



NEWSLETTER 1

MONDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Crescent Community,

WELCOME BACK

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to welcome you and your child/children back for another academic year. Our staff have unanimously said how positive the start to the term has been, with the children eager to learn, see their friends after the long summer break and join in with new learning topics.

We have introduced a number of positive changes across the school, many of which have come from discussions and feedback from parents. Some of these changes will improve how we communicate with parents and we will also be increasing the number of opportunities you have to see the classrooms and see your children's work.



COME IN AND SAY HELLO

We have Open Classrooms this Friday 14th September after school until 3:45pm. This gives you a chance to pop in and say hello to your child's new class teacher. You might like to see their new classroom and have a brief chat about how your child has settled into their new class.

NEW BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM

After listening to feedback from children and the school community, we have modified our behaviour management. The most noticeable change you will see is that there will be no more red and yellow cards! Each classroom now has a large Crescent Learning Star chart, which allows teachers to reward the good behaviour they see in class and around school. More information about this, as well as a new refreshed school behaviour policy, will follow in future weeks.



WATER BOTTLES

Many parents will also be happy to hear that children are now very welcome to bring in their own water bottles. After listening to your views, we have taken the decision not to buy new water bottles for this academic year. Children still have last year's water bottles (cleaned & sterilized) but are now encouraged to bring in their own bottles from now on.



NEW CURRICULUM

After extensive research we have chosen to follow an excellent new curriculum called 'Cornerstones', which provides high quality resources and an engaging choice of topics for our children. This week, you will receive information about the topic your child is learning, as well as Home Learning ideas that promise to boost their enthusiasm and knowledge.

One of the aspects that we really liked about the Cornerstone curriculum was its emphasis on project-based learning and we would like to share these projects with you. Therefore, there will be a day each half term in which you will be invited after school into the classrooms to see your child's project and learning.



YEAR 6 KINGSWOOD MEETING

As the Kingswood trip is fast approaching, we will be holding a meeting to share more details about the visit. This will be held in the main hall on Tuesday 11th September at 3:30pm and 6:00pm. Please note both meetings will be the same and you only need to attend one.

CHANGE OF LUNCH MENU

For this week only there will be a change of lunch menu. We will be serving Chicken Balti/ Vegetable Tagine on Wednesday 12th September and Roast Beef/Vegetable filled Yorky Pud on Thursday 13th September 2018.



SWIMMING

Years 2 and 4 will be having swimming lessons this year, with two classes going per term. This term we will start with year 2. Chocolate Factory will be going every Tuesday, starting on 18th September 2018. Marvellous Medicine will be going every Wednesday, starting 19th September 2018. Giant Peach (Year 2) and Ollivanders (Year 4) will swim in Spring, with Hogwarts and Diagon Alley (Year 4) swimming in the summer term.

JEANS 4 GENES DAY

We will be supporting Jeans 4 Genes day on Friday 21st September, with children invited to wear their own clothes including jeans. This is to support the 500,000 children in the UK affected by Genetic Disorders. Please bring in a suggested £1 donation for this important charity.



READING RECORDS

We have now reverted back to our usual Reading Records, instead of renewing the Crescent Planners that were trialed last year, for a number of reasons. The printing costs for the Planners became expensive, and there was also no space for weekend reading, which our traditional Reading Records included. Please keep up the daily reading!

WHICH SCHOOL ENTRANCE?

Children in Years 3 & 4 will enter and leave school via the entrance nearest the School Hall. All other children enter and leave the school via the back entrance, with Years 5 & 6 welcome to use the stairs in the morning.

As ever, we encourage you to use the Kiss & Drop entrance before and after school, since it is less congested. Children coming to school via the Kiss and Drop entrance should enter the school building via any of the doors on the main playground.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child in year 6 you will need to apply for a Secondary School place now. The closing date for applications is 31st October 2018. If you need any support in applying for secondary schools for your children, our Family Support Worker Jo Wadley can help you with this. Please either call the school to speak with

Jo to book an appointment or send her an email on jwadley@thecrescent.croydon.sch.uk.

RECEPTION PLACES – 2019

If you have a child or know of a child who was born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015 then you MUST apply online for a reception school place for the child by Tuesday 15th January 2019.

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

We have three dates to come and have a look around and see the school in action:

- Wednesday 3rd October 2018 – 9:30am OR 2:00pm
- Tuesday 6th November 2018 – 9:30am OR 2:00pm
- Wednesday 5th December 2018 – 9:30am OR 2:00pm

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES TO SPEAK WITH OUR STAFF

Our staff are friendly, approachable and always happy to help. From this week, our Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 staff will usually be on the back playground at the start of the day, should you have any quick messages or updates to speak with them about.

Teachers from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be on the playground at the end of the day as usual. You can also contact class teachers directly via email if you prefer – details are on our website.

WHO TO SPEAK TO...

Here's a little guide to help direct you to the right members of staff, should you need them:

See THE OFFICE STAFF if you need to...	See CLASS TEACHERS first if you have questions about...	Ask to speak to YEAR GROUP LEADERS if you have...	Ask to speak to the MR HEATH (for Rec, Yr 1&2) or MRS WARWICK (for Yrs 3,4,5&6) if you have...	Ask to speak to MR ROME, our Executive Head Teacher if you have...	Ask to speak to our FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM...
Change your contact details	Settling in	Spoken with the class teacher but feel that the issue remains.	Spoken with a Year Group Leader and you feel that the issue remains.	Spoken with Mr Heath / Mrs Warwick and the issue remains.	To inform us of issues within the family that may affect your child's education, for example housing.
Change home address	Progress	Or		Or	
Change dietary needs	Class work	You are informing the school of circumstances that affect your child's well-being (where a wider staffing may need to know)		To discuss an internal or external exclusion.	
Change your child's school	Friendship				
	Behaviour issues				

Have a great week,
Gary Heath & Bernice Warwick

KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM 2018

Tuesday 11 th September	3:30pm 6:00pm	Y6 Kingswood Meeting (main hall) Y6 Kingswood Meeting (main hall)
Wednesday 12 th September	12:00pm	Change of menu - Chicken Balti/Vegetable Tagine
Thursday 13 th September	12:00pm	Change of menu - Roast Beef/Vegetable filled Yorky Pud
Friday 14 th September	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Open classrooms (All Years)
Tuesday 18 th September	12:00pm	Chocolate Factory swimming lesson
Wednesday 19 th September	12:00pm	Marvellous Medicine swimming lesson
Friday 21 st September	All day	Mufti day - Jeans for Genes day - £1 donations welcome
Tuesday 25 th September	12:00pm	Chocolate Factory swimming lesson
Wednesday 26 th September	8:40am 8:40am 12:00pm	Y6-Kingswood Trip Y6-Sports and a picnic at Crystal Palace Park Marvellous Medicine swimming lesson
Thursday 27 th September	8:40am	Y6-Science Museum in South Kensington
Friday 28 th September	8:15am- 4:00/4:30pm 3:00pm	Y6-Chessington World of Adventures Y6-Return from Kingswood Trip
Tuesday 2 nd October	12:00pm	Chocolate Factory swimming lesson
Wednesday 3 rd October	9:30am 12:00pm 2:00pm	New Reception 2019 Parents Opening Morning Marvellous Medicine swimming lesson New Reception 2019 Parents Opening Afternoon
Tuesday 9 th October	12:00pm 3:30pm – 6:30pm	Chocolate Factory swimming lesson Parents Evening
Wednesday 10 th October	12:00pm	Marvellous Medicine swimming lesson
Thursday 11 th October	3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday 16 th October	12:00pm	Chocolate Factory swimming lesson
Wednesday 17 th October	9:00am 12:00pm	KS1 Harvest Festival Marvellous Medicine swimming lesson
Friday 19 th October	3:00pm - 3:45pm	Open classrooms (All Years)
Monday 22 nd October 2018 – Friday 26 th October 2018 – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED Monday 29 th October 2018 – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED Tuesday 30 th October 2018 – Back to school at 8:45am		