



Crosby Ravensworth C.E. (A) Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our first Friday bulletin of the new school year. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are ready for the action-packed term ahead.

HM Queen Elizabeth II

We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty the Queen. Her dedication to public service has been an inspiration to children and adults alike over the past 70 years. She will be hugely missed by the nation, including all those in the world of education. We have fond memories of celebrating jubilees together with children during her reign. Through her dignity and unswerving sense of duty, the Queen has set an extraordinary example to us all, and she has been a reassuring presence through many turbulent times. We pay tribute to her in our thoughts and prayers today.

Attendance in School

Last year our school attendance figures were 3% lower than the national attendance target and consequently attracted some attention. When compared to previous years, this can be seen as a blip, but it's something we must strive to improve upon.

2021/22 - 92.6%

2020/21 – 96.5%

2019/20 - 95.2%

There were some mitigating factors, in particular the effect of COVID related absences, however we are aware that our figures compared poorly against neighbouring schools and there has been a growth in unauthorised holidays taken out of term time. Term dates can be [found here](#).

Students with 99% or better attendance each term now receive a special attendance certificate to reward their achievement. Those who maintain this throughout the year will receive a special prize. Good attendance is prioritised on our school development plan where progress to date and next steps are documented. Governors discussed and challenged the school's approach (summer 2022) and will continue their focus throughout 2022/23.

Summer works

We're sure you'll all have noticed that extensive work has gone into improvement and maintenance of the school over the summer months:

- Playground markings have been added to inspire the children to explore new ways of playing actively on the school yard.
- The outdoor learning canopy outside class 1 has been refurbished to make it more hospitable for our younger children throughout the winter months. Extra storage and play resources have been added courtesy of the Friends of the School.
- Painting of the exterior of the school has been completed and most of the interior has been completed, leaving just the hall to be covered during the Christmas break.
- A number of new display boards have been added around the school to allow us to neatly display more of the children's work.

- LED lighting has been fitted throughout the school to improve the environment for the children, and reduce our carbon footprint and reduce our energy bills.
- New shelving has been added to our storage area, allowing us to smarten up the school and house our new continuous provision topic boxes for our younger children.

This has been a massive undertaking and we're extremely grateful to the Crosby Ravensworth United Schools Foundation for their considerable financial support helping us to fund these improvements to our school.

Music Lessons

Recorder sessions will recommence next week and will run every Thursday for all Y4, Y5 and Y6 pupils. Over the course of their three years of sessions, each of our pupils is able to leave our school with an understanding of musical notation – something I am particularly passionate about. The sessions are given by our expert peripatetic teacher, Carolyn Fyfe. We seek a voluntary contribution of £10 per term towards the cost of this, which we would appreciate in the next couple of weeks. This represents excellent value for parents, being considerably less than the norm in other schools.

Tell Tale Twit!

On 22nd September, storyteller Gav Cross will provide workshops for children in class 2. He'll be putting on an evening show for the public of all ages at Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall. You can read more about Gav [on his website here](#) and tickets can be booked online by [following this link](#).

Sports Tournament

There will be a football and netball tournament at Morland CE Primary from 4pm on Thursday 15th September. Parents of children competing will be advised in a separate correspondence.

Cost of Living support for families

Sustainable Warmth Grants – Cumbria

A grants scheme is currently running where people can get between £10 & £25k to install energy efficiency measures in their homes – no contribution required. More information on the scheme is on the Carlisle City Council website, as they are the lead for Cumbria (all districts are taking part). [Sustainable Warmth Cumbria Grants \(carlisle.gov.uk\)](https://www.carlisle.gov.uk/sustainable-warmth-grants)

Start of school

Parents are reminded that school starts at 8.45am from which time the playground is supervised by a member of staff. Parents wishing to bring their children earlier are advised that there is a 50p drop off at 8.30am and a full pre-school breakfast club from 8am (£3). Please note staff will be on outside duty from 8.45am. Breakfast club is open from 8am if you wish to drop your child of earlier.

Nasal Flu

All children will be offered the nasal flu vaccine in school on Wednesday 5th October at 9.30am. Please see the information pack included in your plastic wallet and consent form to return to the school office

Monday After School Club - Autumn Crafts

Please see below the list of planned activities for Monday's Club with Andy:-

12th Sept Salt Painting Autumn Leaf Art

19th Sept Pointillism Leaf Art

26th Sept Leaf Bunting making

3rd Oct Harvest Wreath making

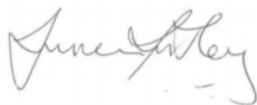
10th Oct Marble Leaf painting

17th Oct Halloween Activities

100 Club – Have you joined up yet?

Did you know you can support the local school for only £12 per year!

- ❖ *Only £1 per month, per number, paid annually.*
- ❖ *You can have as many numbers as you like.*
- ❖ *50% of the fund goes direct to the school.*
- ❖ *Remaining 50% of the monthly fund goes to the 3 winning numbers.*
- ❖ *1st wins 50%, 2nd wins 30% and 3rd wins 20%.*
- ❖ *Interested? Please contact Karen Winder 07870844057, email kazwinder@hotmail.co.uk or pick up a form from the school office*



Mr D Priestley
Headteacher

Summary of dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 15 th September | Morland Football & Netball Tournament 4-6pm |
| Wednesday 5 th October | Nasal Flu |
| Friday 30 th October | Library Van |
| Monday 10 th October | Action Ants Class 1 |
| Friday 21 st October | Break up for half term |

After school club - Week beginning: 12th September 2022

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

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| Monday – Autumn Art | <input type="checkbox"/> | Thursday - Art | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tuesday – Acrobatics | <input type="checkbox"/> | Friday - Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wednesday – Razzamataz | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

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| 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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