The Crescent Academy

News

Enriching the lives of our children

September 2020

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HEAD TEACHER'S WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year: I sure like me, you're all hoping that school will be a little more 'normal' this year than it was last year! I hope that even though things have been very different for months now, that you have managed to have a relaxing summer break and been able to find plenty to keep you and your little ones busy. As the new year starts, I would like to extend an extra special 'Crescent Welcome' to all children and families who are joining our academy this year.

Last year wasn't the first year I had planned at Crescent, but I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of all of the staff for all of your kind words and messages during closure. The Crescent has been one of the busiest schools in the City during the pandemic and I hope that the services we provided to key worker parents and some of our other families, were able to bring some comfort and stability, during the most challenging time we have faced.

Despite there being some changes to the 'usual' running of the school day, as always, we already have lots of events planned for the autumn term to make school the special place for your children that it should always be! I have included as many advance warnings of dates for events so that you're able to plan your own diaries, but please bare in mind that these could change at the very last moment!

On behalf of all the staff here at the academy, I am looking forward to working with you all, existing and new families, to ensure your children have a happy and fulfilling year at the academy.

—Adam Clewes

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EDUCATIONAL VISITS

As you know, I like children to get out and about as much as possible and I'm really pleased to let you know that the cost of Educational Visits will remain free for the year. There will be small contributions needed for residential visits, but more information on this will follow.

For any Year 5 children who were unable to attend Shugborough last year, the cost of their residential to Stanley Head this year, is covered.

New Paris dates are set so please now continue with your £25 payments – separate letters will be sent to you soon to confirm the new dates.





THINGS WE CAN ALL DO TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN FEEL SETTLED AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL THIS SEPTEMBER!

- **Listen:** By listening to any fears and worries children may have, this can help them to get the answers they need to feel safe.
- **Be Calm:** Children will need adults to be calm and supportive.
- **Connect with Others:** Make sure children feel they are genuinely wanted and cared about by everyone around them; friends and family, school staff will be doing the same!
- **Acknowledge Feelings:** Listening to understand how your child is feeling can help them to feel secure and manage their emotions.
- **Promote Hope and Resilience:** It is important for children to understand that hope is active, not passive! It is something we do, not something we have. We create hope first in ourselves, and then in our children.



ADVANCE WARNINGS!

In order to help plan your calendars, here's the list of what's coming up between now and December:

- **SEPTEMBER 14**
  Announcement of this year's Head Boy & Head Girl
- **SEPTEMBER 30**
  SMSC Day – Harvest Festival
- **OCTOBER 5**
  Enrichment Week: Black History
- **OCTOBER 2**
  School Photographs day – if you wish to have photos with brothers/ sisters, please bring your children to school from 7.30am. Individual photographs will be taken throughout the school day
- **OCTOBER 13 & 14**
  Parents' Evenings – 3.30pm to 6pm
- **OCTOBER 22**
  Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations
- **OCTOBER 23RD & NOVEMBER 2ND**
  School closed for INSET dats
- **OCTOBER 26 TO NOVEMBER 30**
  Half Term week
- **NOVEMBER 4**
  Disco Night (4.30pm to 6pm for everyone in classes)
- **NOVEMBER 11**
  SMSC Day – Remembrance Day
- **NOVEMBER 12 & 13**
  Sportsathon Event – More details from Mr Davies to follow
- **CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS**
  At the moment we are unable to share any plans for Christmas due to the current climate, I hope to have an update on this for the October Newsletter. Thank you for understanding – hopefully if events can take place, this will allow plenty of time to plan that important Christmas shopping!

IN OTHER NEWS...






WEAR IT WELL!

The children have been so excited to wear their new uniforms and I must admit, it has been a real pleasure to see them all arriving looking so well prepared for their new school year with a new fresh look! Each week we'll be awarding a class as 'Best Dressed' in a bid to get at termly prize for their class. Remember, look smart; think smart; work smart!

CRESCENT ACADEMY ON SOCIAL MEDIA



For new parents and a reminder to all, we continue to use our social media accounts to share snapshots of school life. Search ***'The Crescent Academy Meir'*** on Facebook and on Instagram we are ***thecrescent_academy.*** Make sure you've completed your permission form so that your child can feature in our posts. Give us a like or a follow and keep up-to-date with Crescent activities!

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



There are various ways you can get in touch: pop a message in your child's planner, leave a message at the office and they'll call you back, speak to them at the end of the day, or emails can be forwarded over. Simply send them to **crescent@thecrescentacdemy.org.uk** Please note, we no longer use the Dojo messaging system.

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