

Weekly Newsletter

'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'

Lunar New Year

On Wednesday we welcomed in Corinne, who volunteered to come in to talk to the children all about Lunar New Year. She shared with us the different countries that may celebrate Lunar New Year as well as the preparations and activities that are done during the celebration. We then talked about the Chinese Zodiac and how this year is the year of the snake. Following this the children took part in some craft activities – collaging paper lanterns in PLMM and making paper lanterns in RSH. Corinne then finished the afternoon by reading the story 'The Great Race' a story about the Chinese Zodiac. A huge thank you to Corinne and Karmen for preparing everything, and for Corinne for giving up her time to come in to speak to the children – we really appreciate it and enjoyed learning all about Lunar New Year. 'Kung Hei Fat Choy' to all! *More celebrations will continue in Manchester this weekend as the legendary Dragon Parade will return. You can find more information here – [visitManchester](#)*



Parents' Evening

We will be holding our second Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March. Similarly, to last time, these meetings will focus on your child's personal, social and emotional development, but will also focus on their progress so far and their next steps. Appointments will last for 10 minutes and will be with your child's class teacher at school. The appointments run from 3.30pm until 5.40pm. More information on how to book will be shared after half-term, but we wanted you to save the date!

Play & Pick-Up Sessions

We are excited to be offering two more Play & Pick-Up sessions this half term. Like last term, the idea for these sessions is that we welcome you into school to play with your child in some of the continuous provision (busy learning) areas that they love the most. This will hopefully give you an insight into how and what your child is learning and possibly some ideas for supporting your child at home.

Due to space, we do need to limit this to one parent per child. Please see below for the details and links to book:

- Pre-School = Tuesday 11th February at 2,20pm. Please book your space here – [Pre-School Session](#)
- Reception = Thursday 13th February at 2,20pm. Please book your space here - [Reception Session](#)

Mrs Thompson, Head of School

Sickness absence

If your child is poorly with sickness and/or diarrhoea, or an upset stomach, our school policy is that they must stay off school for 48 hours following the last episode. We understand your child may be feeling better the day after, but it is important that the 48-hour rule is followed to ensure it does not spread to other children or staff. For further information please see NHS guidance for Diarrhoea and Vomiting. We appreciate your support with this.

Travel Survey

As part of our School Travel Plan, we would greatly appreciate some feedback about you and your child's travel to and from school. We have created a short survey which can be found here – [Parent/Carer Travel Survey](#). The results of this survey will then be used to inform our School Travel Plan. It should take no more than 5 minutes, with many of the questions being 'tick-boxes'. The deadline for completing the survey is Monday 10th February.

Contacting the School Office

Should you need to get in touch with school, please email admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk or call 0161 549 7150. Our School Office is open between 8am – 4pm.

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.

Assembly this week

During assembly this week we talked about similarities and differences. We discussed how a similarity we all share is that we are part of the Crown Street family, but how within that we are all different – and that is what makes our school such a special place. We talked about how our differences can sometimes be seen – for example different skin colour or eye colour, but sometimes our differences can't be seen – for example our likes/dislikes and how we learn.

We then read a story called *Along Came A Different* by Tom McLaughlin which shows how “being different is the best thing ever”. We linked the story to our Character Traits of **Citizenship**; understanding one another, **Integrity**; understanding our self and **Kindness**, because we should always be kind.



Staff Bookshelves

This week we asked Miss Mcleod Marsh for her favourites ...



My Favourite Books – Miss Mcleod Marsh



The Runaway Pea
Kjartan Poskitt

A Great Big Cuddle (Poems for the very young)
Michael Rosen

Monkey Puzzle
Julia Donaldson

The Extraordinary Gardener
Sam Boughton

The Runaway Pea – A book that entered my Reception classroom many years ago, since then it has been a firm favourite in every classroom I have ever been in as it never fails to make children and adults laugh and giggle!

A Great Big Cuddle – I LOVE poetry and this book is great for introducing it to little ones. It's fun, friendly and the illustrations are beautiful.

Monkey Puzzle – My favourite Julia Donaldson book – a book written to be read aloud! Its rhymes and flow make it an incredible read to share with all young children.

The Extraordinary Gardener – A new favourite book. I love the way it shows importance of nature within city life, especially thinking about Manchester City Centre and Crown Street Primary School.

World Book Day (save the date!)

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March**. We will be inviting the children to dress-up as their favourite book characters for this day so wanted to give you all the heads up it is coming next half term.

Character Award!

The recipients of our Character Award this week are...



These were both awarded for **Curiosity**, one for showing such an interest in Phonics and the other for using imagination and creativity. Well done!



KIDS CLUB



All charges for Kids Club patterns can be found on your MCAS account. Payments must be made by the penultimate Friday of half term, which is Friday 7th February.

Any changes to patterns must be made in writing by email to the School Office by the same date. This allows time for amendments to patterns and charges to be made before the start of the new half-term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PICK-UP

Our After-School Club runs until 5.30pm, please ensure you are here to pick up your child before this. The staff team finish at this time and our school is then closed and locked so it is important this all runs to time. Please note that there is a late collection charge should you be late collecting your child. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR SPRING 2025

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

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day

Tues 25th & Weds 26th March – Parents' Evenings*

*Details about booking Parents' Evening will be sent out after half term

