



# CROSSENS NURSERY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and wonderful time we are having here at Crossens Nursery School! We have already had an action-packed start to this half-term and there is plenty of fun and more exciting learning coming up over the next few weeks!

## How are we doing?

You will have recently received a questionnaire; we would be grateful if you would complete and return this to us **by Tuesday 21st March**.

The information you provide is invaluable in supporting us to continue to improve and develop our practice here at Crossens Nursery School.

A HUGE THANK YOU for the forms that have already been returned.



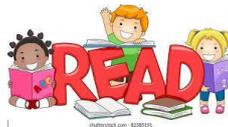
## Health and Safety

We politely request that children's fingernails are kept nice and short for Nursery please. Accidents can happen very easily when children are moving to music or reaching for toys and, if we can ensure that nails are clipped, it greatly reduces the risk of accidental scratches.

We also request that scarves are not brought into Nursery in the interests of Health and Safety. Please see Mrs Brice if you have any questions.

## World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day earlier in March. The children and staff wore fantastic costumes and really enjoyed a range of activities during the week. We have been listening to stories being told in other languages and Jo from 'Amigos' came in to read 'Little Red Riding Hood' in Spanish. Thank you to our parents who came in to share stories with our children, it is so lovely to have you involved!



## Key Dates:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents' Evenings for 3&4 YO's**

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening for Purple Room**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Trip to Windmill Farm**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Police Exhibition Day**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Bonnet Parade** – Children are invited to come to Nursery wearing their very own Easter Bonnet! We will have a parade, sing some songs and even announce a winner for our Big Room and a winner for our Purple Room. Come along and join us! We will start the Parade at 9.30am once the children are settled in for the day.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Break up for the Easter break (*School re-opens on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April*)

## Big Room – 3 & 4 Year Olds

The children have enjoyed learning about the community and the importance of care and kindness. Through Traditional Tales, the children have become aware of challenges that other children and families might be facing. The children have learnt about planting and growing and they have looked at the different healthy foods we can grow. They understand the importance of healthy habits to grow happily and healthily.

The children have also been considering different community roles and how a farmer cares for and looks after animals and plants. We are very much looking forward to the farm trip to meet the farmers and see all the animals and their babies!

After working with the lovely Sharon and Andy the children have been inspired by a mystery fairy door. They are yet to discover who lives behind it, but the excitement is growing as it appears the elves have been visiting our nursery! They too, are very kind and caring and will help our children to recognise others in need. We will be learning about different emotions and how through small acts of kindness we can make a big difference to our school community and beyond.

### How you can help at home:

- Praise children when they help or do something kind at home - you could make a kindness jar together, placing items in the jar when an act of kindness has taken place. This can be brought into school when it is full, so we can celebrate this kindness together!
- Listen to children and help them to recognise the emotions they are feeling. Young children find it very difficult to identify and regulate emotions so doing this together helps them to notice how their body feels and gives them the vocabulary needed to explain what and why.
- Share stories that highlight different emotions especially ones relevant to your child. Look at expressions in illustrations and explain why they might be feeling this way.
- When out and about in the community, take time to notice others, this could be elderly neighbours living alone, families new to the area and the homeless. Talk about what you could do to help show care and kindness. A simple act of kindness goes a long way - please share any experiences with us using a 'wow moment' on the parent board.



## Purple Room – 2 Year Olds

Our two year olds are having a very busy half term! The children have really enjoyed 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' This is a pattern predictable text and one they have enjoyed again and again! The children loved getting dressed up for World Book Day and they also enjoyed our Pancake Racing! Over February half-term, a new fence was constructed in our Purple Room garden, allowing for 'all weather play' under our veranda. The children love using this space for sand play, construction and much more!

We are preparing for our trip to the farm with lots of lovely story sharing and small world play. The children are enjoying reading 'Oh Dear! Buster at the Farm'. We are also talking about sounds on the farm and we are playing listening games.

Please continue to bring in photos of your family, your pets and any special occasions. The children love looking at their photos and talking about their loved ones.

The children are very proud of their daffodil pictures – we hope you like them too!

If you would like to borrow one of our potty-training packs, please speak to Mrs Copeland as these are now available.

**Mrs Beth Brice**

Headteacher