



The Infant Informative



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Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 8th September 2023

Issue 01

A huge welcome back to all of our wonderful families. I do hope you had a lovely summer, spending quality time with each other. This is our weekly newsletter that is sent to all parents after a busy week, on Fridays. This week we have welcomed new families into our community as our new Nursery and Reception children have joined us. They have settled in so incredibly well this week, we really appreciate your support. I know everyone will ensure our new families are welcomed and supported during the exciting, but sometimes nerve-wracking few weeks ahead.

Our staff have commented on how well all children have returned to school. Routines are being followed and rules and expectations set, ready for a new year of fun and learning. I thank you all for being so ready and prepared for this new year. Remember, our school motto is threaded throughout school life - 'At Crawley Ridge we are Ready, Respectful and Safe'.

A few reminders below:

- Children in Years 1 and 2 do NOT need to bring a snack to school. They should however always have a book bag and water bottle in school. They should NOT bring in large bags and rucksacks as we do not have the space to accommodate these in the classrooms.
- All parents should park considerably outside the school site. Never block a neighbour's driveway. Be mindful of congestion on the pavements.
- WhatsApp groups should be used to enhance communication and aid reminders. Please be aware that staff including myself do have access to the content of these groups. Any worries and concerns should be flagged through email or by phone call to the office team.

Please take a look at the calendar below for early upcoming dates for parents to attend meetings at school. More information will follow, but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible.

Within your ParentMail you will have information regarding your child's PE and Forest School sessions, whereby they will need to come to school in alternative clothing.

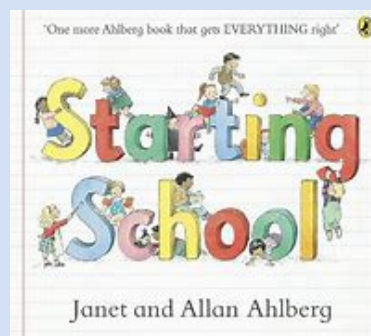
All lost property found within the school will now be collected and stored in the green box that can be found outside the year 2 classrooms right next to the PTA postbox. All of your child's items at school should be clearly labelled. Any NAMED lost items will be returned to your child. Any lost items without names will be placed in the box.



I wish all of you a great weekend. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday. Take care, Mr O'Shea (Headteacher)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Welcome back! What an exciting year we have ahead of us. This week's recommended read is a classic which is worth re-visiting whether your child is starting Reception or entering Year 1 or Year 2 for the first time. It is a wonderful way to familiarise children with the first week of school.



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DIARY DATES

- School tour for 2024 - 19th Sept @ 10am, please book through the office
- Year 1 Curriculum meeting - 26th Sept @ 9am, please book through the office
- School tour for 2024 - 27th Sept @ 14:15pm, please book through the office
- Year 2 Curriculum meeting - 28th Sept @ 9am
- Reception Curriculum meeting - 3rd Oct @ 9am
- Flu Immunisations (more information to follow) - 4th Oct
- School tour for 2024 - 10th Oct @ 10am, please book through the office
- School Photo Day - 11th Oct
- Year 1 Space Day - 13th Oct
- Year 2 Castle Day - 16th Oct



Attendance at school

We are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have caused some parents to feel less confident about assessing whether their child is well enough to be in school, so we have laid out some information which we hope you will find helpful. There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. See [this link](#) for more information: [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?'](#).

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful [guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance](#) and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can be encouraged to access additional support.

We will facilitate a flu immunisation session within school - more information to follow. Parents are able to opt out of this session should they wish. As we head into winter, encouraging high uptake of the seasonal flu immunisation and other routine immunisations for eligible children and young people will help to reduce absences and the disruption they cause.



Our clubs

After School Club Timetable – Autumn Term 2023

We are delighted to be able to share with you our proposed timetable for after school clubs for next term.

We are pleased to confirm that all clubs from the Summer Term – Playball, Boogie Pumps, Jam Coding, Nakshatra Yoga, Hotsteppers and Ultimate Coaching will be returning in September. We are even more pleased to let you know that we have managed to secure a new Spanish club, Bilingua Sing, who will run a [lunchtime](#) club.

We are continually looking at our after school club provision and feel this timetable offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to your children and hope that many of you will take up places.

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our school website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm – 1.00pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



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This week in early years, we have...

NUR

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to welcome both old and new children into Little Treasures. The children have settled in really well and are enjoying exploring the nursery environment.

This week, we have enjoyed lots of water play to try and keep ourselves cool and enjoyed playing with our friends. The children have shown fabulous curiosity about our class pets (stick insects!), and they have been asking wonderful questions like 'what do they eat?' and 'why are some big and some small?'

Some of the children even held the insects in their hands! It's been a great first week 😊.



REC

It has been a joy to meet all our new Reception children this week. They have been fantastic at settling in, making new friends, learning some of our rules and different areas in which we have to play. We have been so impressed with the children's resilience and enthusiasm already and are looking forward to getting to know them better.

We can't wait to see what next week brings!



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This week in KS1 we have...

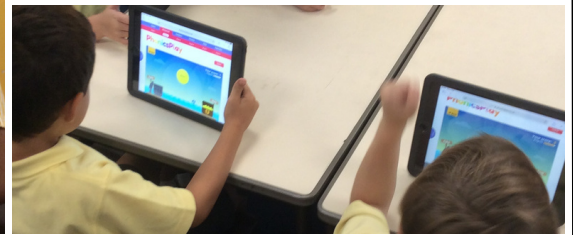
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What a wonderful (albeit short) week we have had.

The children have blown us away with the way they have settled into their new classes. They have told us all about their wonderful summer holiday adventures and came back calm and settled, ready for the new academic year ahead.

We have spent the week exploring the classes and finding out where resources are kept. We have read many stories and discussed changes between Reception and Year 1 – which also included so many routines they are already used to.

We are looking forward to a fantastically fun year ahead!



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What a fantastic start to the new school year we have had. We would like to congratulate the children on how well they have settled into Year 2.

In English the children have been learning about nouns and verbs. They then wrote their own brilliantly funny nonsense poems. In Maths we have been learning about place value. The children have been excited to start our castles topic in History and were delighted to explore different models of castle and design their own castle in D.T. In Science we have been learning about what is alive, what was once alive and what has never been alive.



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PTA

Welcome to all continuing and new families joining us this year!

The PTA are looking forward to some fun and exciting events this school year. If you have any ideas of fundraisers, or events you would like to see, then please do get in touch.

Email: crisainformation@gmail.com

Our first fundraising event... It's time to start clearing out your wardrobes - as our next Bag2school collection is on Thursday 21st September. Please bring your filled bag to drop-off, by 8:45am. They accept good quality items for RE-USE: Clothes, shoes, accessories, linen, towels, curtains, soft toys.

They do NOT accept: uniform, rags, soiled items

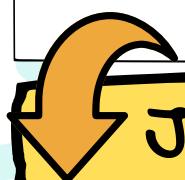
Full list can be found here: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Nearly New Uniform: If you would like any nearly new uniform, please send Stacey a WhatsApp 07588 626 777.

Our next PTA meeting, via Zoom, is on Wednesday 20th September, 8pm - please do join us - the meetings are open to everyone! We will be discussing what fundraisers and events we would like to run this year.

Our AGM will also be on 4th October, 8pm, via Zoom. More details will follow.

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