

[Thursday 9th September 2021](#)

Hi Everyone,

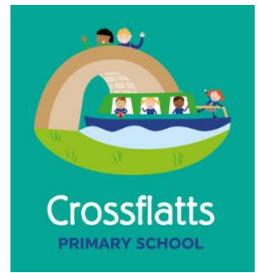
A very warm welcome back to Crossflatts Primary School! It was lovely to see everyone bounding into school bright and breezy on Monday, when we opened our doors ready to begin a brand new school year. I would also like to extend a special welcome to all our new children and families who have joined us over the course of this week, in Nursery and Reception, for the very first time. We understand that dropping your child off for the very first time in a new school is a daunting prospect but after only a few short days it is wonderful to see how well all of the children have settled and raring to learn in the Owl's, Bumblebees and Dragonflies.

As the week is going on and everyone is beginning to get used to the routines of drop off and pickups at each of the designated gates, we are getting slicker, I really appreciate your help and patience whilst we settle all the children and new families into the systems.

The latest government guidance with regard to Covid is that we no longer operate within bubbles and I was able to hold my first assembly in two years on Monday, which was just lovely to have everyone back together again. School is feeling, dare I say it, as 'normal' as possible at the moment. I know we are all eager for this to remain the case. We all have to continue to play our part as we learn to live with Covid. Therefore, it is still essential that should your child show symptoms of Covid that they remain at home until they have a negative PCR test result in order to protect everyone here at school. We are still continuing with all our hygiene and cleaning measures on a daily basis. Should we hit a trigger of 5 positive cases in school, we will then be asked to revert to the old systems and processes, which I really wish to avoid but as autumn arrives, we have to be stringent in order to keep the ship sailing.

So, September brings our Big Start. For our new families, 'The Big Start' is something we have done for many years and is designed to light the learning fires within our children and bond us all together in our learning journey for the year. It is a highlight of the year and the children adore it. The Big Start will take place next **Thursday 16th of September**. The children are invited to wear active clothes- leggings, jogging pants, shorts on the day so they are comfortable to come to school ready to take part in all manner of fun. There will be lots and lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in throughout the day but I won't say too much, as it's always a nice surprise to wait and see what the day has in store! We will put lots of photos on twitter so our families can see what we get up to!

Crossflatts Primary School is a very busy, lively place where there is always something happening! In order to communicate with our families in as many ways possible to keep them up to date with events, we have several methods of communication. I write my 'blog' every Thursday, which outlines key information and events and this will always be emailed out every Thursday. Any class letters and homework will be sent via Class Dojo. The class teachers set all pupils up on Dojo at the start of the academic year. Please ensure you are connected as it is a really useful way to keep up to date with what's happening in your child's class and it is a platform which can be used to message the teachers with any questions you might have. Letters from the school office may be sent out via email when necessary, we also send regular text messages for quick updates. As always if you require any of these in paper form please contact the office and we will arrange this for you.



The PTA are having their 1st zoom meetings of the academic year tomorrow at 9.30am and on Wednesday 15th at 8pm. PTA welcome letters with information on the PTA will be sent out to all new parents and carers next week but if you would like to join our zoom meetings or would like more information then please email [pta@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:pta@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk)

Crossflatts Primary School is a unique and special community with its own brand of magic. There isn't anywhere else like us. I am immensely proud of the commitment and loyalty our staff, families and children bring to our school and how we work together to ensure the children have the very best start to their young lives. We are in partnership with our families. If you have any questions, concerns, worries or even want to tell us something nice please don't hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher or base leader.

Of course the Senior Leaders- Myself, Mrs Dobson, Mrs Petrie, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Barker always here, we are now able to see you in school with an appointment should you require a face to face conversation, we will make every effort try to see you as soon as possible, so please don't hesitate to contact us at any point.

September is a time of new beginnings in our school; I am so excited to see where our journey takes us this year and I am crossing everything that it will be without any significant disruption so that our children have the best possible experiences and continue to fly.

Let's go Crossflatts- all aboard.

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher