



CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

We are almost half way through the first half of the Autumn Term.

As this is the last newsletter before the half term break, on behalf of the governors and staff at Crossens Nursery School I would like to wish all our children and families a happy, interesting and restful half term break.

School finishes at the usual times on Friday 22nd October, however, there is a training day for staff on Monday 1st November, so school will start again on Tuesday 2nd November.

What are we learning at the moment?

In addition to our usual literacy and maths activities, children have been thinking about food and where food comes from. They have enjoyed making shortbread and eating the biscuits they made at snack time.

We have been reading and retelling the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt and the traditional tale Goldilocks. The children have also been learning about rhyme and what we mean when we talk about rhyme and rhyming words.



Reminders!

Parking

Please support us in ensuring our site, which accommodates 4 different schools, remains safe. **Parking on site is for staff only**, parents are requested to park on Preston New Road or Larkfield Lane and walk into the school grounds.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is getting colder, we recognise that you will want to dress your child appropriately. We recommend plain hats and, if necessary, gloves or mittens. Please ensure these items are named.



Please DO NOT send scarves into school

Session changes

Parents needing to make changes to children's sessions / attendance pattern must give at least four weeks' notice, and they will only become effective from the beginning of the following half term.

Parent communication

Please inform the school office if you begin to use a different email account, as this is the primary way we distribute information to parents. You can also follow us on twitter [@crosssensnursery](https://twitter.com/crosssensnursery) for the latest updates and information.

Plans for Learning after half term:

Your children may have been telling you how they worked with staff to make a campfire in our 'nature area'. Even our youngest children have been enjoying this experience. Of course, a significant part is learning about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe around the campfire!

We will be continuing to think about the **changes we see around us in the autumn and about Bonfire Night**. Children will be **learning and re-telling** the story of 'The Little Red Hen'.

Keep reminding your child about the **key letter shapes and number poems**, as we refer to these every day, along with our '**Fascinated Five**'!

Around **11th November** the children will learn about the significance of **Remembrance Day**. This is an important aspect of our work on traditional British values.

Healthy Eating

During key times of the day adults working with children will support them to develop their understanding of food that is good for them and helps their bodies grow and those foods that are treats and to be eaten infrequently.



Please help us to continue this supportive dialogue with children by ensuring their lunchboxes contain a varied selection of healthy foods.

Please do not include sweets or chocolate bars in your child's lunchboxes and remember that grapes, cherry tomatoes and other small fruit or vegetables **MUST** be cut into quarters to avoid risk of choking.

**NUTS OF ANY TYPE
MUST NOT BE INCLUDED
IN LUNCHBOXES**

Late Collection

In the event of a late collection of a child the following action will be taken.

First occasion – A verbal reminder will be given to parents regarding the importance of collecting their child on time

Second occasion – A letter will be given to parents reminding them of the importance of collecting their child on time and warning of charges to be incurred in the event of a future late collection

Third occasion - Implementation of a charge of £5 for collection 5 minutes after the session has ended, with a subsequent £5 charged for every 5 minute block after this time.

And finally... Did You know ?...

Children's spoken language supports reading and writing

In order to make a good start in reading and writing, children need to have an adult listen to them and talk to them. Speaking and listening are the foundations for reading and writing. Even everyday activities such as preparing meals, tidying up, putting shopping away and getting ready to go out offer you the chance to talk to your child, explaining what you are doing. Through these activities, children hear the way language is put together into sentences for a purpose.

Books are a rich source of new words for your child; words you would not use in everyday conversations appear in books. Children need to have a wide vocabulary to understand the meaning of books, so read aloud and share books as often as you can. They will enjoy it and it will be useful to them when they come across these words in their own reading later on.

Diary Dates:

- 20th October – **Autumn Assembly**
- 22nd October – **School breaks up for Autumn Half Term**
- 2nd November – **School starts again** (*Please note this is a **Tuesday** as school is closed for a staff training day on Monday 1st November*)

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