

## CRABBS CROSS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Autumn 3



### Diary Dates

#### DECEMBER 2023

19<sup>th</sup> – 3/4CF swimming lessons finish  
20<sup>th</sup> – Panto in School 'Sinbad the Sailor'  
21<sup>st</sup> – Party Day in school  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day and last day of the Autumn term

#### JANUARY 2024

8<sup>th</sup> – TED – school closed to pupils  
9<sup>th</sup> – School Re-opens and 3/4NP swimming lessons begin  
11<sup>th</sup> – Open morning - new intake 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for First & Middle School applications



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is such a special and magical time of year in school, as the countdown to Christmas truly begins and the children's excitement begins to build.

Thank you to our Reception children for starting our celebrations off in style with their aptly titled performance 'The Nativity'. Each one of them took their moment to shine, as they delivered their lines with such pride and confidence and there wasn't a microphone in sight.

Thank you also to all of our Reception parents who attended our phonics workshop. The feedback was very positive and we are glad you found it useful in understanding how you can support your child at home.

Obviously at this time 'Crackers' our school elf has been creating his usual mischief and keeping the children entertained! We did look at sending him back to the North Pole early! However, the final vote from the children was for him to stay as he does make them smile and tries his very best to make them happy.

It has been a busy half term with a lot of things happening behind the scenes. First and foremost, I am thrilled to announce that we have recruited Mr Sam Brown to the position of Deputy Headteacher and Director of Learning for English. Mr Brown joins us an experienced leader and has already been into school to meet the children and the team. He will take up his position from January.

Mrs Stevenson, has left us a little earlier than she anticipated as she awaits the arrival of her new little baby girl. I'm sure you will join me in wishing their little family every happiness as they begin the new year with a new little budle of joy!

Miss Lauren Edwards is returning from her maternity leave this week where she will be taking over from Mrs Tania Underwood in 3 / 4 MU. This means that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Underwood this week.

On Friday we also say a fond farewell to Mrs Andrea Mutton and Mrs Nicola Meadows as they leave us to begin their new adventures in their new schools. On behalf of you all I would like to thank them for all that they have done for our children during their time here with us.

So with Christmas around the corner on behalf of our Crabbs Cross Team and Governors. We wish you all a very happy and enjoyable festive season and every happiness for 2024.

#### JUST A LITTLE POLITE REMINDER:

Please can you ensure all school items are named, this includes **all uniform, PE kits, coats, drinks bottles, lunchboxes and bags**. Having all items named will help us to return any lost items back to their owner and avoid them ending up in our uniform exchange.



#### ATTENDANCE

Year to Date whole school  
attendance  
95%

Attendance to date

RGC	96.6%
RRT	96.9%
1LG	90.8%
1/2DP	96.5%
2KP	96.9%
3/4CF	93.2%
3/4MU	94.3%
3/4NP	95.8%

Kind regards,

Mrs. Sallyanne Dunstan  
Headteacher  
Crabbs Cross Academy

#### FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

The Contact Number for Tabatha  
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