



Thursday 13th September 2018

Hi Everyone,

Wow! What a wonderful day we have had with the Fiesta on the Field. It was magical to see everyone so excited to take part in so many activities celebrating so many different culture all under one sky! Every year we believe it is crucial that we light the learning fires within our children, so that they are truly engaged and ignited to learn. After today, the fires are definitely alight and the Crossflatts unique curriculum is now at full throttle! I would like to express a huge thank you to all, for everyone's help, support and hard work to make today the success it was. I know the children created memories today, which they will remember forever.

As you will now all have discovered, we have two very cute new additions to the Crossflatts family, our very own pigmy goats! The two brothers were delivered over the weekend and are settling well to life at school. This project has been very generously funded by Mr and Mrs Walker, who were keen to provide our school with a fitting tribute to their gorgeous boy Oliver whilst providing our children with much joy for years to come. The children were delighted when we introduced the goats to everyone in assembly on Monday and we are thinking hard about names for our two cuties with a school wide naming competition. I can't wait to see the ideas the children have generated when we decide on their names tomorrow! A huge heartfelt thank you to Mr and Mrs Walker for their generosity, I know the goats will be cherished.

There are only **190 days** in our school year and it is vitally important that all the children attend school every day, in order to gain the very most they can from the learning opportunities we provide at Crossflatts Primary School. The national target for attendance is **96%** and we are aiming to be above that target this year. In order to do so, we will continue to monitor absences very closely and we are encouraging all our children to aim for at least **96%** attendance over the course of the year. Of course, we are all unwell from time to time and if there is a rare occasion your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please can I request that you telephone the school office to inform us of your child's absence no later than 8.30am.

There were several tragic cases last year, where schools had not chased up the reasons for a child's absence. It has then transpired that there have been tragic circumstances around these absences and the child was too young to raise the alarm and get help. Because of cases like the ones described above, it is now statutory that all schools have at least 3 emergency contacts within their records for each child and practise the following protocol:

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 01274 782070 or email the school at office@crossflatts.bradford.sch.uk to report their absence. If we have not heard from you by 9.00am, then we will start to call all the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is, then we will make a home visit to ensure the family are all safe.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is fundamental to all we do at Crossflatts Primary School and something we take extremely seriously. As it is the beginning of a new term, I just wanted to remind you who are responsible for ensuring everyone's safety and wellbeing. If you ever have any concerns about any child in our school these are the people who will be able to help you immediately. We also have a 'safeguarding concern' button on our website where you can also report concerns.



Nicola Bennett – Head teacher



Nina Dobson – Deputy Head teacher



Claire Thirkill – Deputy Head teacher



Rebecca Petrie – KS1 Leader



Jo Cattell – Learning Mentor

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%	99.2%	96.1%	96.2%	93.3%	97.5%	95.1%	95.7%

There were 12 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 2 children later than 9am

Best wishes

Mrs Bennett

Headteacher

