

# Weekly Newsletter

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

## Another half-term done!

At the risk of repeating myself, these half terms really are flying by - we are already half-way through the academic year! But they do say time flies when you are having fun – and that is definitely something we have been doing!

This half term has been filled with lots of brilliant **Curiosity** towards new learning as well as lots of opportunities to explore our Character Trait of **Citizenship** and **Gratitude** as we have welcomed different members of the community – including parents/carers for Stay & Play, Watch me Teach and Mystery Reader Sessions, as well as external visitors to support our learning across the curriculum. And there is so much more planned for Spring 2!

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** to begin our Spring 2 chapter. But until then, we hope you all have a wonderful break next week.

## Digital Well-being and Online Safety



This week was Safer Internet Day, a national event that encourages us all to think carefully about how to use the internet, stay safe online and how we can join together to make the internet a safer and better place.

Although our children at Crown Street are still young, many of them are / will be exposed to technology in various forms therefore it is essential that we teach them about the benefits but also potential risks associated with technology/the online world and how to navigate these safely.

To support our school community, on our website we have lots of information on our Safeguarding page for Online Safety, which can be accessed [here](#). On this page of our website you will find the UK Safer Internet Centre website linked, this page provides guides and resources for parents/carers about the different types of technology (phones, laptops etc.) as well as social media.

Alongside the above guidance/information, here are two guides with tips for parents taken from [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) - *'Online Safety for Early Years, 0-5-year olds'* and *'Online Safety for Primary School Children, 6-10 year olds'*

## CROWN STREET COMMUNITY - VISITORS

**PTA CRAFTS SESSIONS IN CLASS** – a huge thank you to our PTA who visited each of our classes this week as part of Children's Mental Health Week. They talked about different feelings – how you show these different feelings, how all feelings are okay and what you can do to make yourself feel better. This linked to the Zones of Regulation learning that we have been doing across school. The children then created pictures to show how they were feeling and decorated it with lots of hearts, to show how they are all loved.

**LUNAR NEW YEAR PRESENTATION - YEAR 1** – thank you to Corinne (one of our parents and PTA members), who volunteered to come in to talk to Year 1 children all about Chinese New Year.

Both Pre-School and Reception have done some learning around this during the week, including reading the book 'Busy Chinese New Year' donated by one of our parents and creating fans for Lunar New Year. Both classes will be welcoming in Tina (one of our parents) to talk about Lunar New Year following the half-term break.

Lunar New Year falls on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, with celebrations happening from this weekend in Manchester, and the legendary Dragon happening on Sunday. A link with more information is shared on the next page (Half Term Activities). To those of you celebrating, we wish you a Happy New Year and 'Kung Hei Fat Choy'



## Parent/Carer Online Workshop – Digital Safety Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30-8.30pm, Zoom Online Session [smoothwall](#)

Manchester Local Authority and schools are committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of all their pupils. As part of this, they are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help. The workshop will be delivered by Katherine Howard, Head of Engagement and Education at **Smoothwall**. This workshop is aimed at Primary School aged pupils, so although some content may not be as relevant for our younger children, it is important to understand the importance of digital safety. Please click [here to register for this online session](#).

## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK ...

Our assembly this week introduced Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year which was 'This is my place'.

We talked about the word belonging and explored what the children thought this meant "like our home, we belong there", "somewhere you go to", "something you feel, like you have it", "something belongs to you", "we belong to Crown Street".

We discussed belonging as being somewhere you feel loved, safe and cared for and where you can be yourself – we talked about how we all belong at Crown Street Primary School but also other places like our families, clubs and groups.

We then explored how belonging can make us feel and how we can help one another to feel like they belong – even something small like a smile, or asking someone to play and thinking about other people's feelings. We talked about how belonging comes from kindness and we shared the quote "be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody"

Assembly was then followed up by sharing the story 'Can I Join Your Club' by John Kelly – which explores the theme of belonging by showing kindness, friendship and the importance of diversity.



Bravery



Citizenship



Curiosity



Gratitude



Integrity



Kindness

## CHARACTER AWARDS!

This week's Character Awards have been awarded:

In PLMM this was awarded for **Integrity** – for always doing the right thing

In RSH this was awarded for **Integrity** – for being a brilliant role model

In 1ND this was awarded for **Gratitude** – for always showing how grateful they are

**Well done to you all!**



## BOOK RECOMMENDATION

**Coconut**  
Comes to School



**Recommendation by:** Miss Daniel

**Book Title:** Coconut Comes to School

**Author:** Berlie Doherty

**Character Trait Link:** Integrity

**Reason:** A reminder that everyone is welcome, the importance of celebrating similarities and differences and how we should do the right thing even when it is unseen

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

With it being half-term being next week (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb), please find some links below that may be useful in finding different things that are happening across the city:

- [Lunar New Year Celebrations](#) (Visit Manchester)
- [The Super-Duper Family Festival](#) (18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb)
- [Science and Industry Museum](#) – Horrible Science: Cosmic Chaos Exhibition
- [Z-arts](#)
- [70 things to do in Manchester](#)
- [RHS Garden Bridgewater](#) – The Wind in the Willows Trail
- [Loads to Do - Manchester](#)

Please click the image for information about an external Multi-Activity Holiday Club for half-term



## CROWN STREET COMMUNITY

### UPCOMING FESTIVALS & CELEBRATIONS - INVITATION TO ALL PARENTS / CARERS

**HOLI (MARCH) | EID-AL-FITR (MARCH) | EASTER (APRIL)**

We would love to share common traditions and experiences with our children so we can continue to learn and develop awareness, understanding and mutual respect towards one another and different views and beliefs. Therefore, we would like to invite any parents/carers into the classroom to talk about any of the above celebrations. If you are interested, please get in touch via email [admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@crowstreetprimary.org.uk)

### SAVE THE DATES:

- **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH\*** – Parent Session regarding the RSHE 2026 Curriculum
- **THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH – WORLD BOOK DAY** – children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character!
- **TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH – PARENTS' EVENINGS\*** – more information to be sent out after half-term
- **WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL, 9.30am – SPRING SING PERFORMANCE (all classes)\*** – parents/carers will be invited in to watch all our classes come together to perform some Spring songs together.

\*More information will be shared about these events after half-term.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – School Reopens to all for Spring 2 Term**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Prospective Pre-School Parent Tour, 9.30am

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Chester Zoo Visit- RSH and 1ND

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – RSHE Parent Consultation Session

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day, including dressing up!

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** – British Science Week!

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> & Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April** – Spring Sing Performance (all classes)

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