



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half term break, **the staff and governors of Crossens Nursery School would like to wish all children and families a restful week!**

**We look forward to welcoming children back to Nursery during the week beginning 20th February 2023.**

This has been a busy half term and we have been pleased to welcome new children into Nursery and see them settle so well into our Nursery routines.

## New team Members!

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that we have two new members of the team joining us next half-term. Mrs McDonnell has been appointed as an Inclusion Assistant to support in our Big Room and Mrs Price has been appointed as an Inclusion Assistant in our Purple Room. We are looking forward to them joining our wonderful Crossens Family!

## Purple Room

Purple Room children have been enjoying 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They have explored porridge oats in their messy play and it has been lovely to hear children retelling the stories in their own words and engaging with our story map on the wall. Well done children!

Purple Room also enjoyed our visit from the Fire Service and they are enjoying playing in the Medical Centre role play area in our 'Big Room'.

## How can I support my child at home?

Sing with your child, keep reciting nursery rhymes, read stories and explore the local environment, e.g. the park. Comment on what you can see and hear around you. This gets early vocabulary off to a great start!

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30 am - Potty Training Tips

Come along and join us for coffee, biscuits and some advice regarding Potty training!

## Family Board

Please bring in any photographs of your family, pets and special occasions. It is so special for your child to see themselves and their loved ones on our walls. It gives us a great conversation stimulus with your child and helps us to get to know your family better too!

## Dates for the diary

- School closes for half term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

- **World Book Day, Thursday 2nd March**

We will be having a Fairy Tale Ball! Come to Nursery dressed as your favourite fairy tale/ traditional tale character! We will have a tea party and a dance to celebrate some of our favourite stories! You could be Jack, from Jack and the Beanstalk or Goldilocks, for example!

- **Mother's Day Gift Service**

Don't forget, children can choose and purchase a gift from our special shop for their Mum, Grandma or Aunty. All slips and payments need to be returned to Nursery by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. Spare letters are available in the foyer.

- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Parents Evening**

- **Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 9.30am (more details to follow)**

## 3&4 YOs - Our Learning

Our topic is our Caring Crossens Community and the children have enjoyed walks to Churchtown and meeting local people who help us in the shops and businesses. We very much enjoyed meeting 'Onslo' the dog at our local vets and the children were delighted to chat to the Dental Nurse at the Dentist, who gave us lovely stickers. The children enjoyed choosing items from our shopping list to bring back for Nursery and we even bought a special biscuit for lovely Miss White!

The children REALLY enjoyed our visit from the Fire Service! We saw all the amazing tools that the fire fighters keep in their fire engine and each child had the opportunity to spray the fire hose across our car park! This has all been linked to our learning about our Community and the people who help us. We have also been very lucky to have Dawn Ruscoe join us for a talk about Crossing Patrol. You may know lovely Dawn, who has been crossing our families over Preston New Road for a long time. She helps us every day and the children were very interested to learn all about her role.

The children have been talking about being healthy and what we need to help us grow. This week, each group has been given a plant to water and care for, helping the children to understand not only what plants need to grow, but also to build that sense of responsibility and promote care and respect for living things.

We have also been talking about how we have grown and changed. Thank you for bringing in the baby photos of your children. They really do enjoy showing these to their friends and teachers!

### How can I support my child at home?

Visit the local community with your child and talk to them about the different shops and businesses. If possible, get your child involved in buying items when you are out shopping. This will help to build their understanding of belonging to a community as well as developing their vocabulary and their confidence to talk to others.

With World Book Day on the horizon, perhaps chat with your child about their favourite books and share some lovely stories together over the half-term break.

### Baby Ballet

After half-term, we will be joined by Miss Jennifer every Monday morning for our Baby Ballet classes. We look forward to starting our journey with Baby Ballet and we know that the children thoroughly enjoyed their taster session earlier this term. Here's to lots of Magic and Sparkle with Twinkle Bear!



### Andy and Sharon

The fun just continues here at Crossens Nursery School and we are very excited to be partnering again with our resident artists, Andy and Sharon. We will be working on a special project with Andy and Sharon for the first two weeks back after half-term.

Mr Cutting will also be joining us for this project and we are, as ever, so very lucky to have Mr Cutting teach our children woodwork each week. Thank you Mr Cutting!



### Snack Money

With the rising cost of food at the moment, I have made the very difficult decision to increase the price of snack each half-term. Previously, snack has cost £8 per half-term. This contributes to the cost of fresh fruit and snacks for all of our children plus we use this fund to buy the ingredients to make our very own playdough and purchase any consumable items needed for topical experiences. This can include marshmallows for the camp-fire, pancakes for pancake day and any special foods linked to our learning that we would like the children to try. **Snack will now be £10 per half-term from 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

**Mrs Beth Brice, Headteacher**