

Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 8th December 2022

Hi Everyone,

We are all getting the jingle tingles here in school with our Christmas celebrations well underway. Our year 2 & 3 children were marvellous in their carol concerts this week and have set the tone for the rest of the week beautifully.



Public Health
England

I am sure you will have seen on the news and read from the letter from Public Health England which I sent out earlier in the week, there is an increase in cases of Scarlet Fever across the country.

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection, usually mild but highly infectious. It is caused by a bacteria called group A streptococcus (GAS) which also causes sore throat and impetigo. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. The rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, but the sandpapery feel will usually be present. Other common symptoms are flushed cheeks, pallor around the mouth and a 'strawberry-like' tongue.

Parents should contact NHS 111 or their GP if they suspect a child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics reduces the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. Children with scarlet fever should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others. They can return to school/nursery after 24h of antibiotic use if they do not have a fever anymore.

Tomorrow is our big Christmas in a Day at school- we are inviting everyone to wear their Christmas jumper, have their Christmas lunch and then join in our annual Christmas Sparkle event with our families from 1.30pm. For our families joining Christmas Sparkle please arrive through your normal drop off gate for 1.30pm. As a school, we always choose a charity to support at Christmas time and this year we are supporting **Great Ormond Street Hospital** as this is a charity very close to our hearts here at school. If you could bring some spare change with you on



Friday, we would be so grateful.



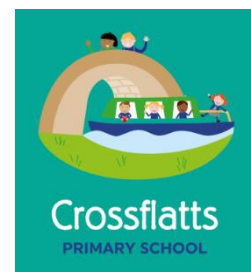
As I wrote last week, please do not go to any additional expense buying new jumpers, we have lots of tinsel in school and we can easily transform a normal jumper in a matter of moments if you don't have any Christmas jumpers at home.

A message from Friends of Crossflatts:

The Christmas Fair is this Friday from 3pm! A big thank you for all your generous donations. We are a little light on bottles for the tombola so if you have any unused bottles you are happy to donate they will be really appreciated. Bottles can be handed in to staff on the gate or dropped at reception.

A big thank you also to those who have offered to volunteer at the fair. If you can spare 30 minutes to help on a stall then contact us at friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk.

Secret Santa Shop: On Monday 19th December Friends of Crossflatts will be running a Secret Santa shop for the children to come and buy gifts for their special people. All presents will be £2. It was a great success last



year and was lovely to see how much effort the children went to choosing and wrapping the gift. Children can bring money on the day. All presents will be £2.

Bauble Decorating Competition: Thank you to all those who entered the bauble decorating competition. As always, we have had some fabulous entries and it was too difficult to choose a winner so all who entered will get a prize. These lovely baubles will be on sale at the Christmas Fair on Friday at the North Pole Specials stall as a pay as you feel basis. Do come and have a look at them.

Next Week continues to be extremely busy:

Tuesday 13th of Dec- Stories with Santa

Thursday 15th of Dec- Reception and Year 1 Nativities- Gates opening at 9.30am and 1.30pm

Friday 16th of Dec- Reception and Year 1 Nativity- Gates opening at 9.30am

Years 2 & 3- Performing for the residents at Thompson court & school choir performing for the local Rotary lunch club.

Attendance:

Here are last week's figures:

Whole School: 95.8 %

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96%	95.2%	96.1%	95.6%	96.8%	96.8%	97.1%	95.6%

Looking forward to seeing you all in the coming days here at school!

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett
Headteacher