The Crescent Academy

News

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November 2019

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

I can't believe it is November already; the clocks have now changed and there is definitely a more Winter-like feel in the air! October has been a really exciting month which again, I have really enjoyed being a part of. The stand out moments have to be my visit to France with Year 6, watching the Year 2 Harvest performance and getting involved in Nursery's own Humpty Dumpty egg experiment. It was also great to see so many of you at the reading meetings and Parents Afternoon last month.

I'm sure you'll agree that things around the building have started to change, with new signage, to window graphics and a fully-transformed Main Entrance. The feedback about the changes has been hugely positive. Coming this month is a brand new website which will share information about what is happening in your child's class as well as a host of other information about life at The Crescent.

This newsletter contains really important information about our new behaviour system, next year's visit to France for year 5 and 6 pupils (current year 4s and 5s) and lots of Christmas information!

I am holding another coffee morning in a couple of weeks (Thursday November 20th) from 9 to 10am. I hope you're able to come along and see me if you're free.

—Adam Clewes

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DISNEY VISIT 2020



Memories make Primary school!

I have taken children to Disneyland Paris for the last 5 years – I sometimes think I know Disneyland better than I know Stoke! I would love to take the children from The Crescent (next year's Year 5 and 6 children) to experience the magic of Disney fireworks, see all their favourite characters on parade, see how movies are created at Dinseyland Studios, indulge in amazing food at the Rainforest Café, enjoy a dinner show at Mickey's Wild West and take in the landmarks of Paris.

The cost to parents/carers will be £250 - £25 a month between now and travel next year. If this sounds like something your child (if currently in Year 5) would like to experience then I will be holding a meeting to share further details on Wednesday November 13th straight after school in the large hall.

After this meeting, you will be able to reserve your place with a £25 deposit. Places will go as a priority to current Year 5s and will then be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that places will be limited due to space on the coach, etc.







CHRISTMAS 2019

I've listened to lots of your feedback about school events – in particular Christmas and that you'd like to see children in all year groups celebrate this festive time of year! Therefore, all year groups will be putting together their own Christmas performance, be this a selection of songs/stories, or indeed a full production.

All performance dates and times are listed in the Dates section. There will be a creche facility at all performances and at the end of term Awards. You'll be able to book your child into the creche at the office nearer the time. Please note that children will not be allowed into performacnes to ensure everyone is able to sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



ADVANCE WARNINGS!

- **NOVEMBER 5 & 6** *Sportsathon Event across school*
- **NOVEMBER 5** *Special Bonfire Night themed lunch menu*
- **NOVEMBER 7** *Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations*
- **NOVEMBER 13** *9am – Head Teacher's Coffee Morning*
- **NOVEMBER 13** *Current Year 4 and 5 Parents Disneyland Paris first info meeting at 3:45pm*
- **NOVEMBER 22** *Non-Uniform Day (Donations of Sweets/ Chocolate)*
- **NOVEMBER 28** *Non-Uniform Day (Donations of Bottles)*
- **NOVEMBER 29** *INSET Day (children off)*
- **DECEMBER 6** *Non-Uniform Day (Donations of Cakes)*
- **DECEMBER 6** *Christmas Fair starting at 3.30pm*
- **DECEMBER 9** *Year 4 Christmas Stories & Songs at 9.30am and 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 10** *Year 6 Christmas Production at 9.30am and 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 11** *Year 1 'Lights! Camel! Action!' performance at 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 12** *Year 1 'Lights! Camel! Action!' performance at 9.30am*
- **DECEMBER 12** *Year 2 Candlelight Carols at 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 13** *Year 2 Candlelight Carols at 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 13** *Nursery 'Christmas Time Together' at 2pm*
- **DECEMBER 16** *Nursery 'Christmas Time Together' at 9.15am*
- **DECEMBER 16** *Reception 'A Wriggly Nativity' performance at 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 17** *Reception 'A Wriggly Nativity' performance at 9.30am*
- **DECEMBER 17** *Year 3 Christmas Production at 2.15pm*
- **DECEMBER 18** *Year 3 Christmas Production at 9.30am*
- **DECEMBER 18** *School Christmas Lunch*
- **DECEMBER 19** *Year 5 Christmas Performances at 2.30pm and 4.00pm*
- **DECEMBER 19** *Autumn term Awards*
- **DECEMBER 20** *School closes for Christmas holidays*

IN OTHER NEWS...





IT'S GOOD TO BE GREEN!

From today we launch our brand new behaviour system 'It's Good to be Green'. Children must consistently follow our Golden Rules. If for any reason they do not follow these rules, the consequences will be a yellow card, a red card and they could find themselves in Lunchtime Detention. If your child does receive a red/yellow card, then you will be informed by a member of staff from their class and the reason that this has happened.

Equally, if your child is excelling in always following the rules as they should, they will have opportunity to receive a privilege card. This sees their hard work rewarded. All children who remain on green will enjoy a full hour of Golden Time on a Friday afternoon to celebrate their success. It really is 'Good to be Green'!

In order to make the school rules easy to understand and follow I have reduced these to only three! Please discuss these rules with your child to ensure they understand what they mean:

1. **Always tell the truth**
2. **Respect everybody and everything: showing kindness and manners**
3. **Give everything your all!**

SPORTSATHON 2019!

Mr Davies has organised many Sportsathon events. Anyone who raises money receives a prize with some of the best prizes on offer being tickets to Alton Towers and Waterworld. Sportsathon starts tomorrow so please make sure sponsor forms and money are sent into school. The children will love this active event which I hope to make an annual event in The Crescent's calendar!

MAKING LUNCHTIMES SPECIAL!

Over the last two weeks of last half term I worked with the children on improving their dining experience. Children now have a more efficient service and are able to sit in smaller tables to create a 'restaurant-like' setting. I have created some brand new menus with our catering provider; I hope you'll like the new choices on offer. These menus are on display in the new Parent Information notice board, located next to the Main Entrance. Have a look to see if your child likes what they see – remember all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch!

CRESCENT ACADEMY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Crescent's Social Media is growing in popularity! It is a great way of keeping in touch and regularly shares what's happening around school. You can find us on Facebook by searching for **'The Crescent Academy Meir'** and on Instagram we are **thecrescent_ academy.** Give us a like or a follow and keep up-to-date with Crescent activities!

TERM DATES

There's been a national change to the bank holiday in May. We will now **not be in school on Friday May 8th 2020.** As a reminder, our 2020 spring and summer term dates are as follows:

SPRING TERM

- **TUESDAY, JAN. 7** *School opens for children*
- **MONDAY, FEB. 17 TO FRIDAY, FEB. 21** *Half term holiday*
- **MONDAY, FEB. 24** *School opens for children*
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 3** *School closes for children*

SUMMER TERM

- **MONDAY, APRIL 20** *School opens for children*
- **MONDAY, MAY 25 TO FRIDAY, MAY 29** *Half term holiday*
- **MONDAY, JUNE 1** *School opens for children*
- **FRIDAY, JULY 17** *School closes for children*
- **FRIDAY, JULY 3** *INSET Day for staff (children not in)*

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