The Crescent Academy

News

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to your October Newsletter: It is amazing to see how well your children have settled into their new school year, however different it may feel! Thank you for making sure we are all kept safe by only sending your children into school when they are fit to do so. A further thank you for following the arrangements in place to keep us safe, such as following the staggered timings to the day and the one way system we have in place.

There's been an awful lot of information in the press about children feeling settled in school life after returning from their extended period away from school and I am very proud of the way all our children have returned. They have embraced all learning opportunities that have come their way and made sure they stay safe when playing with their friends.

I am determined that whilst we may not be able to do many school events as we normally would, we will provide as many opportunities to enjoy the usual aspects of school life as possible. This Newsletter will give you some information on how we can do this virtually.

On a final note, can I say a final thanks to you all for completing the parent/carer questionnaire. I am delighted with how many of you sent your responses in, as well as the feedback you have given. This Newsletter gives you the breakdown of your responses, as well as some changes you'll see coming, based on your feedback – so thank you!

As always, I want to keep The Crescent moving onwards and upwards, so keep providing this feedback so that together, we can provide an outstanding education for your children! —***Adam Clewes***

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ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... ZOOM



For those of you familiar with Zoom, you'll be well prepared for our Christmas celebrations. Each class will have their own concert which will be streamed live through Zoom. Links will be sent out as a text message on the day of your child's performance and we will do a test-link the week before your child's performance. Zoom can be downloaded to Android and Apple devices, as well as used over your Internet browser.

Our end of term Awards will go ahead; again via Zoom, and you will receive a link in advance if your child has won an award.

I hope this will ensure that you are able to feel a part of our festive celebrations – as 2020 has been such a strange year, I hope this will give some Christmas cheer to you and your families!

READY TO PERFORM!

Please find the information below for your child's Christmas Celebration this year. Mrs Cooper is already getting some festive surprises underway with each classes, so we hope you can join us for some Christmas magic!

Date	Time & Year Group		
Wednesday, Dec. 2	9.30am: Y4NP	10.30am: Y4LS	2pm: Y4SL
Friday, Dec. 4	10.30am: Nursery		
Monday, Dec. 7	9.30am: Y5PD	10.30am: Y5DJ	2pm: Y5AR
Tuesday, Dec. 8	9.30am: Y3OT	10.30am: Y3LB	2pm: Y3BF
Wednesday, Dec. 9	9.30am: Y1KB	10.30am: Y1TK	2pm: Y1CP
Monday, Dec. 14	9.30am: Y2GB	10.30am: Y2GL	2pm: Y2LM
Tuesday, Dec. 15	9.30am: Y6NE	10.30am: Y6SW	2pm: Y6TR
Wednesday, Dec. 16	9.30am: Rec HV	10.30am: Rec	2pm: Rec KR



SAVE THE DATE!

THURSDAY DECEMBER 17TH WILL BE OUR TERMLY AWARDS ASSEMBLY!

Those children who receive an attendance award, Good Service, Progress or Head Teacher's Award, will all receive these through an online assembly. Should your child be receiving an award, more details will follow in due course.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

You will know that for some time schools have not authorised holidays during term time. As a trial this year, I will be authorising 5 days holiday for pupils should you request it. Obviously holidays in school time should be a last resort, but providing:

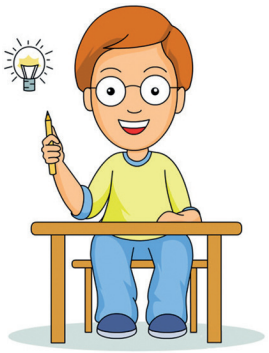
1) **Your child already has good attendance**
2) **Your child's attendance does not 'dip' when you return from holiday**

Then one week of leave will be granted. Please note that if attendance falls when you return, this authorised absence will be changed to the expected unauthorised absence which could lead to fines if your child is persistently absent.

So, if your child attends all other days, you'll be able to enjoy the five days of holiday! Please see myself or Mr Davies if you have any questions about this.

IN OTHER NEWS...

WHAT YOU THINK?



As I mentioned in my welcome, many of you returned a questionnaire to keep helping our school improve... 239 of you in fact! Here you can see what some of the feedback is and some of the things we will be doing to meet your improvement suggestions!

Questions from September 2020	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at The Crescent Academy	74%	23%	0.008%	0.004%	0.012%
My child feels safe at The Crescent Academy	75%	24%	0.008%	0.004%	0.004%
My child makes good progress at The Crescent Academy	70%	24%	0.03%	0%	0.03%
My child is well looked after at The Crescent Academy	75%	21%	0%	0.004%	0.016%
The Crescent Academy makes sure its children are well behaved	59%	36%	0.02%	0%	0.02%
The Crescent Academy deals with bullying effectively and quickly	51%	23%	0.025%	0.008%	20%
The Crescent Academy is well led and managed	70%	26%	0.004%	0%	0.02%
The Crescent Academy responds well to any concerns I raise	63%	29%	0.016%	0.004%	0.04%
I receive valuable information about my child's progress	64%	30%	0.05%	0.008%	0.01%
I would recommend The Crescent Academy to another parent	70%	24%	0.004%	0.004%	0.02%

What you're pleased with:

- ✓ New uniforms
- ✓ The look of the school
- ✓ The things your children tell you about school
- ✓ The opportunities children are getting
- ✓ 93% of you who returned questionnaires in the Nursery Agreed/ Strongly agreed that you were pleased with the transition arrangements offered in light of COVID
- ✓ 100% of the Nursery questionnaires showed that you agreed/strongly agreed that your child feels happy and safe – a great start!

What we can do better:

Communication
Many of you are disappointed that Class Dojo has now gone. If you email contact@thecrescentacademy.org.uk your email will be passed onto your child's teacher and they will respond once they are in work.

Keeping both parents informed
We are generating a new contact list for parents who don't live together. Please pop into the office and let them have your email address, address and phone number, so we can keep all parents informed of what's happening in school.

Information about progress
Watch this space! An Assessment Profile will be sent home with your child from the Spring term to keep you up-to-speed with your child's achievements.