Headteacher NewsLetter



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Fencing Update No.2

I promised you an update and here it is! The Local Authority have drawn up plans for the fencing that I have approved and they are ready to move forward. During this process there has been some confusion over boundaries and land ownership so things have slowed down a bit. This is very frustrating for us as we have some regular, unwanted visitors in the evenings. Please do call the police if you see this- they are trespassing and have attempted to break-in.

A note from me...

I cannot believe it is the end of the academic year already- my first two terms as headteacher have flown by! As we get ready to say goodbye to our Year 6 children and to welcome new families into our Crossgates community, I wanted to share the following:

Once you have been part of our Crossgates community, you become part of the fabric of the school and are welcome at any time; if you need us we are here and we love to hear how our children are getting on. I feel that an important part of my job has headteacher is to give our children roots so that they know they belong at Crossgates forever, but to also give them wings, so that they feel empowered to take on the next step in their education.

We are excited to launch our 're-vamped' curriculum in September. The teachers have worked incredibly hard alongside myself and external advisors to ensure that National Curriculum requirements are adhered to whilst providing our children with a meaningful, memorable and fun learning offer at Crossgates. We have a safeguarding focus throughout our offer to support our children to keep safe in an ever-changing world so that they develop their own worth and confidence and feel safe and secure in school and beyond our gates.

Part of this offer is to develop children's knowledge, skills and attitudes to enable them to appreciate and value difference and diversity.

Please do join me at my headteacher update meetings that will be held termly from September if you would like to hear more about our Crossgates curriculum offer.

Inclusive Attendance

We are committed to fostering child-centred actions and collective responsibility for attendance as an 'Inclusive Attendance' school. Please do let us know if you are struggling to get your child into school each day. We can work with you to set up a plan of support- we are here to help!

Please refer to our Attendance Policy that shares our passion for supporting families to enable their child to attend school everyday. Please remember that attending school is a legal requirement and we have a duty to adhere to regulations.

Our School Values

Growth- we are all growing and learning in all areas of life, all of the time and we recognise that our growth is individual and personal to us.

Effort- we 'have a go', this may look different for each of us but we turn up and try.

Community- our community is at our heart, together we are stronger.

Compassion- we are caring and look out for one another, we think carefully, empathetically and deeply and are compassionate towards ourselves, our community, and the full diversity of our world in all of its forms.

A special mention has to go to our Owls who will always have a special place in my heart- my first Year 6 cohort as headteacher of Crossgates. The children are a credit to their families and to us as a school- their leaver's performance showcased their talent as individuals but also demonstrated their close bond with each other and adults in school. I have loved getting to know them all and will miss them in September- please make sure you come and see us when you can Owls! Our 'Class of 2025' event was an absolute joy due to the children's lovely manners, positive behaviour, energy, dance moves and smiles! I wish you all the very best for Year 7- you are more than ready to excel in the next stage of your journey in education!

I have loved seeing the children across school develop in all areas. Particular highlights for me this term have been: seeing our newly-formed cricket club blossom into a team of cricketers who showed great sportsmanship and showcased their learning at Milnrow Cricket Club where they played against another school, seeing our children flourish at Hollingworth Lake showing courage and resilience and of course taking part in the Milnrow Carnival was a new experience for me and it was wonderful to share this tradition with the children.

Thank you to those that were able to join us during our transition activities, the children have really benefited from being able to experience their new classroom with a trusted adult from home. Welcoming our new families has also been very exciting and we look forward to you being a part of the Crossgates family in the autumn term.

I feel like the luckiest headteacher in the world. I work with a dedicated, child-centred team and the most amazing children with supportive families. Thank you to our community for being so fabulous- this firm foundation enables us to thrive and to keep developing both as a team and as individuals.

I wish you all the most wonderful summer break, stay safe and I hope that you make many happy memories together; I look forward to hearing all about them in September. Please remember that the 1st and 2nd of September are teacher training days so we look forward to welcoming you back on the 3rd .

Kind regards

Mrs Mitchell

Our Outdoor Offer

We are excited to be welcoming guinea pigs to Crossgates in September. These furry friends will not only support our children who experience big emotions, but will help our whole community.

Our chickens are thriving with their current family until they are able to settle with us at Crossgates. (We just need our perimeter to be secure from unwanted visitors so that we can move them in).

Mrs Dry has been working incredibly hard to become a Level 3 Forest School practitioner. She is undergoing regular assessments and is passing with flying colours. Forest School will be an invaluable offer to our children. You may have seen our new raised beds that each class has access to- I can't wait to see what they grow!

Crossgates has secured funding for a hut within the Forest School area. This hut will provide a sensory space for learners who need it and will also be utilised during Forest School sessions. We are aiming for this to be in place during the autumn term.

Mrs Dry will be sharing the Forest School plans with you soon and I am hopeful that you will be as excited as I am. Our beautiful grounds give us such an amazing landscape for our children to thrive in.

Communication Update

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been looking at different systems to support effective communication.

There will be a general calendar shared termly alongside year group specific letters each half term. Of course texts and emails will continue as normal.

We hope that this will enable families to be kept up to date and able to plan ahead.

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