

# Our Vision and Values



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## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Hi Everyone,

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into our first open afternoon of the year tomorrow-

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of October from 1.45-2.45pm for years 1 to 6.** Reception and nursery open afternoons will follow after the October half term. This will be a great opportunity to have a good look through your child's learning journeys so far, in preparation for our first parent's evenings of the year, which will take place next week. **Please arrive through your normal drop off gate and we will sign post you to your child's classroom. You are welcome to take your child home once this session ends.**

Our autumn parent's evenings, will take place next week on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of October.** These appointments will be held in your child's classroom. **As you are aware, we have had to remodel all of the remaining space we have left in our school and therefore we don't have shared areas at present for you to wait within. Therefore please arrive just in time for your appointment as we have very little space for you to wait inside.** Myself and Mrs Petrie will be on hand to help families find their way around our building and Mrs Markey will be set up in the Atrium with lots of reading advice and top tips for supporting your child's reading at home.

### **1. Parents evening arrangements for our years 4, 5 & 6:**

<b>2. Year 4</b>	<b>3. Please arrive at the Atrium doors, which is where the school hall used to be.</b>
<b>4. Year 5</b>	<b>5. Please go to the Willows building, which is in the bottom playground where the big 'Bramble Hedge Pre School' sign is.</b>
<b>6. Year 6</b>	<b>7. Mr Atkins- Please arrive at the Atrium side door which is where the school hall used to be. Mr Atkins classroom is the upstairs of the Atrium.</b> <b>8. Miss Dearden- Please go to Years 2/3- Miss Dearden is hosting her parents evening in one of the classrooms in this area.</b>

You may have seen that the ground works are underway now for our learning village, in order to ensure everyone's safety as this building work begins, we are no longer going to be able to use the path off the canal to cut through school. Therefore please now use the top gate at the side of Key Stage 2 playground. This will also now become nursery gate for drop offs and pick ups.

We are hoping to have our learning village completed by Christmas, which is exciting and then we can move our Years 4, 5, 6 and our resourced provision base into their medium term homes for the next eighteen months. The new classrooms look amazing from the plans and are going to be huge! I think the children are going to be very happy when they see their new classrooms. These are all in one big building together with internal corridors, toilets and an ICT suite. It really is going to be a mini school for our older children.

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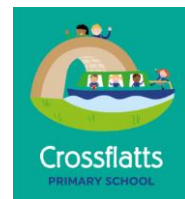
Now we are all settled, we are excited to invite families, who are looking for a reception place for their child for next September. Please do share the date with your friends, families and neighbours, who might like to come take a look for themselves. We are always heavily over subscribed as we are a school of choice in our community so spread the word before all the places fill up. It is lovely to hear how many of our families recommend our school to their family and friends after choosing to send your own children here.



As our first half term draws to a close, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival as a school with Year 1 to 6 walking up to church on Mortan Lane on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October** during the school day to take part in a service to give thanks for the Harvest. We would love the children to bring a small donation of a tin or dried packet of food to donate to the local Bingley Food Bank, who will be collecting the donations later on this day.

We have two parent governor positions available on our governing body. With the current situation of RAAC, we are requiring governors with very specific skills and experience in architecture, building engineering and health and safety to help support myself and the board with the long term plans of tackling the RAAC in the main school building. If you have these skills and have the time to join our governing body please do e-mail [Mary.Morgan@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:Mary.Morgan@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk) , our Chair of governors, who will be happy to explain the application process, DBS checks and the commitment required for the role.

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## Friends of Crossflatts

A reminder that Friends of Crossflatts are holding our annual Pumpkin Decorating Competition on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Prizes will be given per year group and adults there is a category for you too! Entries £1.



Our next meetings will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. All welcome to attend. Please email [friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:friends@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk) for further details.

**Attendance:** *'All Day, Every Day, The Crossflatts Way!'*

Here are last week's figures: Whole School: 96.3%

Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.0%	95.8%	93.4%	96.2%	94.8%	95.9%	99.0%	98.9%

Next week is our last full week of what has been a very, very busy first and particularly tricky half term, We are at that time when children are beginning to feel tired and new bugs are circulating but let's push on and make the most of the last full week of learning before a well-deserved holiday just around the corner.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the school over the next few days.

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

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