written details to parents in due course. Thank you your understanding.

Our Office Star!

Please note that Pauline will be taking part in a meeting away from school Wednesday 4th March in the morning, therefore the office will be un-staffed. If you have any specific issues which need to be related, please speak to staff at the beginning of the day. Thank you.

World Book Day

We are delighted to be welcoming The Story Teller Laureate Taffy Thomas on Thursday 5th March for World Book Day. Taffy will be with us throughout the morning, so if parents would like to join in the experience, we would love to welcome you. Taffy will be working with KS1 from 9.15am and KS2 from 10.45am. Taffy Thomas will be selling copies of this book on the day for £5 reduced from £7.99. If the children would like a copy, they need to bring their money with them on the day. We are also really looking forward to welcoming Temple Sowerby School for the morning.

Don't forget that pupils are invited to come dressed as characters from their favourite books to help celebrate World Book Day and In the afternoon, Class 2 will meet with members of the village Lunch Club for a special World Book Day Quiz in the Butcher's Arms.

KS1 Dance Workshop

On Wednesday 11th March, Class 1 and Nursery will all be taking part in a dance workshop during the morning. This was delayed before half term due to the school closure. This activity is being led by Miss Kelly, and not only will the children be brushing up on some "cool moves", they also will be creating some poetry based on this amazing experience.

Friends

The next meeting of the Friends will take place in school at 3pm on Friday 6th March in the removal room. Please note that this will be the first meeting with the new committee and contributions from all parents are warmly encouraged.

Pop in and Play

Our next Pop in and Play will be on Wednesday 25th March between 9.00am and 10.30am. All parents and children under the age of 5 are welcome to join us for a school taster session. If you know of anyone in the community who would be interested in this, please do let them know. Our Community Lunch will also be taking place that day and we would like to extend an invitation to any families who come to our Pop in and Play event, to join us afterwards for our Community Lunch and Easter bonnet parade from 12pm.

Speaking with Staff

We'd like to give a polite reminder to parents and carers that if you wish to speak to a member of teaching staff, they are available before the start of school and after the final bell at 3.30pm. This should be promptly observed. We regret that work and time constraints make it impossible to leave the classrooms at any other time, except in the case of an emergency. Thank you.



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Easy Weaving After School Club

A message from Debra Esterhuizen

Dear parents, I will be working with the children next term in after school club doing an exciting weaving project. We will begin with simple friendship bracelets working up to bookmarks, memory weaves (using old favourite clothing) teddy bear bedding etc and finally a communal large piece to hang in school. Friends have kindly agreed to the purchase of several wooden looms for the children to use and once I've taught them how to use them they will be able to use themselves in their free play both inside and outside at their own leisure in school for the rest of their stay at Crosby.

We will use yarns (if you have any lying around please send in, even tiny amounts) and recycling old tee shirts cut up into strips - again please send in an old favourite tee shirt , shirt, sheet etc.

In my former years I was a developmental Psychologist and researched areas of fine motor skills along with attentional deficits. With our ever-increasing usage of digital equipment, the hands are being used in a totally different way which can lead to problems. It is vitally important that children of all ages practice fine motor movements and focussed attention which in turn create more neural pathways in the brain. There is plenty of evidence to show that creativity and fine motor skills enhance cognitive development and intelligence.

So in a fun and creative way I invite the children to join me with friendship bracelets and weaving after school beginning 25th February.



Duncan Priestley
Headteacher

Summary of dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3 rd March	Shap Quarry – Class 2
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day Quiz at the Butchers Arms
Friday 6 th March	Friends meeting – 3pm at school
Wednesday 11 th March	KS1 Dance workshop
Wednesday 11 – 13 th March	Y5 & Y6 Hawes End Residential
Wednesday 18 th March	KS2 Cross Country at Hunter Hall
Wednesday 18 th March	Parents evening
Thursday 19 th March	Y3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey at Kirkby Stephen
Wednesday 25 th March	Pop in and Play
Wednesday 25 th March	Community Lunch

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After school club - Week beginning: 2nd March 2020

£4 a session or 5 for £16 (this can be split across siblings)
Please tick which sessions you would like your child to attend:

Monday – Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday – Victorian Farm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday – Easy Weaving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday - Craft	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday – Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Breakfast Club – 8am or 8.30am (£3 from 8am and 50p from 8.30am)

Monday	8.00am	8.30am	Thursday	8.00am	8.30am
Tuesday	8.00am	8.30am	Friday	8.00am	8.30am
Wednesday	8.00am	8.30am	(Please circle requested time)		

Child's Name

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