



# Croyland Primary School

## Shout Out!

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### Unauthorised Absences.....

It is that time of year when you may begin to think about booking a summer holiday. Before you start to look into it, **I am unable to authorise any holiday absence** and, I have to refer 5 days or more of unauthorised absence to the Local Authority. Decisions regarding being fined are theirs. This is not the only situation when you may be subject to a fine.

When a child doesn't turn up to school, and we have not been given a reason, your child's attendance will be marked as unauthorised. Five such days must also be reported to the Local Authority.

There are times when we suspect you and your child may have gone on holiday despite receiving an early morning call to school informing us that your child is sick. If we doubt your reason, in the interests of safeguarding, we will conduct a home visit to support our judgement. If I believe you to be away, although you have reported your child to be sick, I will record this as unauthorised absence with my reasons.

All schools have an attendance target of 96% and must act against families who are choosing not to attend school for various reasons.

I can assure you, I have heard lots of reasons for taking a holiday in term time or keeping a child off school. I may even write a book on it in my retirement. My answer will always be the same whatever reason you give.

Miss Deakin.



Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year! Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning.

### Term Time Holidays

Your children are only required to attend school for 190 days each year. This leaves 175 days for family activities, including taking them on holiday. Please book your holidays during these 175 days. If you do take your child on holiday during term time, it will not be an authorised absence and you may be at risk of receiving a Penalty Notice from the Local Authority.

### Illness

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However, it is important to inform the school office first thing in the morning on the first day of absence either by phone, or in person. As part of our safeguarding arrangements, we must locate every child, every day.

In the last newsletter I promised to send some ideas about everyday maths you can do with your children at home. It is vital that children realise that we all use maths every single day, so it is not just seen as something which is confined to the classroom!



### **Maths in the Kitchen**

Having your child help you in the kitchen not only offers the benefit of an extra pair of hands but also involves maths. Younger children can count out the place settings and cutlery and share servings of food. Older children can get involved with recipes: measuring ingredients, scaling a recipe up or down, convert between metric and imperial units and even create a meal planner!

### **Tidying their Room**

Setting timers for packing toys away or other daily household chores will really help children grasp the concept of time. As children get older, maybe introduce an analogue clock in to their bedroom, and ask them to complete activities by set times using the clock to guide them. Using a timer or the clock is also a good way to monitor screen time.

### **Maths in the Supermarket**

Food shopping provides wonderful opportunities to, among other things, practise estimating cost, creating and sticking to a budget and using the scale to weigh fruit and vegetables. Supermarkets also provide opportunities to practise fractions and percentages for the various offers. Ask your child – which is the best deal here?

### **Games and Songs**

Whether you're singing '5 little speckled Frogs', or playing a dice game, there is lots of hidden maths in everyday songs and games.

### **In the Street**

As the weekends get warmer and you take more walks, look at where you see maths in the world. This could be the bus numbers and timetables; doors on your street counting up in 2's; and number plates. Even maths in the natural world – what does your child notice about the rings on a tree trunk or the spots on a ladybird? They can compare sizes, shapes and patterns everywhere!



### **Litter Picking In Croyland Park**

As part of P.S.H.E., Yr 5 took part in a litter pick of Croyland Park. Dean from Wellingborough Norse came along and helped us.

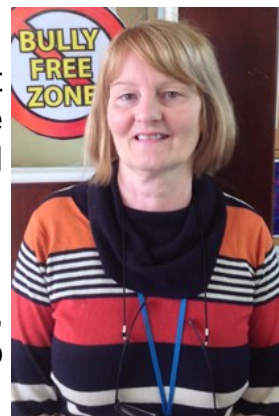
Mackenzie 5LD said " I really enjoyed the litter pick. The best thing was finding unusual things that didn't belong in a park."

## ***My name is Mrs Sawford.***

I am the Lead Practitioner for Behaviour Support, and your first port of call for any bullying issues that may arise. I help to guide the Young Persons Safety Committee with their fundraising and planning of events.

I am based in The Hub by the Library in school.

I am part of the behaviour team, supporting children and staff, and enabling a positive and focused learning environment. I also teach P.S.H.E. weekly to Years 2 to 6.



## ***My name is Mrs Baillie.***

I am the Lead Practitioner for Pastoral Support. The Pastoral team consists of myself and two Pastoral Support Facilitators and we provide support for children's personal, social and emotional well-being.

Support offered ranges from someone for your child to talk to about any worries they may have to a more structured programme.

You are welcome to pop in and see me or telephone me if you have any concerns about your child in these areas. I can also offer support and advice to parents. My room is located in the corridor close to the main reception area.



## **Fundraising!**

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts this year!

We have donated nearly £100 to the Poppy Appeal.

The Easter Egg Raffle raised £85.55 towards the new Trim Trail Equipment.

On Daldy Day we raised over £200 for Ronald MacDonald House, a charity which helps families stay together whilst children are in hospital away from home.



## **OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB—PRICE INCREASE**

Please note, breakfast and afterschool club prices have increased from 16th April 2018.

Breakfast Club is now £4.00 per session and Afterschool Club is now £7.00 per session



### Mrs Collins' May Maths Challenge: 12 to 15

Can you put the numbers 1 – 8 in each of the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?

	12	

	13	

	14	

	15	

Did you enjoy this? Have a look at [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) for more fun maths games! The link to this is on the Croyland website under Learning Zone Mathematics.

## Diary Dates:



Monday 7th May	MAY DAY – School Closure
Friday 11th May	YrR to West Lodge Farm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Ilam Hall Residential—Year 3/4
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr1 visit to Rockingham Castle
Tuesday 22nd May	Year 5 Production Dress rehearsal 2pm
Wednesday 23rd May	Year 5 Production Performance 2pm and 6pm
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>END OF TERM 5 FOR CHILDREN</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Training Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>START OF TERM 6 FOR CHILDREN</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June- 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingswood Residential—Year 5 / 6
Friday 29th June	Year 5 to Food and Farming Expo
Monday 2nd July	Transfer Day
Tuesday 3rd July	Transfer Day
Thursday 5th July	Sports Day- KS1 am and KS2 am Weather Permitting
Friday 20th July	<b>END OF TERM 6 FOR CHILDREN AND STAFF</b>