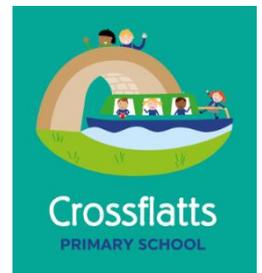


## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 27th September 2018



Hi Everyone,

As you are aware, we hold 'Healthy School' status here at Crossflatts Primary School and work hard within our curriculum to teach our children how to eat a healthy balanced diet, as part of supporting our children to lead healthy lives. Our children are very active and busy learners and often hungry part way through the morning. We are very happy for the children to bring a mid-morning snack into school but this cannot be chocolate, crisps, cakes, buns or pastries. The children are very welcome to eat fruit, vegetables, a low sugar cereal bar, breadsticks, rice cakes etc. Thank you for supporting us in school by sending your child with healthy snacks they will be able to enjoy during their morning break.

Next Thursday is the day in the year when the government completes the census on our 'numbers on roll' and calculate our income for our next budget. We are existing in times of the worst austerity I have ever experienced throughout my career. Our budget is more stretched than it has ever been. We have been presented with numerous increases in staffing increases in salaries, pension contributions and national insurance contributions without the government increasing our budget sufficiently to cover these additional costs. Our school budget has had no choice but to absorb these increases. In short, we are having to do more with less funds. The children's right to receive an excellent level of education is paramount and we will do all we can to protect our children's standard in education. We are operating within the most challenging of times and doing all we can to be as efficient and continuing to ensure we gain the very best value for money in all contracts and purchases we make as a school. As next Thursday is a really important day for our next school budget allocation, can I urge our families to make every effort to help us to have 100% attendance on the day so our school can claim for the 459 children we currently have on our roll.

We have ordered a number of trees through the Woodland Trust and we would greatly appreciate some parents/carers to support us in their planting. If you are able to offer any time in the week beginning 19th November 2018 please come and sign up on a sheet held in the school office. Mrs Thirkill will then be in touch to make further arrangements.

An early diary date, our first **Parents Evening's** will be held on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of October** from 3.30-6.30pm. The booking system for this will open from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of October from 6pm** <https://crossflatts.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/v2/>. If you require any assistance with accessing the online system or booking an appointment, please don't hesitate to contact the front desk.

Reminder that our breakfast club will be moving to our new opening hours from **7.30am** from next **Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October** at a daily cost of £4. There is no requirement to pre book places, our children can access our breakfast club on an ad hoc basis. Please ensure that you pay for breakfast club on a weekly basis through parent pay which is available to pay on the Friday that your child has attended that week. Payments must be cleared by the Monday at the latest to enable your child continue attending this facility. If you are having difficulty with Parentpay please contact the office for assistance.

School dinners, Please can you make sure that all school meals are ordered before midnight on Saturday for the following weeks meals through innovate <https://innovate2018.cashlesschool.co.uk/>

This is to ensure that the kitchen can provide the correct amount of meals and choices for the children attending school each day. Please be aware if your child is in receipt of Free school meals or Universal free school meals(Reception Year 1 &2 ) you MUST submit your meal choices for your child.

Pupil Premium

If any parent/carer feels that they may be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding could they please apply online or come in to see our admin team. You may be eligible for funding if:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Safeguarding

Sky News this week reported on 15 ways that criminals use the internet. The report was based on the fifth annual Internet Organised Crime Threat Assessment (IOCTA). I think it is well-worth familiarising yourself with these internet risks in order to protect you and your family.

The SkyNews report is here: <https://news.sky.com/story/europol-warns-of-15-ways-you-could-become-a-cyber-crime-victim-11501321>

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%	95.8%	96.7%	97.5%	98.5%	98.6%	98%	96.5%

There were 8 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 2 children later than 9am

Kind regards

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

