



CROSS FARM INFANT ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Autumn
27/09/2019



Where are the weeks going!? As we approach the end of September the weather is definitely on the change and autumn has arrived! Please can you ensure that your children have a waterproof coat in school every day as we will still take the children outside, provided it is not torrential rain, to let them get some fresh air.

Thank you for all the donations for the MacMillian Cake Sale. We will let you know how much we raised for this amazing cause next week.

Last week you will have received a letter regarding voluntary donations to help support the school in providing additional experiences for your children. This money will be sorted per year group and class and will directly impact your child. We have received a few donations already. If you require access to our online payment system please let the school office know. A letter regarding how you login to this should be coming your way shortly.

We are holding a Ground Force Day on the 20th of October from 10am – 2pm. We would welcome any support you can give on this day to help us to have a huge tidy up and sort of our school grounds. Lunch will be provided by the PTA and please invite any family members to come along and support us in ensuring our outdoor space is as wonderful as it can be. Part of the day will be clearing our secret garden so that we can begin to use this space with the children.

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

James Titley Rawson
Academy Head

Key Dates for the Autumn Term 1 2019

01/10/2019 – 02/10/2019	Individual Photos
04/10/2019	Cross Farm Mini Olympics
08/10/2019	PTA Meeting 7pm
20/10/2019	Ground Force Day 10 – 2pm
22/10/2019 - 3:30 – 7pm 23/10/2019 – 3:30 – 6pm	Parents Evenings
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
15/11/2019	Children In Need
28/11/2019	Wreath Making
13/12/2019	Christmas Fair

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity

Thank you for donations for this Charity. We raised

£70.20

Home Learning

We hope you have been enjoying the home learning this half term. There are no home learning books now and there are tasks to complete as you wish and please bring in to share when you have completed these. Please ask class teachers if you have further questions with this.

Friday 25th October – Spooky Disco! 5:30-7pm

You'd better get your scariest costumes ready for our Halloween Disco...!

The PTA will provide more information about this event soon!

Ground Force Day - 20th October 10 – 2pm

We will be holding a family Ground Force Day on Sunday 20th 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. Please come along with any tools and wheelbarrows as we only have a limited number in school.



ATTENDANCE!

Well done to Pioneers
who achieved 99.23% this week!



Remember as a school our target is 97%+! This week our attendance was 97.53%

Christmas Cards

Please complete and return to school by the deadline to ensure we have these back in time.



Absence

If your child is off sick, please ring the office and let them know the reason your child is off. We are required to record exactly why they are off and being sick or unwell is not enough. Thank you for your help with this.

Come join us!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the meeting this week regarding Reading Buddies, Maths Mates and Pen Pals. We have had lots of interest in this. If you would like to help and were not able to come to the meeting please let Mrs Matthews know in the office or catch Mr Titley-Rawson on the playground.

Thank you for your support!

Reading

In all of our Meet the Teacher meetings we have all shared how important reading is and supporting your children with reading at home. We do hope you will continue to support reading at home by hearing your child read everyday for at least 10 minutes.

Children learn to read in a variety of ways but there are two main processes to reading

- Decoding is an important part of reading and there are various strategies:
 - Phonics is a strategy for decoding words. More information can be found by searching for Mr Thorne Does Phonics on YouTube.
 - Reading ahead and working out what word makes sense.
 - Looking for words within words such as 'myself'
 - And many, many more.
- Comprehension:
 - Understanding the genre and predicting what the book might be about.
 - Understanding what the text is telling you
 - Inferring information from the text – 'reading between the lines'
 - Looking at authors choices with vocabulary and sentence structure.

It is when you are effective at both of these that children find a love of reading.

As parents and carers when you are reading with your children please focus on these and comment on how well your children are doing in their Reading Records.

For example: We discussed why Biff behaved in this way in the story and how we would have behaved if that had been us, we practised decoding using phonics by sounding out the word caterpillar together, we discussed what happened at the beginning of the story, we talked about different words the author used for 'said' throughout the story.

For more information here are a few useful links to explore:

Top Tips For Reading To Children Author Neil Griffiths - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2JbHkWMqWo>

Mr Thorne Does Phonics - <https://www.youtube.com/user/breakthruChris>

Book Trust - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/how-to-read-with-your-child/>

AND REMEMBER READING SHOULD BE FUN! Read anything and everything and show children how reading can support!

STAR OF THE WEEK!

<i>Class</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Reason given</i>
<i>Creators</i>	Noah	For his super understanding of less in maths.
	Olivia	For being a marvellous mathematician.
<i>Pioneers</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>For his amazing potion and list of ingredients.</i>
	<i>Finley</i>	<i>For her fantastic use of sounds to spell words.</i>
<i>Adventurers</i>	Jacob	For always trying his best with his work, and not giving up.
	Joshua	For being really helpful around school, on the playground and in Club 3:10
<i>Discoverers</i>	Sam	For his determination to improve all aspects of his writing.
	Hollie	For her excellent listening this week and wonderful storytelling.