

# Weekly Newsletter

*'Education on another level, where possibilities are endless'*

## WELCOME BACK TO SPRING TERM

It seems quite late now, but Happy New Year and welcome back to Spring Term at Crown Street Primary. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and a positive start to the new year. It has been wonderful seeing the children and having them back in school over the last couple of weeks.

We're excited for a new term – it brings new bookshelves and lots of new and exciting learning opportunities. There are a few national events coming up across Spring term including Children's Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day and one of our favourites, World Book Day, along with other events like visits and visitors to enhance the learning in the classroom. We will also be looking to continue to engage and welcome parents/carers in for Mystery Reader, Play & Pick-up sessions, Watch me Teach sessions, Parents' Evening and then round our term off with our Spring Sing performance. More information on these will be shared as we move through the term.

### BEHAVIOUR POLICY

A reminder that our updated Behaviour Policy, which was shared in the last few newsletters of term, can be found here: [Behaviour Policy](#)

As mentioned, much of how we teach and support behaviour in school won't change too much. The updates will help us to support our children by encouraging them to 'own' their behaviour, and it will allow us to be more systematic and timely in the way we share behaviour incidents with parents/carers and how we can collaboratively work together to support our children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

### CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

**MYSTERY READERS** - We are looking to continue with our Mystery Reader Sessions on Wednesday afternoons from 2.45pm. If you are interested in joining us, please complete our [Mystery Reader form](#) by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** and select the sessions you are available. We have previously had parents/carers in to read a story to their child's class, however if you are interested in reading a story to a different year group, then please add this to the form.

**CHESTER ZOO VISIT** (Reception and Year 1) – please check the comms that has been sent out about this.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS** – we are excited to now be offering two extra-curricular clubs of Taekwondo and Cooking to our Year 1 children.

Our extra-curricular club offer is run by external providers and we are always looking to develop this—especially as the school grows, so if any parents/carers know any extra-curricular providers that would be interested in running a club for our children, then please get in touch with [admin@crownstreetprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@crownstreetprimary.org.uk) or share our email with them.

Our extra-curricular offer focuses on Year 1 upwards, however we depending on provider, we may consider clubs for Reception children from Summer term.

### ASSEMBLY

We have used the start of the new term remind our children about the behaviour expectations and our School Rules.

Our first assemblies back have focused on our School Rules and the importance of following these in school. We discussed examples of our School Rules including some routines we have in school like lovely lines, wonderful walking and super sitting.

We shared how the adults in school are here to teach and support with following the School Rules and making positive behaviour choices, but that we are each responsible for our own behaviour. We discussed how our behaviour and actions can impact others, which led to us discussing our Character Trait of **Kindness**. It was lovely to hear examples from the children of the kindness they have shown and experienced since being back in school.



### STAFFING NEWS – a hello and a goodbye

We would like to say hello and welcome Miss Hudson to our Crown Street Primary family. Miss Hudson has been appointed as a teacher to support with teaching and learning across the school with a specialist focus on Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

On another note, we are sad to say goodbye to Miss Hayes who is leaving Crown Street Primary. Miss Hayes has been with us since we opened in September 2024 supporting in Breakfast Club and primarily within Reception. A huge thank you to her for everything she has done, and we wish her the best of luck in her new role within Speech and Language service.

## CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Our approach towards behaviour is very much based on positive reinforcement and wanting to celebrate the efforts and achievements of our children both personally and academically. We have various ways of doing this:

**House Points** – given individually and added to the House Point total within class but also a total across the school

**Class Points** – given to the whole class for working together as a team following our School Rules

**Character Award** – a weekly certificate given out individually during assemblies or class story time acknowledging efforts linked to one of our Character Traits

**Diamond Stickers** – a very special sticker awarded for exceptional effort in learning

We have also introduced **Proud Postcards** – a special handwritten note home to celebrate notable conduct, effort, progress or achievement.

We will look to share updates on House Points and continue to share Character Award recipients in our newsletter.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

## ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

Please remember we are an allergy aware school. Under **no circumstances** should **nuts**, or any **product containing nuts**, be bought onto school premises. This includes walking in with breakfast items in the morning. We ask that parents/carers continue to follow this rule with the snacks that they bring at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Watch me Teach Session for Year 1, 9am

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Watch me Teach Session for Year 1, 9am

– Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – National Story Telling Week

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Children's Mental Health Week

– PTA craft sessions in class

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am

– Safer Internet Day

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Mystery Reader, 2.45pm

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School Closes for half-term break

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – School reopens for Spring 2, all pupils in

For 2025-26 and 2026-27 Term Dates please [click here](#)

As we start a new term, some reminders from us ...

## Punctuality

Full attendance, including arriving on time, is important for your child's academic success but also for their personal and social development too. Arriving late can impact the start of the day routine and can mean important learning is missed. We ask that you support us with this and ensure your child arrives at school on time each day – the **gate/door opens at 8.45am** and **close promptly at 8.55am**.

## Uniform

A reminder that children should be coming to school in full school uniform – including the correct colour tights and shoes.

We ask that children in Reception and Year 1 use our school book bags and not rucksacks, this is due to limited space in classrooms.

School water bottles can be purchased on MCAS and collected from the front office.

For further information, on our Uniform Policy, please see our website here - [School Uniform](#).

## Ordering Lunches

If your child is having a school lunch, then please make sure you order it in advance on School Grid. These choices need to be done **before 8am on the day**, however you can make the lunch selections in advance – whether that a week in advance or for the whole term.



## Spare Clothes for Pre-School and Reception

Please could we ask that Pre-School and Reception parents/carers provide a bag with spare clothes in that can stay in school during the week. The children have their own box in the cloakroom where this can be kept. Should we need to use the clothes we will send them home to be replaced. Please ensure these spare clothes are labelled.

## No Toys in School

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys from home into school, this also includes having large toy-like keyrings on their bags. All children need to bring into school are items of uniform (coats, scarves, hats, gloves, spares etc), water bottles and their school book/s (Library books, plus Phonics book and Reading Record for Reception children).

**Thank you for your support with all the above.**