

Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 8th September 2022

Hi Everyone,

A very warm welcome back everyone to a brand new academic year! It has been wonderful to see everyone bounding in through our gates this week ready to begin their next step with gusto! A special welcome to all of our new children and families, who are just beginning their very first days with us, we are so excited to welcome you into the Crossflatts family and see you fly!

I hope everyone has had a super summer and ready for the busy term ahead. There are only **190 days** in our school year and it is vitally important that all the children attend school every day, in order to gain the very most they can from the learning opportunities we provide at Crossflatts Primary School. The national target for attendance is **96%** and we are aiming to be above that target this year. In order to do so, we will be monitoring absences very closely and we are encouraging all our children to aim for at least **96%** attendance over the course of the year. Of course, we are all unwell from time to time and if there is a rare occasion your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please can I request that you telephone the school office to inform us of your child's absence no later than 8.30am. Let's go big this year... **All day, every day, the Crossflatts Way!** I will share our new attendance policy with you next week in much more detail.

THE BIG START 2022!

Every year we believe it is crucial that we light the learning fires within our children, so that they are truly engaged and ignited to learn. We do this with our Big Start and really fortify the Crossflatts family together. So after three years of staying here, this year we are going OUT OUT! **On Thursday 22nd of September**, we are taking all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6 to Newby Hall in Ripon. Our nursery and reception children will be enjoying their own mini Big Start in school once they have found their feet a little.

Newby Hall is a gorgeous place with so much to see, explore and do! I don't want to say too much as we like our Big Start to be a surprise! In order to help us pay for the transport to Newby Hall there is a cost of £5 per child. Please can families make these payments through Parent Pay no later than Friday 16th of September. We will be departing school earlier on **Thursday 22nd of September in order to make the most of our day at Newby Hall so the children will all need to be dropped off for 8am. Breakfast club will run as usual. We will be returning to school for collection for 4.45pm with after school club running as normal.** All children will be in school uniform with appropriate footwear and coats reflecting the weather on the day and require a packed lunch with a few extra snacks to keep their energy up! If you would like to order a packed lunch from the kitchen please follow the normal ordering process. It is going to be such a marvellous day for everyone!





Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is fundamental to all we do at Crossflatts Primary School and something we all take extremely seriously. As it is the beginning of a new term, I just wanted to remind you, who you can talk to should you ever have any concerns about any child in our school these are the people who will be able to help you immediately. We also have a 'safeguarding concern' button on our website where you can also report concerns.



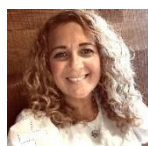
Nicola Bennett – Head teacher



Nina Dobson – Deputy Head teacher



Rebecca Petrie – Deputy Head teacher



Laura Reynolds – Assistant Head teacher



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I can't wait to see where our adventures take us this year!

All aboard!

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher