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The Crescent Academy Newsletter

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Head Teacher's Welcome

Rather than write to you at the beginning of the month, I have gone for our final week this time! Mainly so that I can share with you what an EXCEPTIONAL job our children have done over the last couple of weeks putting on some of the best Christmas productions I have EVER seen!

By the end of the day tomorrow, we will have put on an astonishing 15 performances and welcomed lots of you into school. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come and support your child in concert.

As I am sure you have heard we have a bad sickness bug circulating the school at the moment. I also know many of you are worried about the Strep-A infection which seems to be circulating all communities at the moment. So, I've put some information about this on the second side of this newsletter.

You'll also find over the page some reminders for January to get us over that 'festive blues' feeling once the Christmas excitement has gone for another year.

2022 has been a very exciting year - we got children out and about again, including 2 visits abroad and 3 to the capital! 2023 will be another year of building on all our success and I can't wait to share another enriching year with each and every one of you!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Crescent families!

Adam Clewes



One of our Nursery groups as they headed out for a festive, fun-filled day at The National Forest Adventure Farm last week - a magical first school trip for the youngest members of Crescent!





Mrs Music Cooper!

Who else could we shout out in the month of December other than the wonder that is Mrs Music Cooper? We have LOVED every performance and the staff, children and parents can't thank you enough for all you've done!





Christmas Parties
Thursday December 15th

Information for Parents/Carers: Scarlet Fever/Strep A Infections

The UK Health agency are reporting that we are seeing a higher number of cases of group A strep this year than usual in our area. The bacteria usually causes a mild infection producing sore throats or scarlet fever that can be easily treated with antibiotics.

In very rare circumstances, this bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause serious illness — called invasive group A strep (iGAS). This is still uncommon however it is important that parents are on the lookout for symptoms and see a doctor as quickly as possible so that their child can be treated and we can stop the infection becoming serious.

Make sure you talk to a health professional if your child is showing signs of deteriorating after a bout of scarlet fever, a sore throat, or a respiratory infection.

Scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, but it is highly infectious. Therefore, look out for symptoms in your child, which include a sore throat, headache, and fever, along with a fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel. On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if you suspect your child has scarlet fever, because early treatment of scarlet fever with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection. If your child has scarlet fever, keep them at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

There are lots of viruses that cause sore throats, colds and coughs circulating. These should resolve without medical intervention. However, children can on occasion develop a bacterial infection on top of a virus and that can make them more unwell.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing — you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin. tongue or lips are blue your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching your child how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.
Please be aware we will be increasing our cleaning regime which will help to reduce transmission of most infections between staff and students in school.





<u>February Half Term</u>
School closes:
Friday February 17th 2023
School reopens:
Monday February 27th 2023

<u>Eater Holidays</u>
School closes:
Friday March 31st 2023
School reopens:
Monday April 17th 2023

<u>Advance Warning!</u>
Spring Term Parents' Evenings will be on:
Tuesday March 28th 2023
Wednesday March 29th 2023