

Thursday 22nd of March

Hi Everyone,

We have as a school been so touched by all your kind messages, emails and cards we have received over the past week. They have meant a great deal to all of us and kept us going during a very difficult time. Thank you. They mean a lot.

I met with Oliver's parents earlier this week and they wanted me to pass on how much all of your support, kind wishes and cards have meant to them over the last few days. Oliver's parents and grandparents have all visited school to look at all the tributes our children have made and of course, to see the welly wall we have built in Oliver's memory. They were incredibly touched and feel overwhelmed with the support they have received. The family are still waiting to be in a position to make arrangements for Oliver's funeral. We discussed how we would like to honour and celebrate Oliver's life in school. On Thursday 29th of March, our final day before we break up for Easter, we are going to invite all the children to come to school in their own clothes and wear their wellies. We will have a fun day in school and then we are going to release some balloons into the sky to honour Oliver. We will end our final day with a visit from the ice cream van so we can all have an ice cream and think of Oliver. On this day, the staff will be collecting money for Oliver's family, if you wish to add to our collection, please send any donations with your child in a sealed envelope.

Next week also sees us saying farewell to several members of staff. Mrs Lister made the difficult decision to leave our school just after Christmas. She has worked at Crossflatts Primary School for 25 years and went to the school herself as a pupil when the school was Ryshworth Middle school! Mrs Lister lives a considerable distance from school and has decided to begin a new chapter closer to her home so she can spend more time with her family rather than sat in her car. We wish her all the very best with her new adventure and we thank her for all the commitment, hard work and fun she has brought to thousands of children over her time at school. We also say goodbye to Mrs Watkinson, our business manager, who will be retiring next Thursday after a career within Bradford Authority spanning over 31 years. Mrs Watkinson has been a part of the Senior Leadership Team at Crossflatts Primary School for over 12 years and has worked incredibly hard in all she has done over the years to manage all our school business. We thank Mrs Watkinson for everything and wish her the happiest of retirements. Finally, we also bid a fond farewell to Mrs McGuigan, our Learning Support Assistant in Reception, who will be taking up a new post in a local school after the Easter holidays. We wish her well with her new venture and thank her for the care and guidance she has shown the children over the time she has worked with us.

Tomorrow is Sport Relief, Friday 23rd of March and we are asking that the children come to school wearing something red along with their PE Kit, bringing a small donation which we can donate to this worthy cause. We will be walking a mile over the course of our school day around our cycle track.

We have launched our photography competition, where our children are challenged with taking a photo which represents 'Being the best I can be'. The closing date for these photos is April 16th. For further information and rules around the competition please look at our website where full details are available.

It is that time of year again, where we ask our families to complete the annual parent survey. Please take a few moments to click on the link below and provide us with your views on our school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9RZR8C>

With best wishes,

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher.