



21st November 2017

Dates for the Diary

- 27.11.17 Training Day** – School closed to Pupils
- 13.12.17 Christingle at St Marks Church**
- 14.12.17 9.15am & 2.30pm Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity**
- 15.12.17 Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for the charity Save the Children please**
- 19.12.17 Christmas Dinner Day (children can wear Christmas jumpers)**
- 19.12.17 KS2 Christmas Parties**
- 20.12.17 R/KS1 Christmas Parties –**
a plate will be sent home on Monday 18th December for you to send in a party tea for your child, school will provide drinks. Children can bring in party clothes in a named carrier bag to get changed into.
- 22.12.17 9am Carol Service**, please come along for the service, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards.
- 22.12.17 School Closes for Christmas**
- 08.01.18 School re-opens for the Spring Term.**

War poetry If you haven't yet done so, you might want to check out the fantastic job Year 6 pupils made of writing poems inspired by the battlefields of WWI.

<http://www.crowlane.org.uk/war-poetry>



Nursery rhyme fun Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed learning all about traditional nursery rhymes last week. Thanks to all of the parents and family who could join them at their special assembly on Friday afternoon.

Christingle It won't be long until we are fully engulfed by the pre-Christmas excitement. Our first event will be the annual visit to St Mark's church for the Christingle on 13th December.



Go Ride Go Reception children and some Year 1 pupils will spend the morning having fun and learning how to cycle on Monday 11th December.

Reading help Many of our children would benefit from practicing their reading alongside an adult and we would welcome any volunteers who could spare a little time each week to support us to ensure **all** our children become confident and capable readers. Please contact the office if you can be of help.



Trust Champions Sophie and Iona in Year 6 have been selected to be this year's, and Crow Lane's first, Aspire Trust Champions. They will help to develop projects between Trust schools and keep their fellow pupils informed about what is going on. They have already met and worked with champions from other schools and have represented us superbly well so far.

Toy library – coming soon! In the very near future we will be sending out further details of our new toy library. Already up and running in some of our partner schools, we will be running a weekly loan service allowing children to borrow toys and games for the week for just 50p! Watch out for an email or letter as well as information on Facebook shortly.

Teachers Together On Monday 20th November, teachers from the Aspire Trust schools worked together at the end of the day to explore teacher judgements about children's writing and support all staff to further improve their assessments and how to help children make improved progress as young writers. On Monday 27th November's INSET day, teachers from all schools will come together again at St John's, Golcar, to develop strategies for supporting and stretching children who show a strong grasp of what they are learning in class.

OFSTED Many of you are aware of the recent outcome of the Ofsted inspection at Royds Hall Primaries and Secondary. This was not a judgement on Aspire Trust schools and will not prevent us working together for the benefit of all of the children in our local community.

Before school starts

We have noticed that several children, mostly our older pupils, are arriving at school very early each morning, sometimes around 8.15. Whilst it is great that they want to be at school so early, as a matter of safeguarding it is too early as there are no staff around to supervise at that time as we are not legally responsible for pupils then.

Parents and Teachers Association - can you help?



A Crow Lane PTA isn't a new idea! There have been groups here before and with your help we're trying to launch a new one to create more opportunities for our children. The aim is to plan and run maybe one fun event for pupils and families each term and raise extra funds to spend on our pupils along the way.

If anyone is interested in being involved in any way please let us know at the office.

School Governors

Thank you to all of you who spoke with some of our governors during the recent parents' evenings. Your comments and feedback are so very valuable and useful for us when planning for improvements to school. There will be a short online survey for you to further share your thoughts in the new year.

****REMINDERS****

Absence

*Unplanned absence - please remember to inform the office by 9.15am on the day. We will call home to check your child's whereabouts after this time.

* Planned absence – please submit a letter/email to request the absence in advance.

*Doors open at 8.45am. Morning registers close at 9.00am. Afternoon registration is 1.00pm. Pupils arriving after these times will be marked as late. Arrival after 9.30am will be classed as unauthorised absence.

Road Safety

*For the safety of our children, please drive and park considerately around school and avoid parking on the yellow zig-zagged lines.

Medicines and illness

*Pupils must remain away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness/diarrhoea and be eating again.

*Inhalers **must** be named and kept in school at all times.

*If your child is prescribed medicine by a Doctor, which is to be taken four times a day, please bring it to the office and provide details. We **must** be shown the label from the chemist advising dosage.

Communication

*Are your contact details up to date on our system? Are you receiving texts? Do we have your correct email address? Please inform us if not!

*Please check book bags regularly for homework and letters – some letters may have deadlines/require a response.

Healthy Eating

*If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure they bring a healthy lunch including fruit and vegetables each day. Lunches should not contain fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars.

* Children may purchase fruit from the **fruit tuck shop** at play time. Fruit costs 20p per item. There is a choice of fresh or dried fruit, flapjack or seeds.

Belongings/Lost Property

*Please ensure all uniform items are labelled.

* Lost property is disposed of at the end of each half term.

*PE Kits should be kept in school all week.

Live to learn, learn to live