

## Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 22nd November 2018

Hi Everyone,

Many thanks for all the kind donations last Friday, towards Children in Need. Our efforts raised a total of £835.93! A superb effort from everyone!

On Tuesday we opened our doors to welcome prospective parent/carers, who were visiting our school with a view to their child joining our school next September. We were inundated with visitors and it was lovely to see how our strong reputation within the community attracted so many visitors to come and take a look around our school. I was incredibly proud to listen to our Year 6 children, who showed the visitors around and explained the very positive experiences they have had with us over the seven years they have been here. I know the families were incredibly impressed by how articulate, polite and confident our young people were.

## Stop Press!

Today, our children, volunteers and staff from the National Trust property East Riddlesden Hall have planted 350 trees in our grounds. These trees were kindly donated by The Woodland Trust and Woodbank Nursery. Our children are very aware of how lucky we are to enjoy the setting of our school and were keen to give back to our environment and develop the landscape for generations of children yet to come to our school. They have worked tirelessly to plant all of the trees in the freezing cold and it will look wonderful when the trees grow and



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mature. We had BBC Radio Leeds here at school, who were keen to learn all about our project and share it with their listeners across West Yorkshire! Well done to Mrs Thirkill and the children for sharing our project live on air!

The PTA have asked that I remind all of our families of their up and coming book drive...

### PTA Book Drive

Can you please help us to restock the library and reading areas? Donations of good quality children's books (fact or fictional, suitable from nursery up to year 6) or children's magazines would be welcomed.

Please drop your donated books in the labelled collection boxes placed around school between 26th to 30th November.

Thank you for any donations.

Any books not needed by the school will be sold by the PTA to raise essential funds.



## Christmas is coming...



The online booking system is open for Reception and KS1 Parents wishing to book places to see their children in this Year's Nativity. There details are as follows:

### Reception performances:

- 1.30pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of December
- 9.30am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> of December

### Key Stage 1 performances:

- 9.30am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of December
- 9.30am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of December
- 1.30pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of December

Due to restrictions within our hall, each family are permitted 2 tickets per performance.

## Early Dates for your diary...

On **Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of December** We will be inviting everyone to come to school in



their **Christmas jumpers** and enjoy our **Christmas Dinner**. **Christmas Sparkle** will be during the afternoon from 1.30pm and then the PTA annual **Christmas fair** will take place. For our new parents, **Christmas Sparkle** is a very long standing tradition at school where we invite our



parents into school to make Christmas decorations with their child within their classroom. Please arrive at the normal doors, where you drop your child off each day and sign in. If you have more than one child, you are very welcome to divide your time and visit each child within their classroom. **The PTA Christmas Fair will begin at 3pm** so if you are attending Christmas Sparkle, you are very welcome to take your child into the fair from 3pm. Otherwise the children will be dismissed as normal at 3.15pm by their class teacher.

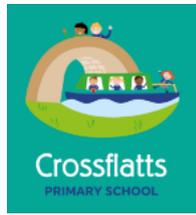


## Safeguarding

Our school was notified yesterday by the local authority of concerns around the game-**Fortnite**

**Risks and concerns around children playing the online game Fortnite, which has a 12 rating but is played by much younger children.**

There is an emerging trend, where people are playing 'Strip Fortnite' using webcams. The rule is that when you achieve a "kill" you have to remove your clothing, potentially adding an additional risk from children being exposed to and/or sharing indecent images whilst playing the game. If you are worried about your child's exposure to any game or the associated risks and want some advice please don't hesitate to contact Mr Atkins in school and he will assist you further.



## 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%	97.1%	97.9%	96.8%	98.9%	96.7%	98.3%	98.6%

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

Here's to a great week in school everyone!

Mrs Bennett

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