

Mrs Bennett's Blog

Thursday 20th September 2017

Hi Everyone,

We are well on our way now into the autumn term with all engines roaring! Regular attendance at school is paramount if each child is to reach their full potential in the 190 days we are at school each year.

Good attendance means being in school at least 96% of the time or having no more than 8 days off school.

90% attendance is equal to **19 days** of learning missed a year.

85% attendance is equal to **29 days** of learning missed a year.

80% attendance is equal to **38 days** of learning missed a year.

75% attendance is equal to **47 days** of learning missed a year.

We continue to monitor all of our children's attendance closely and work together with our families to ensure our children remain above 96% so we can ensure together that each and every child has the best possible opportunity to access the education they rightfully deserve.

PTA

Our PTA has, over the years supported our school in so many ways. Each year they provide £2000 to the school which is divided between each of the bases and used for arts and crafts, baking and small treats. It is an invaluable fund which we rely on in school for the little extras we provide for the children which without this contribution the school budget would not be able to afford.

Our PTA also entirely funded our amphitheatre on the Key Stage 1 playground which hundreds and hundreds of children benefit from now and for many years to come. We would not have the amphitheatre if it not for the tireless fundraising of the PTA.

Our PTA need more volunteers to join and bring fresh ideas and a little bit of time to support future fund raising activities. PTA meets both during the school day and the evening and will welcome any support and time any of our parents have to give. Your PTA NEEDS YOU! The next meetings are Tuesday 9th October at 9.00am in school and 6.15pm in the Dalesway in Crossflatts.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our children is fundamental to all we do at Crossflatts Primary School and something we take extremely seriously. One of the key roles within our safeguarding duties is to ensure our children are safe when they are online. I wanted to include some Internet manners that we use in school, which might be useful for our families to also discuss at home especially when so many of our children spend so much time online in their free time.

Top Internet Manners

Teaching manners to children in the digital world is not as easy as "please" and "thank you". As the online world becomes a bigger part of our everyday lives, it's important to make sure we all, especially our children learn the difference between good and bad behaviour online.

To get started, here are some top internet manners that will help both adults and children make the internet a safer and kinder place to be.

1 Treat others as you would like to be treated



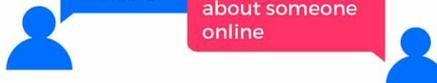
2 If you wouldn't say it to someone in person, don't say it online

3 People can't see your body language, facial expressions or hear the tone of your voice online so don't over-use icons and punctuation to convey meaning



4 Don't make a situation worse by provoking people even more

5 Don't start rumours or spread gossip about someone online



6 Don't make fun of someone in an online chat



7 Post things that will inspire and motivate people in a positive way

8 Make sure you don't create a negative environment in an online world or game through name calling



10 You can't retrieve material once it's sent or posted online so if it might embarrass you or someone, don't put it online



9 Include people in online games and social forums, and don't intentionally leave people out



11 Respect other people's privacy



12 Respect other people's time and bandwidth by avoiding posting too much information



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Helping parents keep
their children safe online.

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%	98.3%	97.5%	98.1%	99.8%	96.5%	97.5%

There were 3 children late for school last week. (Before registration closed at 9am) and 2 children later than 9am

Best wishes

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