



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!

It has been lovely to see returning children settling back into nursery and 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.



Fundraising

Our Christmas Party was a big success, along with our Christmas raffle. Your generosity at Christmas raised £315.40 for new nursery resources.

We will be purchasing some new thematic books with this money.

Thank you so much for your support.



PARKING ON SITE

As you will be aware this is a busy site housing 4 different schools, two of which care for children with complex learning needs. In order to ensure the health and safety of children, families and other visitors to the schools on 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.

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.



Healthy Bodies



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

In Nursery School we support this through the availability of a healthy snack, which usually consists of cereal and milk, 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.

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.**

Dates for your Diary:

Date	What and where?
All Term – one afternoon per week	Mr Cutting is working in school one afternoon a week with children, teaching woodwork skills.
Friday 9th February	'Love My Community Day' – Children to wear something red and donate £1 for Southport Learning Partnership charity of choice.
Friday 9th February	School Closes for Half Term – School re-opens on Monday 19th February.
7th March	World Book Day – Children to dress as their favourite book character!
11th March	Parents' Evening
12th March	Parents' Evening
21st March	Whole Nursery School Trip – More details to follow after February half term
28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt
28th March	Break up for Easter – School reopens on Tuesday 16th April

What are we learning?

The three and four year olds will be starting their 'Caring Crossens Community' topic this month. This topic allows them to explore occupations and local facilities; the people who help us and the people we can help; how we need to show respect, care and kindness to others; and how we communicate thoughts and feelings. The children will learn what Community is, understanding similarities and differences, appreciating and valuing people, and understanding their roles within the community. We will also be learning about how we can look after ourselves and others, including where food comes from, the importance of eating a variety of food, having healthy habits and helping those in need.

The two years olds will be starting their 'We love adventures' topic. It is a lovely opportunity to generate conversation and quality talk as a group, encouraging the children to talk about what they have seen, heard and experienced with their families.

Please continue to share your experiences with us as we love to see your photographs of special family moments. These are great talking points for your child and they love to see these on display or to look back upon in their group books.

Many thanks,

Mrs Beth Brice

Headteacher