



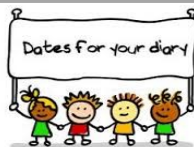
# CROWLE C E FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2024



## Dates for your Diary

8th Feb—Family Service, Crowle Church  
8th Feb—Pupils break up for half term  
19th Feb—Return to school  
23rd Feb—Whole School Chinese New Year Celebration  
26th Feb—Y3/4 STEM Challenge  
1st March—Reception Family Friday (2.40pm)  
11th March—Last week of extra-curricular clubs  
15th March—Y4 Bikeability (bring bikes to school)  
18th March—Whole School Health and Wellbeing Day  
21st March—Family Service, Crowle Church (9am)  
22nd March—Whole school Art Morning  
22nd March—Finish for Easter  
8th April—Return to school  
10th April—Olympic Athlete in school  
12th April—Rec Family Friday (2.40pm)  
17th April—Y1 Inspire Workshop  
19th April—Y1/2 History Lady—Florence Nightingale  
24th April—Y2 Inspire Workshop  
1st May—Y3 Inspire Workshop  
3rd May—Whole School Pedestrian Training  
3rd May—Reception Family Friday (2.40pm)



## INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

This half term we have had Inspire Workshops for Y1—Y4, based on a typical Maths lesson at Crowle First School. We hold these sessions for parents to gain an insight in to what their child is learning, and also the expectations for each year group. We hope you find them enjoyable, and informative. Thanks to those parents who are able to attend.

## BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL MOSQUE



To support their learning in RE, Years 1-4 went to visit Bham Central Mosque. They had an amazing experience; observing prayer, looking at a model of the Mosque, watching individuals using the Quran, listening to the Arabic language and finding out about the religious life of a Muslim in Britain. They all came back buzzing with knowledge they had learnt. The staff at the Mosque also noted the behaviour and manners of all our pupils—which makes me so proud!

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As ever we have had an exciting, busy and very enjoyable half term. It has been so lovely for children to go on a range of trips that supplements what they have been learning about in the classroom; Bham Central Mosque to support learning in RE and a CBSO concert to further support learning in music. The children get so much out of these opportunities, and I would like to thank the Friends of Crowle who paid for the travel trip and reduced the cost for all families.

As a school the children are still all working really hard, and we continue to have a big emphasis on “good manners.” Children are encouraged to say “Good Morning/Afternoon” to adults, to remember to say please and thank you, to hold doors open for adults and to say “Pardon” if you do not hear what somebody has said. The children are all very aware how important (and noticeable) good manners are, and we thank you for continuing to support with this message at home.



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## YEAR 1 SWMIING

This term Y1 have been enjoying their swimming lessons. Mrs Lindsay (our PE lead) goes with the children weekly, and supports them in developing the basic techniques to support swimming. They are also supported by a swimming coach at the pool.



## KS1 CBSO Trip

Years 1 and 2 had a marvellous time at the CBSO Centre this half term, celebrating the "Dionsaur Stomp." They had the opportunity to hear a range of instruments (violin, guitar, French horn etc) and to reinforce their vocab from their Music lessons, such as timbre, pitch and pace. They all came back so excited!

## KS2 CBSO TRIP

Y3/4 had a fantastic time at Symphony Hall to hear the CBSO orchestra live. Children had the opportunity to hear live music being played, with information about the



composer and what they were hoping to portray in their music. We travelled to jungle forests, crashing waves and saved the world with a piece of music from the Avengers film! The children

## DOWMAT NEWS

Our TED Day on 9th Feb will be a collaborative day working alongside all other DOWMAT schools. The DOWMAT have organised a range of guest speakers to come and talk to all staff, and also an opportunity for moderation—where we bring examples of pupils work and ensure we all agree they are working at the standard we assess.

In other news, Claire Davies (CEO) will be stepping down from her role in the DOWMAT in July 2024, so we look forward to welcoming a new CEO in September.

## PARENTS EVENING

Just a reminder that we have Parents Evening this week. We feel it is so important to work together, in order for your child to make the best academic (and social) progress they can.

We really do appreciate having this opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress and next steps in their learning. If you have not yet booked, please speak to Mrs Cooper to get a date in the diary asap!

## NEW DOORS

We hope you like our new doors! They were purchased as part of a Government energy saving scheme.

## SECRET STUDENT

Every day a child is secretly chosen to be the "Secret Student" for their year group. Teachers are then watching them secretly all day to see if they are going to pass their mission of being "Caring, Confident and Committed to their Learning." If they pass their mission, they get applauded by their whole class and get to come up in Collective Worship for the whole school to see that they are living out our values.

### ATTENDANCE

The Government's expectation for each child's attendance at school is 96%  
Our average attendance is currently 97.4%  
Thank you for your support

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## RECEPTION BIKE/SCOOTER DAY



All of Reception loved bringing their bikes and scooters in to school this half term in order to support Miss Uzzell's assessment of their gross motor skills. They had great fun riding around the playground; showing us all the wonderful skills they already have. We also spoke about the importance of wearing a helmet when you ride a bike. Well done Reception!

## E-SAFETY DAY



We talk about E-Safety with every child as part of our ICT and PSHE curriculum. However, we also have an E-Safety day in school. We ask children to complete an age-appropriate questionnaire and then pitch the lessons based on the responses we get. This year we spoke about not putting personal information online, age restrictions on games and who to talk to if somebody or something is making you feel uncomfortable online. We also have further parent information available on our "Safeguarding" page on our website.

## HANDBELLS



Handbells have been offered as an extra-curricular club this half term. The children are so excited to perform their songs to staff members, and have already learnt quite a repertoire of songs. It is a great instrument to learn as it really develops team work and listening to your peers.

## MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB



The Musical Theatre club have been working really hard to practise a Dr Seuss musical piece; they have all been working from scripts, learning songs, practising dances and acting together as a group. Vicky is a wonderful teacher and I know the pupils really enjoy working with her. It is so lovely to see them continue to practise this piece on the playground at lunchtimes too!

## STEM CLUB

The children have really enjoyed STEM Club with Miss Johnson and Mrs Jackson this term. They have been working together to build structures, engineering marble games and creating new constructions. I know the pupils have all been really enjoying the opportunity to develop these skills as part of their extra-curricular club.



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