

Thursday February 17th 2022

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to all of our families for joining us in our February parents evenings this week, we had so many families log on to zoom to hear all about the strong progress being made so far this academic year and the steps we need to take in the coming months in order to reach our goals by the summer. Your continued help and support with your children's learning is very much appreciated and valued.

A polite plea that at school we do not allow dogs on our site during our school operating hours. I know it's a good time to coincide dog walks with pick up and drop off but recently we have had incidents of dog poo being left on the paths on the way into and out of school. It isn't nice for anyone to start their day with a poo situation to contend with and we do have some children, who are genuinely frightened of dogs, they are becoming distressed before they arrive at school which isn't conducive to a good start to the learning day. Therefore please can I ask that doggies remain out of our school grounds even if they are very cute.

As you know, reading is a fundamental part of our curriculum here at Crossflatts and we work hard to develop our love of reading all year round and ensuring everyone is a confident reader at our school. **On Thursday 3rd of March**, the first week back after the holidays it is **World Book Day**.

We celebrate reading every day not just on World Book Day but for the past two years we have all been at home on this day. Therefore this year we are going big! The children

and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from their favourite book, anything goes! So over half term get thinking and creating your World Book Day 2022 look to come to school in on the Thursday!

I know the children have all been busy collecting spare change to fill up their smartie tubes, please can you bring in your PTA smarties tube with any spare coins by tomorrow. All money raised will go towards a book vending machine for school. The amount raised will be announced on 3rd March, World Book Day. We can't wait to get counting all the coins! Every penny counts!

It has been a long half term with seven weeks jammed full with accelerated learning and I know we are all feeling tired and ready for a good rest and some slower mornings. I hope this wild weather disappears and we can all have some down time to recuperate to recharge our batteries ready for the next half term to begin on Monday 28th of February.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs Bennett, Headteacher

