

# CROW ORCHARD JANUARY NEWSLETTER



Happy New year to you all.

Christmas went with a blast as usual at Crow Orchard.

This is our getting down to work term and you need to encourage your children as much as possible with additional work that they bring home. Please support them particularly with reading, times tables and our new spelling programme.

So on with the news.....



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9.00-10.00 Nurse drop in in School Hall Year 2 and 6 Road Safety
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Music Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 KS1 football JMO
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	SCHOOL CLOSSES AT END OF DAY FOR HALF TERM
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	STAFF TRAINING DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	SCHOOL OPEN FOR SPRING TERM 2
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 music workshop
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	2.30 Year 6 class assembly 3.15 Year 6 SAT's meeting for parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform day- Easter Bingo prizes
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 music workshop
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	6.00pm Easter Bingo
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	10.00 Celebration in St Paul's Church
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 Class photos Easter hat and egg competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS SCHOOL OPEN FOR SUMMER TERM 1

## YEAR 6 TESTS AND YEAR 2 ASSESSMENTS



Year 6 have already started to work in preparation for their tests. They are working extremely hard with Mr Spence who is regularly tracking their progress and identifying areas for further development. Please can you support the children with their homework and ensure that it is returned on time. Mr Spence will be having a meeting shortly about the new SAT's tests, so he can tell you more about how you can help your child get the best results they can this year.

Year 2 have also begun their preparations. They will also be receiving homework, so please can you make sure that they complete it in the time given and return it to school. A meeting to explain about the new tests will also be held, so you can find out how you can help your child further with them.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask Mr Spence (Y6) or Mrs Smith (Y2).

## **RECEPTION NEWS**



Reception are as usual very busy. It is lovely to see these children really maturing and getting used to school routines. It is also brilliant for me to track their achievements and see how much progress they have made since they joined us in September.

Their topic this term includes finding out about Chinese New Year, so I am looking forward to seeing their Dragon Dances and smelling the Chinese food which I know will be tasted by all. There won't be too many calories involved though, as they are also becoming healthy heroes. Every day when they do their jogging session it sounds like a herd of elephants is running through the school.

The class will also be supported by Mr Lee this term who is our new Associate Teacher (AT)

## **YEAR 1 NEWS**



Year 1 are finding out all about growing this term. They will be looking at plants and all their parts and finding out what they need to grow. Children will be drawing various plants and labelling them. They will also be planting a variety of seeds and growing cress heads.

## **YEAR 2 NEWS**



Year 2 are finding out all about Explorers, which will include Christopher Columbus and quite topically Neil Armstrong. I'm sure they will find it all fascinating as Mrs Smith makes all learning fun. The children enjoyed a special talk from Lancashire Fire Service which was a different experience.

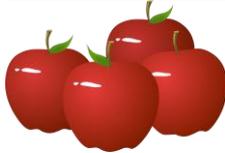
This term, Year 2 will be supporting our new Associate Teacher, Mr Pritchard, who will be with us till Easter.

### YEAR 3 NEWS



Year 3 are having a Rock and Rolling time. Lazy Mondays came to work with them last week and performed an amazing song which they had created. They thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. It was great for them to work with a live band. Their topic is The Ice Age/ Stone Age and they will be looking into what life was like during these times. They are finding out all about rocks and volcanoes and also learning a rock and roll dance.

### YEAR 4 NEWS



Year 4 are working on food and healthy eating. They are working with Jack England from SHARES who is delivering a healthy workshop with them on a weekly basis. This includes all sorts of exciting activities.

They have also enjoyed using the I Pads to research food in different countries.

### YEAR 5 NEWS



Year 5 are enjoying their topic 'Earth and Beyond'. This term they are given the challenge of producing space projects at home which they will bring in toward the end of term. I know the children love doing these projects and I am sure this class will make a super effort with them. Try to encourage your child to get really involved in this homework task as they will be really proud of the results.

### YEAR 6 NEWS



Year 6 are finding out about Great British people for their class assembly and have enjoyed researching about Tim Peaks and his moon walk. They are working hard on developing their writing skills and Mr Spence is cracking the whip improving on grammar and spelling knowledge.

### PSHE new scheme of work

I have put together a new scheme of work for the teaching and learning of Personal, Social, Health and Emotional (PSHE) work.

This scheme is broken into units- a different one taught each week. The unit starts with an assembly which is delivered on Monday and introduces the children to the focus of the week. I try to keep these assemblies fun and entertaining to engage the children. Some of the units may be quite controversial, but the subject matter is always dealt with in an age appropriate manner. They also sometimes involve children discussing their own experiences which may sometimes be sensitive. The activities which follow during the week are differentiated according to age groups and children's experiences. If you have any queries or concerns about this new scheme and would like to see some examples of what is being delivered, please contact me and we can arrange something.

### **SCHOOL NURSE- DROP IN**

We have a great relationship with our school nurse who supports us in many different ways. On 1<sup>st</sup> February between 9.00 and 10.00am Liz will be in school to discuss any issues, concerns or questions you may have. If you want to pop in and see her please do. I am sure she will be only too pleased to meet with you. Discussions will be completely confidential.

### **JANUARY SUPERSTARS**

These are the pupils who have shown outstanding attitude to work and school and will be invited to one of my now infamous Tea parties!

**Reception- Kaydence Woods**

**Year 1- Frazer Kenyon**

**Year 2- Aiva Baldwin**

**Year 3- Jessica Iddon**

**Year 4- Leanne Rawsthorne**

**Year 5- Tahlia Gaffney**

**Year 6- Georgina Wright-Jones**

Thank you as usual for all your support and remember I am here if you need me for anything however big or small. A cry, a laugh, a moan.....all will be sorted!



Miss Hedges