

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'*

## The end of our first full week!

We have reached the end of our first full week at Crown Street Primary School – a huge well done to all children (and staff!) for settling in to their new routines so well and continuing to come to school and approach their learning with such enthusiasm.

This week has seen all of our children sharing their 'Special Shoeboxes' with their teachers and peers. Reception have been busy drawing their self-portraits and Pre-School have started to 'Squiggle whilst they Wiggle' (an activity used to develop the motions they need to prepare them for writing).

We will start to upload some of your children's learning on Tapestry in the coming weeks, once it has been set up to reflect your consent permissions.

We look forward to showing you a glimpse into the classroom and all the exciting learning opportunities the children have access to throughout the school day.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

At Crown Street Primary School, we are committed to working together with parents and carers to provide the very best education possible for our children. Some of the ways in which we do this are through the school's **Academy Committee, Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** and **Parent Council**. Each of these groups have a unique role within school.

The **Academy Committee** of a school is responsible for ensuring that the school is doing all it can to provide a high-quality education for all pupils. Currently the governance of our school is being overseen by the well-established Academy Committee of our sister primary, Gorse Bank. However, we are hoping to establish our own in the Spring/Summer Term of this academic year. In the meantime, you may want to read more about what being a governor entails here: <https://www.crownstreetprimary.org.uk/governance/>

The role of the **PTA** is to bring the school community together through events that also raise funds that enhance, enrich and improve the learning experiences and facilities we provide for the children. We will be



**PTA**

looking to establish a PTA for Crown Street later this term. The first step is to create a PTA Committee made up of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of the PTA but these Committee roles are essential in order for us to be recognised as a charity. We will then hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) before the end of the Autumn term when the Committee will be formally elected and our constitution (detailing how our PTA will run) will be adopted.

Everyone is invited to attend our first ever AGM so please come if you can!

The purpose of a **Parent Council** is to provide a constructive forum for sharing feedback about what's gone well, and also any suggestions for what could be even better in the future. Parents and carers should always speak with their teacher regarding specific concerns about their own child as the Parent Council focuses more on whole school/year group aspects of school life. We will be looking to establish our Parent Council later this term.

Please express your interest in any of the roles (Governor, PTA Committee, Parent Councillor) by emailing [admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uuk](mailto:admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uuk) (with the above role in the subject title) or by popping to see Mrs McGowan in our school office.

## HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

This weekly Newsletter is our main form of communication, so please get into the habit of reading it and making a note of key dates.

## CORE SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

Our school day starts at **8.45am** and ends at **3.15pm**.

School gates are locked promptly to safeguard our children.

Children arriving after the gate has closed must be signed in at the School Office.

### Travelling to School - Reminder

Due to the location of the school, we strongly recommend active travel or the use of public transport. There are a number of on-street pay & display parking bays on Great Jackson Street, which have a 15-minute grace period but require a pass to be displayed to identify you as a parent – please speak to the School Office to request a pass.

For more information, please visit the 'Travel to School' page on our website here:

<https://www.crownstreetprimary.org.uk/travel-to-school/>

### Reception 2025 Admissions

Admissions for September 2025 Reception places are now open!

The co-ordination and administration of admissions is undertaken by Manchester City Council. Should you, or anyone you know be interested then you can find more information on our website here:

<https://www.crownstreetprimary.org.uk/admissions/>

### Labelling clothes

Please could you ensure that any items your child brings into school (including lunchboxes and spare clothes) are labelled with your child's name. For those of you who have purchased a branded school coat, there is a care label + name label tag in one of the zipped pockets – so please ensure their name is on these too. Thank you.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Reception Curriculum Evening, 4.30pm

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Pre-School Curriculum Evening, 4.30pm

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept** - Grand Opening, 9am

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept** - School Tours begin, 9.30am (repeated weekly)

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> & Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Parents' Evenings, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Play & Pick-up for Pre-School Parents/Carers, 2.30pm

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Play & Pick-up for Reception Parents/Carers, 2.30pm

*Details on how to book for Parents' Evening and Play & Pick-up sessions will follow.*

