



# CROSS FARM INFANT ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

**Autumn**  
**18/10/2019**



## We need your help!

Our Ground Force Day is on **THIS Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 2pm**. I know lots of you would like a list of jobs that need completing. Here is a taster of what things will be happening on the day.

- Moving woodchip
- Sweeping the playground
- Clearing the plants around the pond
- Clearing our secret garden – any trimmers would be useful for this.
- Painting benches
- Building crates and painting
- Sorting the sheds around school and moving if necessary.
- Washing and clearing part of the school.

If you have wheelbarrows, shovels, spades, rakes and secateurs these will be useful on the day. Please come and help support and remember lunch is being provided by the PTA.

A huge **thank you** to all the families who have given the Voluntary Donation to the school to support the wonderful extra things we offer.

We currently have over £1400 to support your children. The Voluntary Donations have the potential to raise £3000 for our school. If you are able to support with this it will be open all year for you to pay through Scopay.

We are wanting to become a **cashless** school. All payments will be going through Scopay from now on and we will be unable to accept cash through the school office. Please see Jo Tebbs if you have any issues accessing Scopay.

We have decided on our final inset day that was not set. This will be on the **9<sup>th</sup> of March**.

Children will not be in school on that day.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday.

James Titley-Rawson  
Academy Head

## Key Dates for the Autumn Term 1 2019

20/10/2019	Ground Force Day 10 – 2pm
22/10/2019 - 3:30 – 7pm	Parents Evenings
23/10/2019 – 3:30 – 6pm	
25/10/2019	Cake Sale and Spooky Disco 5:30 – 7pm
28/10/2019-01/11/2019	Half Term
04/11/2019	Autumn 2 Term Starts
04/11/2019	Millers Ark Farm Visit
05/11/2019 – 06/11/2019	Book Fair
11/11/2019 – 15/11/2019	Anti-Bullying Week
11/11/2019	Come and Ask (Family Support Worker)
14/11/2019	KS1 Cinema Trip
15/11/2019	Children In Need
15/11/2019	Happy Bag Collection
28/11/2019	Wreath Making
06/12/2019	Mufti Day for Fair Donations
11/12/2019	Christmas Lunch Day
12/12/2019	Rock Steady Concert
13/12/2019	Christmas Fair
13/12/2019	Christmas Jumper Day
06/01/2019	INSET DAY
09/03/2019	INSET DAY

### School Council

We will be electing our school councillors next week. If your child would like to make a poster about why they would like to be a school councillor and support the school please bring these in for that week.

### PTA

For more information regarding events and book these please visit: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/crossfarm>

### Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Spooky Disco! 5:30-7pm

You'd better get your scariest costumes ready for our Halloween Disco...! Please book online via PTA website.

### Ground Force Day - 20<sup>th</sup> October 10 – 2pm

We will be holding a family Ground Force Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 10 – 2pm. We are going to tidy and clear our outdoor spaces and would welcome any help you can give. Lunch is being provided by the PTA. Please bring as many people as you can to help tidy and sort our grounds and to keep Cross Farm looking the best it can! All children are welcome too.

### ATTENDANCE!



Well done to Discoverers who achieved 99.28% this week!



Remember as a school our target is 100%! This week our attendance – was 97.45 %

## WE NEED YOU!

As a school you can raise money for us everytime you shop with certain companies. They currently have over 3000 companies that support this!  
This is through Easy Fundraising.

Please visit

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

There is also an app that you can use as well. Last year this raised over £600 for our school.

## Games and films

We have lots of children currently talking about games that they are playing or have experienced that have an age rating of 12+. These games have these ratings because their content is often not appropriate for our children to be accessing. If you are unsure about a game or film visit:

[www.commonsemmedia.org](http://www.commonsemmedia.org)

This is a useful website that supports you in finding out more about different films and games and their suitability and to aid your decision making whether a game or film is suitable.

## Time to talk

You might be finding that when you ask the question "How was school/your day?" the response is fine. "What did you do today?" "nothing", "who did you play with?" "no one". Your children are tired at the end of the day because they have definitely not been doing nothing. Time to talk and listen are very important to your child's development and a lovely way to share some special time together each day. Below are some different ways to encourage your child to share their school adventures. Keep it short, be positive and most importantly show your child how to be a good listener, giving them your full attention for a few minutes.

What was your favourite part about school today?

What was the funniest thing that happened today?

How did that make you feel?

Whose names have you learnt so far?

If you could put a spell on your teacher and change something, what would you do?

Tell me more about .....

## Parallel Conversation

This is another fantastic strategy to support children with talking about their day. Often children enjoy hearing about all the things that you have done during the day and will link it to things that they have done. It triggers memories and you end up finding out lots more information. It is as simple as talking about your day and letting your child interrupt with their things as you are talking.

STAR OF THE WEEK!

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Reason given</i>
<i>Creators</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>For a superb change in attitude to learning in Y1</i>
	<i>Theo</i>	<i>For settling in to his new school so well</i>
<i>Pioneers</i>	<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Linking events in a story to something she did in Jamaica</i>
	<i>Harvey</i>	<i>Sharing his ideas with the whole class</i>
<i>Adventurers</i>	<i>Faith</i>	<i>For some amazing work on addition</i>
	<i>George</i>	<i>For always being focused, ready to learn, and doing his best</i>
<i>Discoverers</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>For his exemplary attitude towards learning and determination to produce a quality piece of learning towards his diorama</i>
	<i>Melissa</i>	<i>For demonstrating our Cross Farm values by being kind to others and trying her very best every day</i>