



CROXTETH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introductions

I'd like to take this opportunity to finally formally introduce myself as the new head teacher of your beautiful school. I am completely new to Liverpool having spent the last 15 years teaching in Wigan. If you have not seen me yet, I will be out on the yard most mornings with Peter, so please feel free to stop and say hello. I am very excited to be here and I am committed to leading the school forward and ensuring we get the best possible outcomes for our children.

Meet the Teacher

By now you should have all had the opportunity to attend our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. Thank you for attending and I hope you found them informative.

Behaviour Policy Changes

Behaviour is a priority for school this first term. The staff and children have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to devise a new set of rules and reward and sanction ladder. I have included a copy of this for you all to look at and a comment slip at the bottom for anybody who would like to give their opinion on the changes made. The whole school is using Dojo as reward system which children can build up points to receive rewards and privileges. Class teachers will be sending home passwords and instruction for how to download the App.

Please can I emphasise that as a school we have a zero tolerance on aggressive behaviour. It will not be accepted in any instance and will be dealt with accordingly following school and local authority policies and procedures.

Clubs

All clubs will be on this week for. Places have been allocated already for this half term.

Club	Year Group	Time
LFC	Y1 and Y2	3-4pm
Gymnastics	All school	3-4pm
Choir/band	Y3 and Y4	3-4pm
Commando Joe	Y5 and Y6	3-4pm
Art and Craft	Y1	3-4pm
Forest School	Y2	3-4pm
Cooking	Y3 and Y4	3-4:30pm

Please can you ensure that you pick up your children promptly. Failure to do this may result in your child not being able to attend clubs in the future.

Uniform and PE kit

It has been lovely seeing the children return to school so smartly dressed. If you need any additional uniform, please pop in and see Jackie at the office. Please can I gently remind you also that trainers are not part of the school uniform.

KS1 and KS2 SATS and Year 1 Phonics Screening Tests

These will take place in May – please can we ensure that the children are in school during that entire month.

Punctuality and Attendance

This continues to be a priority for school this year. Last year's attendance was 93.2% which is well below the local authority expectation of 97%. As a school we are judged on this. If children are not in school they are not learning – and this is paramount. Holiday requests during term time, will regretfully, not be authorised.

Children arriving in school on time is also very important. If children are persistently late, then they start off the school day not in the right frame of mind. They go into a lesson which has already started, leaving the children feeling unsettled and confused. Please can we all try really hard this year to improve our punctuality and attendance figures as this really does impact on our children's learning.

Website and App Update

As many of you are aware, Steven our ICT technician has moved on to pastures new. He will be missed in school but we wish him all the best in his new role. As we are now without Steven, we are having a bit of a website and App review and so there will be no new information sent out on these for a few weeks.

New School Dinner Providers

For those of you who do not know, school now using a new lunch time provider who is a 'not for profit' agency providing our children with a varied and nutritious lunch. Food for Thought has provided menus for the next half term, so that you and your child can see exactly what will be provided each day. There has been a lot of positive feedback from the children and staff about the food that is on offer. School dinners remain at £1.80 per day for KS2 and are free for KS1 and Reception.

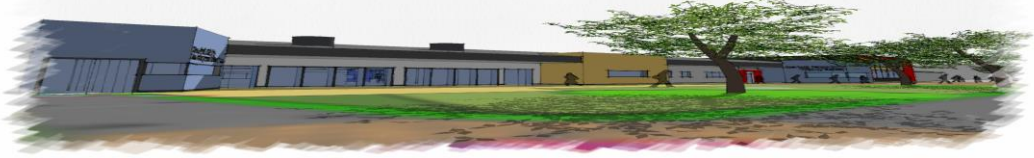
Please remember that if you are in receipt of state benefits or are on low income, your child may be entitled to free school meals and other benefits. Please pick up a form from Jackie at the front desk

Reading

Reading is the key to unlocking learning! Listening to your child read for 5/10 minutes daily can make a vast difference to your child's education.

Diary Dates

22.9.17	Yr 1-6 'The lion the witch and the Wardrobe
29.9.17	Mc Millan Coffee Afternoon 2pm Hall
2.10.17	Theatre production for Reception
10.10.17	School Nurse
12.10.17	School Photos
12.10.17	Careers Carousel – Year 6
13.10 – 15.10	Residential –Year 5
20.10.17	Break up for Half Term
30.10.17	Return to school



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School rules

1. Follow instructions
2. Let others learn and teachers teach
3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
4. Be polite and show respect
5. Be in the right place at the right time.
6. Always be ready to learn.

Rewards and Sanctions

Rewards	Sanctions
Verbal praise	Verbal reminder – clear explanation why reminder has been given
Children receive dojo points when showing good behaviour, demonstrating the school values or for good work.	Loss of Dojo
The children will receive certificates/prizes for reaching milestones.	Time out in class – the child works on their own away from other children in class.
Postcard sent to parents from head teacher for continued good work and behaviour.	5 minutes of break missed – child is to finish work that has not been completed during the lesson.
Weekly golden time 20 minutes during the week free time/chosen activity for all children who have not had their name in the behaviour book	10-20 minutes lunch break missed – catch up with work not completed during the lesson. (The time is age and need dependent)
Whole school termly award for children who have demonstrated good behaviour and have not had their name in the behaviour book.	SLT to speak to child Teacher to speak to parents after school or to call home for an informal chat. Incidents at this stage will be recorded in a behaviour book.
In addition to the above rewards, school will continue to celebrate those who show good behaviour, demonstrate good values. Weekly celebration – star of the week Year 6 – prefects School Council Eco Council	Break time/Lunch time/Lesson time isolations for specified time. (The time/duration will be decided upon by staff and parents who will be informed) During lesson times the child is expected to complete work set by the teacher.
	Formal meeting with child, parents, teacher and head teacher/SLT
	Meeting held with SLT, SENCO, Parent, Teacher, child meeting to create action plan - behaviour to be monitored over a fixed period of time.
	Where there are persistent problems, a PSP will be written and discussed with Parents/Carers and the child. Other agencies may be contacted and involved at this stage.

NB Where there are physical acts of violence, bullying, racial/homophobic incidents, actions will be escalated to point 6 on the sanctions ladder.

We would really like your opinion of our new rewards and sanctions. Complete this section, tear it off and return to school.



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