



The Infant Informative



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Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 6th September 2024

Issue 01

A huge welcome back/hello 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 considerately 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.
- Parents should form orderly queues outside of classroom, please do not push in front of others.
- If your child has medication which needs to be in school, they should NOT bring this into school in their bookbag - parents need to hand the medication to the office team and complete a form.

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. We also have upcoming school tours for 2025 - call the office team to make an appointment. On that note, we still have a few spaces in Reception for this year due to some movement of families during the summer - please spread the word!

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

This week, we are welcoming everyone back to school so this book seemed the most fitting. Oliver Jeffers is one of my favourite children's authors. His books are always beautifully illustrated and this one is no exception. It captures beautifully the thoughts, feelings and emotions that come with saying goodbye to summer and hello to back to school.



DIARY DATES

- School tour for 2025 - 17th Sept @ 11:00 & 13:30
- Year 1 Curriculum Meeting - 24th Sept @ 08:45
- Year 2 Curriculum Meeting - 26th Sept @ 08:45
- PTA cake sale - 27th Sept @ 15:00
- Reception Curriculum Meeting - 1st Oct @ 08:45
- School tour for 2025 - 3rd Oct @ 11:00 & 13:30
- TAMAT Internet Safety Evening - 10th Oct @ time TBC
- Year 1 Space Day - 11th Oct
- Individual class photos - 15th Oct
- Year 2 Castle Day - 16th Oct
- School tour for 2025 - 18th Oct @ 11:00 & 13:30
- Whole School Outdoor Learning Day - 24th Oct
- End of Autumn 1 Term - 24th Oct @ 15:00

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Attendance at school

Summary of Attendance Policy Changes Starting September 2024

From September 2024, Crawley Ridge Infant/Junior School will follow updated national attendance guidelines to improve attendance and reduce absenteeism. These changes include stricter rules around leave requests, unauthorised absences, and support for improving attendance.

Key Changes:

- 1. Leave of Absence:** Schools can only grant leave for specific reasons such as medical issues, religious observance, or performances. Holidays during term time are not allowed unless it's for a religious festival, and even then, only the day of the festival is permitted. All leave requests must be submitted in advance.
- 2. Penalty Notices:** Fines will now be issued more consistently for unauthorised absences. Parents will be fined £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days after 10 sessions (5 full days) of unauthorised absences in a 10-week period. Fines apply to each child and parent individually.
- 3. Support:** If attendance becomes an issue, the school will offer support and issue a "Notice to Improve" before considering penalties.

To read the full government guidelines, please visit: [Government Guidance for Parents](#).



Our clubs

School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

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

We are pleased to confirm that all clubs from the Summer Term – Playball, Boogie Pumps, Bilingua Sing, Young Magicians, Jam Coding, Hotsteppers, Genie Lab and Ultimate Coaching will be returning in September. We are also pleased to let you know that we will be offering a new Judo club on Tuesdays after school from the Autumn Term.

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	Young Magicians Year 1 & 2 8am – 8.45am	Ultimate Coaching Year R Mini Kickers 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Judo Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm – 1.00pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Genie Lab Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm
		Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm		
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



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This week we have welcomed back our 'old' children and begun our settling sessions for our 'new' children too! They have come in ready and raring to go, exploring the nursery environment and getting to know the adults and each other. We're looking forward to welcoming more children in next week!

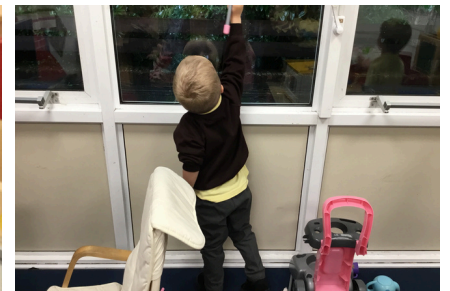
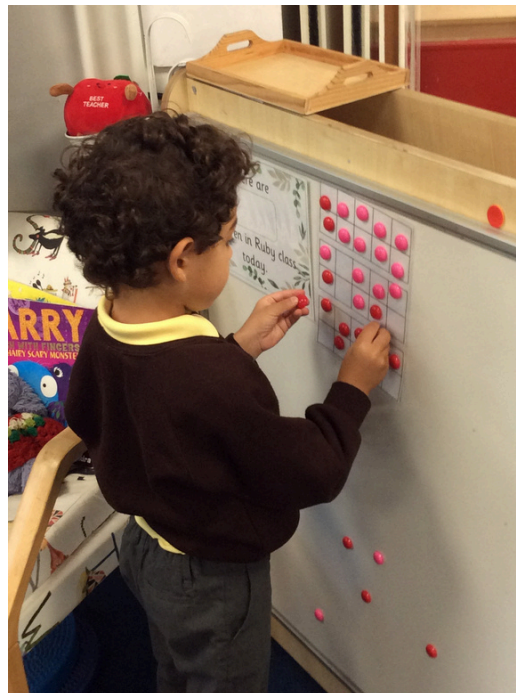


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What an incredible start to the children's schooling! They have settled brilliantly, mixed well and even started to make new friendships. We have spent the morning sessions really getting to know your children and letting them explore the different areas of both classrooms. Thank you for all the work you have done over the summer, ensuring your children are independent.

We have sent a Parent Mail – we would love it if you are able to provide a named baby picture and a named family picture for the children to talk about and have on display in the classroom.

We look forward to having all the children in together for the mornings next week.





This week in KS1 we have...

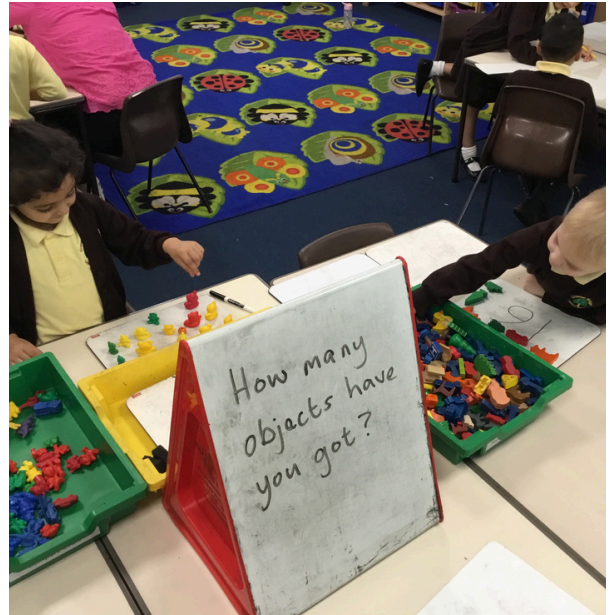
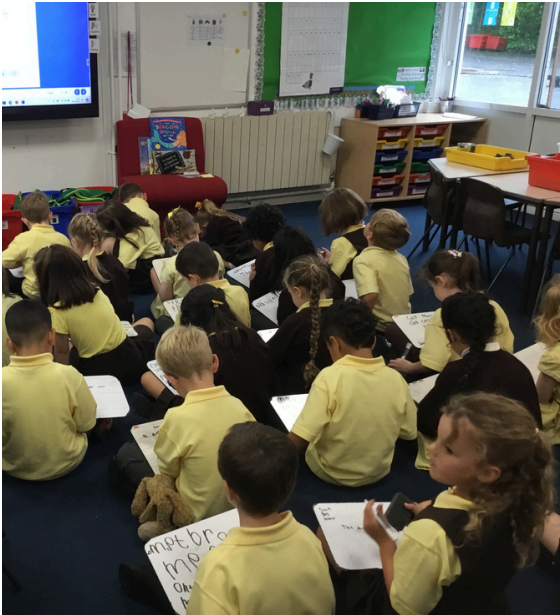
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Welcome back- we hope you all had a fabulous summer break and from the way all of your children have returned, that would certainly seem to be the case. Big, broad smiles, happy "good mornings" and children bouncing into the classrooms- it has been a joy to see and they all seem ready for the challenges of Year 1.

This week we have focussed lots on settling back into school life, getting used to new people, new routines and the way in which we learn differently in Year 1. We have also spent some time establishing new class rules which we came up with as a class so that the children have greater ownership over how they think they should behave in school.

In our learning, we have been doing some recall writing in English, thinking about what we did during the summer holidays, whilst in Maths we have made sure we know the days of the week, before moving onto sorting objects into different groups and counting how many of each object we have.

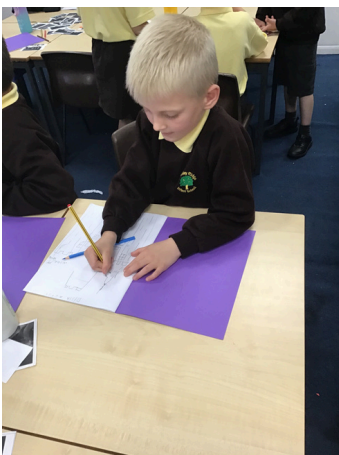
All the children appear ready for the challenges ahead, so let's see where we go on our journey together. Have a great weekend-The Year 1 Team.



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Welcome to Year 2!

We have been so impressed by how well the children have settled into Year 2. Their enthusiasm for learning has been nothing short of amazing. In English this week we have been learning about the different sentence types, specifically commands and have enjoyed identifying verbs. In maths the children have been learning to write the numbers to 20 as words and recognise the tens and ones in a 2-digit number. In music we have started learning to sing folk songs and loved playing instruments to accompany our singing. In D.T. we had the opportunity to look carefully at models of castles and explore their moving parts. We then created a design for our very own castles which we will be building over the course of the half term. If anyone has any long tubes or cylinders, such as kitchen towel rolls, donations would be gratefully received.



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Nurture Hub & PTA

This week, we've had the pleasure of welcoming many children to the Nurture Hub, introducing them to our engaging resources. The children have enjoyed learning in our outdoor classroom, building sandcastles with kinetic sand, creating imaginative monsters with playdough, and painting wonderful pictures. We're excited for a full schedule next week and look forward to welcoming even more children to the hub!



A big Hello and Welcome back to CRI from the PTA

All Parents/Carers are part of the PTA here and we wanted to share some key dates with you for the first few weeks of term so we can get a great start with our fundraising for the year.

20th September

PTA meeting. After School 15:10 - 16:00 in the school Hall. Please come and join us to help plan the years fundraiser's and see where you can help.

27th September

Class Bake sale after school. Year 2 to provide bakes. Please nothing that contains nuts.

1st October

PTA AGM via zoom. Please join us for a short meeting to vote in committee members.

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