

## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 31st January 2019

Hi Everyone,

What a cold day! Our Reception children have departed this morning for their first trip of the year to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park to visit the polar bears, the weather is so cold it will feel just like the North Pole! I know the children were very excited this morning to learn all about the animals they have been researching in their learning! Keep warm Bumblebees and Dragonflies!

We sent out a test text this morning to all of our families to check we have parents and carers correct contact details. If you did not receive a text, please can you inform the office and provide us with your up to date correct mobile phone number. It is essential we have up to date contact information in case your child is ill or an emergency arises and we need to reach you urgently.

We held the annual PTA AGM on Tuesday in school. I would like to express our sincerest of thank you's to Mr Sykes, Mrs Forrester and Mrs Cawkwell, who during their time on the PTA have taken very active roles, brought great energy and ideas and driven the PTA to help raise very appreciated additional funds, which have provided additional resources and treats for all of our children. Many, many thanks for all of your commitment and hard work, it is greatly appreciated. At the AGM a new co-chair were nominated. These two ladies are Mrs Brewis, who is a Learning Support Assistant within Year 4 and Mrs Wilkinson, who is also a Learning Support Assistant within Year 3. The two ladies are eager to continue the great work of the PTA and want to continue to develop our PTA. The following roles were also nominated at the AGM, The Secretary - Emma Cakebread (Parent and School Administrator), Treasurer – Jodie Bennett (Parent), and Trustees – Kirsty Forrester and Simon Kennett (Parents). The next meeting, where the plans for the remainder of the academic year will be discussed will be held at school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.50am**. Please come along if you have a spare half an hour to see what is in store for the coming months!

Our Spring term parents evenings will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 3.30pm until 6.30pm**. The on line parents evening appointment system will open this **Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February at 6pm** for our parents and carers to book their appointments. If you require any assistance with this please contact the school office. The link for the on line booking system is:

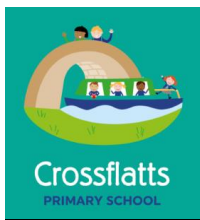
<https://crossflatts.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

## Safeguarding

Working with [Internet Matters](#) Childnet have transformed the story Big Duck's Big Decision, which is a story designed for our younger children all about keeping safe on the internet and being kind to people into a fun, interactive tablet app that parents can enjoy with their children. Like the book, the app follows Digiduck and his pals in a story of friendship and responsibility online. The app is available for free and can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#)- it is called Digiduck.

## Attendance:

Here are last week's figures:



Our Aspirational Target	The national target	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98%	96.1%	90.4%	96.4%	97.8%	96.9%	98.3%	93.5%	95.8%

There were 12 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 3 children later than 9am

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher