



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy Minds, Healthy Bodies,  
Kind Hearts

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## Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

I would also like to wish a very WARM welcome to all our new children and their families. Welcome to Crosssens Nursery School!

It has been lovely to see returning children settling back into nursery and to watch our new children growing in confidence and learning their new routines!

We know that settling into nursery can be a challenge for children and their parents and carers, and we want to reassure you that we will do our utmost to work with you to support each child to settle.

If there is anything you wish to discuss or bring to our attention, then please get in touch and we will be happy to talk to you.

*Many thanks,*

*Mrs Beth Brice*

*Headteacher*

### NO PARKING PLEASE

In order to ensure the health and safety of children, families and other visitors to the schools on this busy site, **parents and carers are not permitted to park on-site at any time.** Please help us to sustain good relationships with our neighbouring schools and residents by parking considerately on Larkfield Lane, Preston New Road or nearby streets.

**Congestion in the car park prevents access for our Emergency Services to help all the schools on site. Thank you very much for your support in ensuring the safety of all the children.**

**The Larkfield Lane gate is locked at 9.30am and reopened at 3.00pm.** If you are picking up or dropping off at lunchtime to Nursery, there will only be access via the Preston New Road entrance.



### Dates for your Diary:

Date	What and where?
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	'Love My Community Day' – Children to wear something red and donate £1 for the Air Ambulance
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closes for Half-Term – <b>School re-opens on Monday 24th February</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – Children to dress as their favourite book character!
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am	Potty Training Workshop
14 <sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am	Parent Information Session
4 <sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter

## Cold Weather Clothing

Please ensure your child is appropriately dressed for outdoor play. We love to get out in our garden!

This should include a suitable coat, with a hood, a hat and some gloves. We endeavour to get our children outside in 'all weathers', where possible, so coats are likely to get wet and muddy!

We are a busy setting so it is essential that all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons, scarves are not permitted but 'snoods' are fine.



## Join our team!

Do you have a childcare or teaching qualification?

Would you like to work for a few, flexible hours in our friendly, warm and caring school?

Talk to Mrs Brice today!



## Healthy Bodies



We continue to focus on the development of children's healthy eating habits and their understanding of healthy food.

**In Nursery, we support this through the availability of a healthy snack. This usually consists of breadsticks, rice cakes, milk and water, fruit, vegetables or dried fruits.** Occasionally our snack may include something different, particularly if we are using this as a learning experience.

**We rely on your donations of £10 per half term to fund our snack and any money left over contributes to playdough ingredients and other consumable resources in the classroom. Please pay this in cash to the school office.**

We always talk to the children about how they can be healthy by eating well and exercising.

Please consider a balance of healthy food in your child's lunch box in order to support us in promoting healthy eating. **We politely request that sweets and chocolate bars are not brought into Nursery.**

## Learning in the 3&4 YO Room

The three and four year olds are welcoming their new friends to their groups and helping to teach the new children our routines and expectations. Listening and Attention remains a big focus for us this term and we will be doing lots of work on turn taking and 'waiting for our turn'. We are also learning about our local community, including our school site and Churchtown. We will also be building our letter awareness, distinguishing between print and pictures and providing lots of opportunities to model, copy and write letters. We continue to develop our fine motor skills, with a strong focus on using scissors, doing up zips and fastening buttons. We are also exploring shapes and shape language and selecting shapes for a purpose.



## Learning in the 2 YO Room

We are talking about the people and places we visit and reading stories that take us on an adventure, such as 'Monkey and Me', 'Shark in the Park', 'Whatever next?' and 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. Physically, we will be copying animal actions and trying to do animal poses in our yoga sessions. Our role play area will explore 'going shopping' and children will buy all sorts of different vegetables from our shop. Children will have the opportunity to explore the textures, smells and weights of various vegetables too.

