



Crabbs Cross Academy Newsletter



17th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week! We have tried to have as much Christmas magic in school as possible this week. Our Reception children performed their Nativity for the camera which the rest of the school loved watching! The Christmas activity afternoons have been a tremendous success with all children taking part and enjoying the games. Thank you to our Friends and Mrs Marston and the team for making all of this possible. On Thursday, we had a very special visitor – Father Christmas came to see us! He gave all of the children a present and made the day very special indeed! The children helped with the raffle and the winners were shared yesterday via MyEd. Here is the link if you missed it: <https://tinyurl.com/Raffleticketwinners2021>

Mrs Winch and the team managed to make serving Christmas dinner appear easy and the children enjoyed pulling crackers with their friends. We hope the children can break up with some lovely memories.

When we return in January, we hope to be able to look to a New Year of new opportunities. We have some important work being completed in our grounds with a new perimeter fence being built and improved roofing for the old building. After some technical problems with our new website, we are hoping this can be launched soon in the New Year. I have a bird box project ready for the children to participate in and we are going to plant a tree for the Jubilee Year. There will be much more to look forward to!

We look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 5th January 2022, in the meantime, have a very happy and safe Christmas,

Yours in partnership,

Sarah Shakles
Headteacher

If you need to contact us, please use the MyEd APP, email the office, or phone the school between 8:30-4pm where a member of staff will answer the phone and take a message.

01527 543624 or office@cca.endeavourschools.org

Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year from the Crabbs Cross Team!

Applications for Reception places – September 2022

If your child is due to start school in September 2022, applications need to be completed using the online system:

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

or by telephoning 01905 822700

The closing date for both first and middle school places is 15th January 2022.



Reminders

If your circumstances have changed you may be eligible for the income based **Free School Meals**. This also attracts money to school that is used to support your child and the school.

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals/2

Ready Steady Worcestershire

If you need help with food or things to do, please click the following link to access support during the holidays:

[Ready Steady Worcestershire - school holiday food and activities | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Winter Programme Booking System is live for a range of free Christmas activities for eligible families:

<https://readysteadyworcestershire.coordinate.cloud>

Childhood Illness

If we need to call you to collect your child, please make arrangements to collect promptly, particularly if there is a risk the illness could be Covid related. Thank you.

Please click the link below for details and guidance from the NHS about what to do if your child is poorly. It is a really useful guide for parents and carers.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Take the first steps to becoming a Teaching Assistant

Worcestershire County Council is offering online courses to help guide adult learners on the right path to becoming a teaching assistant. The Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools aims to develop the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide support in a school environment, including safeguarding and communication methods.

The courses, which start on Wednesday 5 January and Tuesday 1 March, are open to anyone to join, regardless of previous qualifications, and a work placement isn't required, with those meeting criteria able to sign up for free.

Worcestershire County Council are also offering free Support Teaching & Learning Advice Appointments for those wanting to find out more about becoming a teaching assistant from qualified and experienced teaching staff. If you're interested in booking onto the course or booking an advice appointment, please go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses

A Community Response

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help>

Visit the site for help and support

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Swimming

Swimming will begin for:

3-4 Woodpeckers on Tuesday 11th January

4 Badgers Friday 14th January

