



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

Happy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Kind Hearts

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I love this time of year! The temperatures begin to get cool and crisp and there is nothing better than kicking crunchy leaves with our little ones and noticing the colours of nature change around us. Nursery is well underway now that we are nearly at the first half-term point. Here is our October newsletter to give you information about this stage in the half-term, along with some useful dates for your diaries.

*Mrs Beth Brice, Headteacher*



## What are we learning at Nursery?

All the children have settled superbly into our settings and I would like to thank my wonderful team for their care, their love and support for our children. Thank you to you, our parents and carers, for choosing our Nursery and for supporting us greatly.

2YOs:

We have a selection of stories that are focusing on our 'sense of self', simple feelings and need. Stories such as 'Tickle, tickle' and 'This is my nose' are short stories which support play and daily routine, closely relating to 'home', our most familiar environment. The children are enjoying looking at the illustrations, listening to simple words, naming parts of the face and body and following simple instructions such as washing, brushing and cuddling.

Next, we will be exploring 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke. This London bus gets into all sorts of mischief and the children will love it! We will also explore many play opportunities such as messy play, painting, drawing, simple roleplay and creating daily routines for dolls and teddies.

3&4YOs:

Number order – We are saying numbers in order forwards and backwards to 5, knowing what number comes next or before

Shape language – We are learning about shapes and how they are different, e.g. circle, triangle, pointy, curved, straight and round

Signs of Autumn – Take a walk through the park and spot the signs of the change of season. Take some photos or help yourself to a checklist in the entrance to support children with what to look out for and notice. Bring your Autumn treasures into Nursery!

Painting – We are focusing on spreading paint using hands and different tools, filling the space then stopping, using all the paper, making sure the initial creation isn't painted over, matching colours, returning tools to the correct colour paint, making marks in paint – straight, curved and round to create patterns and pictures

Self-care – We are supporting the children to do the following elements of self-care independently: wiping their nose, washing their hands, putting on socks and shoes, putting shoes on the correct feet and fastening their own shoes. It may take a bit longer, but any opportunities that you can give to your child to have a go at practicing these skills will be very beneficial in boosting your child's independence and self-esteem.



## Parent Information Session

Come along to our Parent Information Session on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 4pm.

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend and if you will be bringing your child with you. My wonderful team will provide activities to keep little ones entertained in the classroom, and we will give you a hot cuppa and the chance to sit whilst listening to the incredible skills and knowledge of Miss White and Mrs Davis.

This session will cover healthy habits and how to encourage children to build their resilience and independence. There will be useful tips to 'takeaway' and try at home and we look forward to seeing you there!

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend so we can ensure the correct staffing to care for the children and make sure we have enough tea and biscuits for grown-ups!



**For your information:** There is a Bleed Kit Cabinet situated at the front of Larkfield School. Crossens Nursery School took part in a mini marathon alongside other Southport schools last year, to raise the funds for these amazing resources.

We hope you will never need it but, if you do, this cabinet is ready to support the Community in the event of a first aid emergency.

The Emergency Services will guide you on how to use the kit whilst you await the support of an Ambulance.



## Exciting news!

Miss White will be travelling to Dublin next week to work and train with the phenomenal team at Junior Genius Global. This Nursery organisation has written a powerful resource which is rooted in the wellbeing of children in the Early Years. The programme is called 'Education from the Heart' and we look forward to being the first school in the UK to champion this wellbeing curriculum. Its theories tie in beautifully with our Mission Statement, 'Happy Minds, Healthy Bodies, Kind Hearts' and I can't wait to start this new journey with our team. Miss White will join representatives from the USA, India and Europe on this training and we will share more information with you in due course.



## SNACK MONEY

£10 per half term

Children are given snack at Nursery in the morning and afternoon.

Each half-term we ask Parents and Carers for £10 to contribute to cost of this for the children.

From this fund, we also purchase our ingredients for making our own playdough and any other consumable resources needed for the classroom. Please pay this in cash to the school office.



## HUGE THANKS!

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we hosted our Macmillan Coffee Morning. With your support and very generous donations, we raised £124.95 for this wonderful charity!

Thank you for your kindness and for helping us to 'give back' to those who help us.



## Diary Dates:

**Parent Information Session -**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 4.00pm

**Autumn Assembly -** Friday 24th

October at 9.30am for children attending our 3&4 year old provision.

**Half-term**

We break up for half-term on Friday 24th October and we reopen on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Parents' Evenings**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

November – Sign up sheets will be displayed in the porch next week.

**Children in Need –** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Performance –** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am