

Croyland Primary School Shout Out!



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Welcome old and new parents to the first “newsletter” of the academic year 2017-2018 and with a new year, a new name. I have replaced “newsletter” with “shout out”. I hope you all feel that it suits the information that we share with you .

Skip 2Bfit started the year off with the positive message of healthy bodies, healthy minds and active competition. All teacher have a skipping rope too and we skip after school and compare our scores! Mrs Wildman will be monitoring the impact of skipping and individual improvements on a monthly basis. I know some of you have ordered skipping ropes to enjoy at home. If you have missed this and are thinking of Christmas, they can be bought at <http://skip2bfit.com/shop/skipping-ropes>.

During the holidays our roof was covered with Solar Panels and we are now making electricity, saving trees being cut down, reducing the impact of pollution to the environment and saving money of our electricity bill. If this is something you are interested in, there is a screen outside my office displaying our production figures. It is fascinating watching our generation on a sunny day.

If any of you have rang the school office since September, you may have heard two new voices. The school secretary is now Mrs Thacker and our second school receptionist is Mrs Wakefield. They are both happy to help you with you queries. They are learning school systems fast but please bear with them if they need to put you on hold to check something.

I am not sure if you are aware, but within the school, we have different teams that support children in the development and vulnerabilities. Mrs Sawford leads the “Behaviour Team”. Their focus is upon supporting children, who for whatever reason, are feeling uncontained. If you believe your child is also unhappy due to the behaviours of another child, Mrs Sawford and her team (Mrs Wildman and Miss Flack) will actively respond. If you call the school office and request that one of the team call you, one of them will return your call by the end of the day. Alternatively, drop into the Hub at the beginning and end of the day and they will see you.

The second team that has grown within the school is our pastoral team, led by Mrs Baillie and includes Mrs Crawford and Mrs Dolphin. If you have worries about your child that are not academic, please do not hesitate to call the team, or again drop in to see them.

As always, I try to see you on the playground in the morning and I am happy for messages to be dropped off to me that I can sort once in school. Happy October!!

Miss Deakin!

A Safety Message from Croyland Nursery

Please ensure at the beginning and end of the day, your child stays on the school paths to leave the playground. A number of children have been observed walking without obvious supervision across car parks. It is a busy time of the day; please remind your child of road safety when everyone is rushing around.

HARVEY ROAD: Consideration to our neighbours

A continual source of worry to me is the relationship that the school has with the residents of Harvey Road. Twice now, the gate padlock has been glued to prevent entry. This vandalism incurs additional school costs and due to safety risks, the incidents have been reported to the police. That these actions have been taken are very upsetting but also are the phone calls I receive from the residents informing me of cars parking over drives and, abusive responses from parents and family members dropping off and picking up from school. These behaviours are significantly impacting upon the relationship of the school in the community. All residents have been told to report number plates and car details to the police, following behaviour that is disrespectful and unpleasant and I whole heartedly support this. If a member of school staff observes such behaviour, our instruction is the same. This is not how we teach our children to be once they are through the doors of the school.

I would like to thank those parents who responded politely to the residents requests and are doing their utmost to show that disrespectful behaviour is not typical of the majority of parents in our school.

A launch day to beat all others:

Written by Lily Rose Philpott and Olivia Steadman in Year 4 Lily was Slytherin and Olivia was Hufflepuff.

Our favourites foods were owl poo and edible broomsticks. As soon as we walked into the hall, we saw the sorting hat. There was magical music that filled the hall. There were lots of different foods from Harry Potter . Our feast involved poly juice potions, pumpkin pies, Bertie Botts Beans and lots more. The sorting hat shouted out what house we were in in and we were all dressed up as wizards and witches.



Home Alone? Your Guide to keeping your child safe

As a parent, caring for your child is your number one priority. But sometimes you might have to spend time away from your child, whether it's to go to work, go out for the evening or just to nip to the shops.

There is no legally set age at which it's OK to leave your child at home alone. It depends on whether yours is mature enough to cope in an emergency and feels happy about being left alone. Children mature at different ages and every child is an individual.

Your children rely on you to protect them and you are responsible for making sure they are happy and well looked after in your absence.

So, how can you tell if your child is mature enough? Is it ever safe to leave your young child alone? What are the dangers and risks of leaving your child alone at home?

We've collected the best advice from professionals, as well as some top tips from parents, to help you decide whether to leave your child at home alone and what you need to do if you are not there.

Remember :

- * Never leave your baby or young child at home alone, not even for a few minutes, regardless of whether they are sleeping or awake. The risks and dangers are too great.
- * If your child is under 12, they may not be mature enough to cope in an emergency. They should not be left alone for more than a very short time. And remember to put all obvious dangers out of reach before you go, such as medication, matches and sharp objects.
- * Even when leaving older children alone, make sure that they are happy with the arrangement and that they know how to contact the emergency services. Keep your mobile phone with you and make sure they know your number so they can call you if needed.
- * If your child is under the age of 16 they shouldn't be left alone overnight.
- * Teach your child about what to do if there's a problem. Leave a list of people you trust that they could go to or could telephone, such as a neighbour or close relative.

Mrs Collins' October Maths Challenge: 100 Square patterns

Look at the shaded square in this 100 square.

Add the numbers in the opposite corners.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

$$15 + 35 =$$

$$15 + 33 =$$

Double the middle.

$$\text{Double } 24 =$$

What do you notice?

Shade another 3 x 3 square, and do the same. What do you notice?

Investigate with 5 x 5 and 7 x 7 shaded squares, what do you notice?

Investigate with 4 x 4 and 6 x 6 shaded squares, what do you notice?

Did you enjoy this? Have a look at www.multiplication.com for more fun maths games!

The link to this is on the Croyland website under Learning Zone—Mathematics.

Year 6 Secondary School information.

Information from all the various Secondary schools can be viewed on the school website under Essentials, Admissions Year 6 information 2017. Will be constantly updated as we receive it.

New Arrangements for ordering school uniform

If you child needs new uniform, it can now be ordered on line

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/croylandprimaryschoolnn82ax>

Or alternatively you can telephone you order through on 01923 255 525.

It is really easy and uniform can be delivered to your home address (minimum order applies) or alternatively to the school address at no extra charge. Please note, that we will no longer be keeping a large quantity of uniform in stock.

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Diary Dates:

Thursday 12th October—Year 4 trip to Harry Potter studios

Thursday 19th October— Year 6 Trip to London

Friday 20th October— End of Term 1

Tuesday 31st October—Start of Term 2

Wednesday 1st November—School Nurses flu vaccine

Reception to Year 4

Friday 3rd November— Tempest Photographer in School

Wednesday 15th November— School Open Day

Wednesday 20th December—End of Term 2

