

# Weekly Newsletter

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

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week launched a decade ago in 2015 and it is celebrated every February. The week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK.

This year, the focus was on 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. We encouraged our children to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. In our assembly, we discussed understanding who we are and what makes us tick – our likes, what makes us happy, what feelings we feel and when, and how understanding this about ourselves is important so we can grow and then support others to grow too. This is rooted in the belief that the more the children understand about themselves, the better they are prepared to tackle life's ups and downs. Many other activities have taken place this week too such as mindfulness breathing, yoga, musical doodling and discussions about feelings – which also included songs and stories about understanding the different feelings.

With it also being 'World Read Aloud Day' this week, we of course made even more time for sharing stories with our friends and reading stories within class. One book we used this week was 'Find Your Happy' by Emily Coxhead. This book is a great introduction to feelings - identifying them and learning how to tackle them, with colourful and friendly illustrations making it accessible to all.

The above book was actually gifted to us from Manchester Libraries through their Read Manchester campaign, which sets to raise awareness about the impact that reading can have in people's lives and to encourage reading for pleasure. The selection of books were gifted in honour of Children's Mental Health. These books will be added to our school library and will be used now and as the children grow with us.

## Attendance (reminder)

Attending school is essential for your child's academic success, well-being, and overall development. Research shows that consistent school attendance plays a key role in supporting positive educational, economic, and social outcomes for children and young people. Schools also provide an environment where positive peer relationships can thrive, contributing to better mental health and well-being.

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.



## 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.

## PARENTS' EVENING TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Parents' Evening will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. 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 and when to book will be shared after half term, but we wanted you to save the date.

## PLAY & PICK-UP!

Please ensure you have booked your place via the links below; this need to be done by the day before each session:

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

Due to space, we do need to limit this to one parent per child.

## Contacting the School Office

If you need to get in touch with school, please email [admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk) or call 0161 549 7150. Our School Office is open 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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## Character Award!

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



These were awarded for **Kindness** for helping and taking care of friends and for **Citizenship** for being a great role model and helping friends in class.

Well done both of you!



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

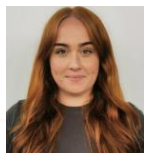
## Birthday Books!

Another birthday and another book! We really appreciate these donations and think it is a great way to celebrate birthdays and our love of books! Happy Birthday!



## Staff Bookshelves

This week we asked Miss Pennington for her favourites ...



### My favourite books – Miss Pennington



*The Gruffalo* – A classic!

*Zog* – I love how the story encourages you to keep on trying until you achieve.

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* – I love this book as it is a great one to recreate both indoor and outdoors adventures! A great book to join in with too.

*Tiger that came to Tea* – This book reminds me of my childhood, plus I used to think I looked like the little girl in the story.

*Not now Bernard!* – I remember this book being read to me and always loved the parent expression and voice when saying 'not now Bernard!'

## KIDS CLUB



All charges for Kids Club patterns can be found on your MCAS account, please ensure these are settled ahead of half term.

Any issues or queries please speak to the School Office.

## 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

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Safer Internet Day

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

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

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last day of half-term

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School reopens - first day of Spring 2

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (with dressing up!)

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> & Weds 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evenings\*

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Spring Sing Performance, 9.30am start\*

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

\* Any Pre-School children who do not attend on a Thursday will be invited in for our Spring Sing

