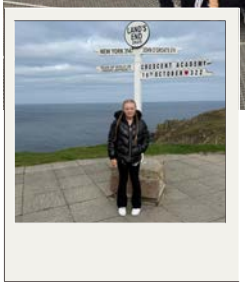
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Head Teacher's Welcome

Welcome back after what I hope has been the most enjoyable and relaxing of school holidays. Two weeks during the longest term of all certainly makes all the difference and so I am sure that children are returning ready to soak up all their new learning. I know the staff can't wait to get started!

I am pleased to report that all of the Year 6s who went to Cornwall last half term had the most amazing of experiences and so it is a sure-fire hit which will remain part of our offer as we head into the future.

Another big success last half term was our Autumn Disco - the children all looked fantastic and they had the dance moves to match!

First week back excitement... THIS FRIDAY is the Season 1 reveal!

I am thrilled to announce the return of Vicki McDonald as our Crescent Chef! She and her team will be serving up first class meals from today and with her arrival arrives a new menu - you'll find this on Page 2 of the Newsletter.

The dark nights are now with us, so as always, please speak to your children about being safe outside. Wearing reflective clothing so they can be seen in traffic has never been more important with the volume of traffic we see in the local area.

The final thing I need to warn you about... it is only just under 8 weeks until Christmas Day! I am sure that you have lots planned at home already, but rest assured, the plans will be in full swing from December 1st. Keep an eye on the social media pages to hear about it all first!

Adam Clewes

Coming up this Month & Next...

November 2025

3rd Back to School

6th Parents' Evening 3.30-8pm (4th for Y1LS families)

7th Season 1 Reveal

12th Y6HJ, ½ Y6AR Sharing Assembly

14th - Children in Need

21st Non Uniform - Chocolate donations

24th - Rec to Y6 Flu Immunisations

28th Non Uniform - Bottle donations

December 2025

1st Last week of clubs

3rd - 4th Y5TR York Residential

5th Non-Uniform - cake donations

5th - Christmas fair

8th Year 1 and 2 performances - 9.30 & 2
9th Year 3 and 4 performances - 9.30, 2, 6
10th Year 5 and 6 performances - 9.30, 2, 6
11th Year 1 and 2 performance - 9.30
12th Reception performances - 9.30 & 2

16th Y5TR Sharing Assembly

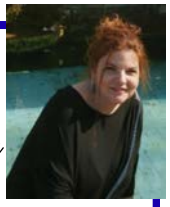
17th - Christmas dinner day

17th Nursery Carol Singing performance

19th - Close for Christmas

shout out

Mrs Soltysik Educational Associate



Mrs Soltysik is a quiet hero at Crescent! She brings humour, determination and a 'can-do' attitude to making sure every child who meets her does not only achieve their best. She makes sure they truly believe in themselves too!

For the staff, she is sure to lift their spirits, whether it be through a listening ear or her delicious cooking! We would be lost without her!

Leave the Cars at Home and get to school on foot!

I know you have heard lots about this from me, but if it saves a child's life it is worth another mention! As the weather gets colder, the temptation to warm the car up is greater. But, you know as well as I do how bad the situation is on The Wood and Pinewood Crescent.

If you must drive, please ensure you park courteously and safely. I know you are proud of our school so please remember you too as parents represent us within the community.

You are able to make contact with the School Nurse...

Behaviour, Emotional health and wellbeing, Continence issues, e.g. soiling and enuresis, Development concerns,
Advice on growth and weight concerns, Medical conditions, Lifestyle concerns

The school nurses are happy to speak to you in confidence about your child, if you need to contact the team, please call the HUB on 0808 178 3374
Parents/carers can also use the Chat Health Messaging service – text 07312 277161



Get those Taste Buds ready... here's your new menu!

AUTUMN DAYS MENU - WEEK A

Yummy Monday
Pizza & Pommes
OR
Creamy Carbonara with Garlic Bread

Dessert: Smarties Cookie

Wicked Wednesday
Fajita Chicken Pasta Bake
OR
Crunchy Tuna Melt served with homemade wedges & coleslaw

Dessert: Ice Cream & Shortbread

Scrummy Tuesday
Cottage or Vegetable Pie
OR
Pork or Vegetable Sausage
(all served with mash, vegetables & gravy)

Dessert: Chocolate loaded fudge cake frosted with sprinkles

Traditional Thursday
Roast Gammon, Turkey or Quorn Fillet
OR
Cauliflower and Broccoli Bake
(all served with homemade mash, roasties, vegetables & gravy)

Dessert: Old School Jam & Coconut Sponge

Feel Good Friday
Traditional Fish & Chips
OR
Cheese Pie

Dessert: Lemon Drizzle Cookie

AUTUMN DAYS MENU - WEEK B

Yummy Monday
Bolognese & Garlic Bread
(Vegetarian option available)
OR
Creamy leek & vegetable potato gratin

Dessert: Apple & Cinnamon Whirls or Shortbread

Wicked Wednesday
Curry OR Casserole
Choose from: Chicken Tikka, Quorn Korma or Sausage Casserole

Dessert: Chocolate Crunch

Scrummy Tuesday
All Day Breakfast
(Vegetarian Option available)

Dessert: Old school Sprinkle Cake

Traditional Thursday
Meat and Potato or Vegetable Pie
OR
Cheese Whirls
(all served with homemade mash, roasties & vegetables)

Dessert: Ice Cream with a Shortbread square

Feel Good Friday
Traditional Fish & Chips
OR
Quiche

Dessert: Cornflake Cake OR Honey Muffin

Week A: 03/11/2025, 17/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 15/12/2025
Week B: 10/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 08/12/2025

On Page 3 you'll find 6 top tips for keeping children safe online. They're from LFgl and their website provides great advice in a world where children know more than we do when it comes to being online!

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SIX TOP TIPS

For Parents To Keep Your Children Safe Online

Most parents & carers think their children and young people spend too much time on devices. DON'T FEEL BAD! Lots of it is perfectly healthy anyway. Instead, follow these tips to keep them safe, happy and healthy.

Don't worry about screen time; aim for screen quality



Scrolling through social media isn't the same as making a film or story, or video calling Grandma. Use the Children's Commissioner's 'Digital Five A Day' to plan or review each day together.

Check the safety settings are turned on



Whether it's your home internet, mobile devices, consoles, apps or games, there are lots of settings to make them safer. The key ones are - can they chat to strangers, can they video chat or 'go live', are their posts public? What about safe search and Youtube? See parentsafe.lgfl.net for more.

Get your children to show you their apps and games



You don't need to know all about the latest app or game, but if your child shows you what they are doing and with whom, you'll probably see if it's appropriate or not. Remember 18 games are not more advanced – they are harmful to children! For parent guides to apps, including recommendations for kidsafe apps and video platforms, search for Common Sense Media reviews.

Don't try to hide news about scary things in the news



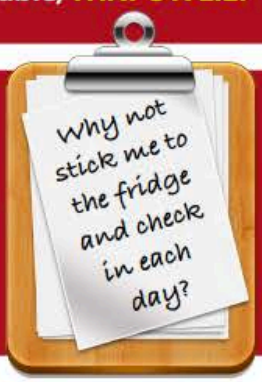
If you don't talk about it, your children might read inappropriate pages, believe scare stories or simply catastrophise in their heads. Why not watch Newsround together and talk about how they feel – there is guidance from Childline to help you.

Remind them of key online safety principles



There are too many to list, but remember human behaviour is the same online and offline. Remind your children to be a good friend, to ask for help if they are worried or if someone is mean, not to get undressed on camera and most important of all… if somebody tells them not to tell or ask for help because it's too late or they will get in trouble, THAT'S A LIE!

If you aren't sure, ASK!



Your school may be able to give you advice, but there are plenty of other places to ask for help as a parent or a child, whether it is advice or help to fix something. Lots of sites are listed at reporting.lgfl.net, including ones to tell your kids about (they might not want to talk to you in the first instance).

Follow the links above, visit parentsafe.lgfl.net for much more or follow @LGfLSafeguardED on Twitter or Facebook