



# North Crawley CE School NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2



## Welcome back

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to a new half term and look forward to enjoying the last weeks of what has been a gloriously colourful and abundant autumn before thoughts of winter fun set in!

We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead with lots of exciting activities planned so please have a look at the dates for your diary.

As the weather is changing, please make sure that children have their coats in school every day. Please can you check that all gloves, hats etc. are named, so that children can become independent at taking care of their own belongings.

## Communication

We will keep you informed through ParentMail regarding trips, dates and all other school information. We also have a class dojo which is used to share activities we have been doing in school and to share curriculum information such as phonics videos. If you need to contact us, please use the school email address or telephone the office, as the dojo messages may not be seen until the end of the day. If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to speak to any member of staff.

Mrs Woodward works mornings only, so this is the best time to contact her.

## Parents Meetings

Parents meetings will be held in school next week. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss how your child has settled in to the new school year. Please do complete the feedback forms and return to school so meetings can be as useful as possible.



## Anti-Bullying Week

is all about empowering children and young people to use their **Power for Good** to safely speak up and raise awareness when

they see bullying, face to face or online. We will be teaching this through exploring how our behaviour affects others, how we all have similarities and differences and how we can be respectful and polite.

## Clubs

We will be running four clubs this term. All clubs will finish at 4.15pm.

- Monday - Football
- Tuesday – Lego
- Wednesday – Arts and Crafts
- Thursday - Tennis





## Values

Our value for this half term is 'Trust'.

We will also be remembering our values of respect and service as we take part in our school act of remembrance at the North Crawley war memorial next week.



You may have heard of Harry's Rainbow, a local charity that helps children and families after someone dies. Their mission is to give bereaved children a brighter tomorrow

We know that even our youngest children can feel sad when someone they love is gone. That's why it is important to talk gently about grief and feelings, so children know it's okay to be sad, ask questions, and remember special people and pets. This year Mrs Underwood will be using Grief Awareness Week 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November to share a special story and talk to the children about grief and grief education to help them feel more resilient and understanding of what loss is.

## Curriculum

Our focus will be 'Celebrating the World' by exploring different countries and cultures through stories and poems. We will be finding out more about where our food comes from and how food is used in different celebrations. Of course, we will be getting outside regularly and looking at seasonal changes. Children in key stage 1 will be learning about the geography of the UK and the world' continents and oceans. Children in foundation will also be looking at stories about woodland animals. In RE we will be learning about the Jewish celebration of Sukkot, comparing it to harvest and looking at how we celebrate Christmas. So lots of learning ahead!

### Christmas is coming

Christmas is such an exciting time in school and this year is no exception. On **Saturday 6th December at 1pm** we will gather at the *Christmas Tree Festival* in Olney to sing together and admire all the trees, including the VSF Christmas tree adorned by decorations hand- made by every child.

The North Crawley School Christmas performance will be held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 pm in the church** and on the final week of term we will be visiting The Stables Theatre to watch the performance of Stick Man with all our friends across the VSF.

## Dates for your diary

8.45-9.00am Begin with a Book – **10<sup>th</sup> November**

The Power of Good– **10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

BBC Children in Need – **17<sup>th</sup> November**

Christmas Tree Festival Olney – **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 1pm**

Christmas Play/Concert – **10<sup>th</sup> December @ 5.30 pm**

Theatre Trip, Stick Man– **17<sup>th</sup> December**

End of Term– **19<sup>th</sup> December @ 1pm**

Spring Term begins – **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

## A note from Mrs Wallace



As the clocks change and winter draws in, it is easy to forget in the cold and dark how exciting this part of the year can be for children. With Halloween followed closely by the whizz bangs of Bonfire night, quickly being replaced by the sparkle of Christmas decorations and the long wait of the advent countdown, there is always something to look forward to. It is as much a joy as a teacher as it is as a parent to share in their excitement, and we are all looking forward to using that excitement to expand the children's learning.

Whether you are talking about a friendship, a family member or even a teacher/pupil relationship, the cornerstone of any relationship is trust. We know that as parents you place a great amount of trust in us, as we nurture and educate your children. This half term, we are looking forward to teaching the children about trust and hope that you too can support us in explaining its importance to them at home.

I look forward to seeing you all at the school gate soon.