

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

All things Attendance (*reminders, rules and policy*)

Full attendance at school is critical for both your child's academic success, but also their personal and social development too.

To support us with this we ask that parent/carers:

- *promote the importance of good attendance and punctuality*
- *ensure their child arrives at school on time each day - gate opens at 8.45am*
- *notify the school **each day** their child is unable to attend and provide a reason (due to child being unwell/illness)*
- *arrange medical appointments, where possible, for out of school hours and provide evidence for all medical appointments*
- *pay attention to the school's '[Term Dates](#)' and avoid taking their child/children on holiday in term time*

Since summer, updated Government guidance came into force regarding fines for term time absences. Fines are typically issued by the Local Authority if a child has an unauthorised absence for 5 days or more. The first time a family incurs a fine it could be up to £160 per parent per child, a second will be at least this figure and any further instances within a three-year period could result in a criminal conviction.

There are exceptional circumstances in which short term time absences can be authorised but even these should of course be kept to a minimum. Should you need to request an absence, this must be submitted in writing through our School Office to admin@crownstreetsprimary.org.uk

Any queries, as with anything, please do not hesitate get in touch in person or via email/the School Office.

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

Spring Term Home Learning Grids

Similarly, to last term, the team have created Home Learning Grids for both Pre-School and Reception to complete over the coming term. The activities included are all suggested to help your child consolidate the learning done in school and for you to use as an opportunity for your child to show you some of the things they have learnt to do. The idea is that you can pick and choose the activities and engage with these activities in a way that works for your child. We ask that as you complete the activities to share responses/outcomes via your child's Tapestry learning portal.

These grids can be found on your child's Tapestry and under the 'Useful Information' tab on the Year Group pages on our website - [Pre-School](#) | [Reception](#)



Mystery Readers

We are planning to run our Mystery Reader sessions from Wednesday 22nd January until the end of term at 2.45pm in both our Pre-School and Reception classes. If you are interested in coming in and sharing a story from home, please complete our [Mystery Reader form](#) by **9am on Monday 20th January** and select the sessions you are available. If we are lucky enough to have a large number of volunteers, we will select names at random and then get in touch to confirm.



Birthday Books

More birthdays at Crown Street Primary and some more 'Birthday Books'. Thank you for these donations which will be loved by all! Happy Birthday to these two!

Assembly this week

This week we read the book 'Meesha Makes Friends' by Tom Percival. Like last week's book, this is about a child who loves being creative as Meesha loves making things, but one thing she finds difficult to make is friends. We used this to talk about how we can all react to different situations in different ways and the different feelings we may feel. We felt the story linked to our character traits of **Bravery** as Meesha is brave to share her friends. Also **Kindness** and **Curiosity** from whose friendship with Meesha begins by asking a question.



Book recommendations...

Tom Percival has written a collection of 'Big bright Feelings Books' each of which can provide a starting point for conversations about mental and emotional health, building self-confidence and managing feelings.



CONTACTING OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Should you need to get in touch with school, please email admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk or call 0161 549 7150. If there is a change in collection arrangements, we ask that you either email or call before 2pm so that this message can be shared with Class Teachers/Kids Club Team. Please note our School Office is open between 8am – 4pm.

Character Award!

This week's recipients of our Character Award ...



Bravery for both of these children for settling in so well.



One of these for **Citizenship** for being a great role model and the other for their **Kindness** towards their friends. Well done all of you!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

CONTACTING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



If you need to contact our After School Club after the School Office closes at 4pm, then please ring the main school number and stay on the line, this will put you directly through to After School Club. This should only be used in the case of an emergency or to inform us if there has been a delay to pick-up.

If you have any queries about After-School Club relating to patterns or fees, then please contact the School Office during the hours of 8am – 4pm, or email admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2025

Mon 20th Jan – Mystery Reader deadline

Weds 22nd Jan – Mystery Readers begin

Weds 29th Jan – Lunar New Year

Mon 3rd Feb – Start of Children's Mental Health Week

Weds 5th Feb – World Read Aloud Day

Tues 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day

Tues 11th Feb – Play & Pick-up for Pre-School Parents/Carers*

Thurs 13th Feb – Play & Pick-up for Reception Parents/Carers*

Fri 14th Feb – Last day of half-term

Mon 24th Feb – School reopens - first day of Spring 2



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**Details on the Play & Pick-up sessions will be sent out over the coming weeks*