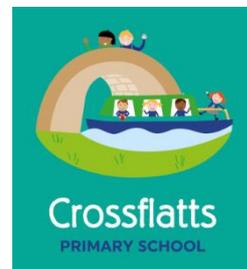


Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 2nd December 2021



Hi Everyone,

It is definitely beginning to look a lot like Christmas in school! The trees are all up and the lights are twinkling everywhere, the Christmas festivities are underway!

As you will have seen over the past week, we are once again having to tackle Covid with its latest variant- Omicron. Our numbers in school are beginning to rise again and we currently have two members of staff and one child who are positive with several further test results pending. I am very keen that school is able to operate and provide as many of the Christmas festivities we have planned for the children and to keep the magic of Christmas glowing. Unfortunately, we have had to take the difficult decision to cancel our Christmas Sparkle event with our families. After seeking advice from Public Health England, we would have over a thousand people in the building during Christmas Sparkle and they feel this would become a 'super spreader' event and therefore not something I can risk. We are also moving our reception nativity to a virtual recorded show and will send out a link for our families to be able to enjoy watching their child in the nativity in the final week of term. I know it is disappointing that we are unable to welcome our families into school to enjoy Christmas with us, but I am constantly balancing our risk assessment so that the children and staff are protected to ensure we have all our staff here to ensure the show primarily goes on for our children. Therefore, the PTA Christmas shop, class discos, Stories with Santa, class parties, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day will all still be going ahead.

Ultimately, I will do everything in my power to ensure Covid does not stop Christmas at Crossflatts for our children. I know there will be many parents, who are disappointed and I do thank you for your support and understanding with this latest challenge we are now facing in the run up to the end of term.

The PTA are helping Santa again this year with his letters! Children can write to Father Christmas with their Christmas wish list and will receive a reply from Father Christmas which will be hand delivered by the Elves in Crossflatts!

All letters cost £2.50 and should be brought into school tomorrow, 3rd December or Monday 6th December and will be posted in the Crossflatts Christmas post box. Please ensure your child has written their full name, class, and postal address legibly or we cannot guarantee delivery. The addresses will be destroyed after this activity and will not be used for any other purposes.

The letters can be paid for by cash in an envelope with their letter or by PayPal using the email address pta@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk Please tick the Family and Friends option to avoid us paying fees.

The PTA will also be running a Christmas Shop in school next Thursday 9th December where the children can buy presents for family and friends. Each present will cost £2, and cash must be brought in on the day. Watch out for more details on Class Dojo.

We have recently held a Governor election in our school and I am delighted that Mr Gavin Ingham, who is a long standing governor, has been elected to continue for a further term of office and we welcome Mrs Anna Shaw as a new parent governor to our board. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote ensuring our governing body remains the strong board that it is.

Two weeks to go! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher