

Croyland Primary School Shout Out!



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Remember, Remember - no, not the 5th of November, but that it is school photo day on Friday 3rd November. This is Mrs Thacker's first year of school photos and she has a tight schedule to ensure that 420 photos - plus siblings, plus pre-school age children are all catered for.

Photo morning begins at 8.15 am for pre-school sibling photos. Please go straight to the external hall door and you will be let in. I am going to hide in my office until it is over !!!

Welcome to November and Autumn Term 2. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. Yesterday started with lots of super launches to this term's topic. When you ask your child about their school day, please don't believe them when they say they did nothing. It is not true in the slightest. Teachers share their schools days on Twitter so please have a look at it. KS2 has 149 followers and KS1, 119. I have 420 children in the school - the numbers don't add up! Foundation Stage have their own Facebook page again. Please share in our learning.

Please can I just ask you to make sure that your child's winter coat, jumpers and gloves are named. It makes reunification far easier. All lost property is kept in the disabled toilet at the entrance of the school. It doesn't generally get there, if it has a name in it. Miss Deakin

Harry Potter Trip

On Thursday 12th October, Year 4 went to the Harry Potter Studios, as the 'Landing' of our Harry Potter topic. We travelled there on a coach. To keep ourselves entertained on the coach, we had a big sing; it was like a moving singing assembly. When we got there we had to wait in a very long queue! After that we entered a room full of screens, and listened to facts from the people who had created the films. Next, we went into a cinema room. Mrs Wright got to open the Great Hall doors, she was over the moon.

Some of our favourite parts of the day were:

- * Seeing Aragog (the enormous spider), and Buckbeak (the hippogriff) in the Forbidden Forest
- * Using the trolleys on Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$
- * The gift shop
- * Riding on a broomstick
- * Duelling with the Death Eaters
- * Visiting Diagon Alley
- * The Green Screen Hogwarts Express experience
- * Privet Drive
- * The Knight Bus
- * Dumbledore's Office



Year 4 had so much fun, and were disappointed when it was time to go home. We would recommend it as a place to visit.

Class 4SW

10 Tips for Helping Your Child Fall Asleep

Be on your way to sleep-filled nights with these pointers compiled from doctors, sleep experts, and researchers at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

1. Avoid feeding your child big meals close to bedtime, and don't give her anything containing caffeine less than six hours before bedtime.
2. After dinner, avoid all stimulating activities.
3. Warn your child that bedtime is in five minutes, or give him a choice -- "Do you want to go to bed now or in five minutes?" -- but do this only once.
4. Establish a consistent and relaxing bedtime routine that lasts between 20 and 30 minutes and ends in your child's bedroom. Avoid scary stories or TV shows. It's better to read a favourite book every night than a new one because it's familiar.
5. Avoid singing or rocking your child to sleep, because if she wakes in the middle of the night she may need you to sing or rock her back to sleep -- a condition known as sleep-onset association disorder. (If you have already been doing this, try to phase this behaviour out gradually.) Instead, have her get used to falling asleep with a transitional object, like a favourite blanket or stuffed animal.
6. Make sure your child is comfortable. Clothes and blankets should not restrict movement, and the bedroom temperature shouldn't be too warm or too cold.
7. If your child calls for you after you've left his room, wait a few moments before responding. This will remind him that he should be asleep, and it'll give him the chance to soothe himself and even fall back asleep while he is waiting for you.
8. If your child comes out of her room after you've put her to bed, walk her back and gently but firmly remind her that it's bedtime.
9. Give your child tools to overcome his worries. These can include a flashlight, a spray bottle filled with "monster spray," or a large stuffed animal to "protect" him.
10. Set up a reward system. Each night your child goes to bed on time and stays there all night, she gets a star. After three stars, give her a prize.

New Arrangements for ordering school uniform

If you child needs new uniform, it can now be ordered on line, or alternatively, you can telephone you order to MAPAC 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.

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



There is no denying it, children love YouTube. They can spend hours searching and watching their favourite videos, learning new stuff or creating their own videos and uploading them to share with family and friends.

Unfortunately not everything on YouTube is child friendly and they can come across some very inappropriate stuff like; violence, sexual videos, bad language and even bullying and trolls.

Tips for safe use:

- ♦ Consider using a family google account for YouTube.
- ♦ Sit with your children and watch with them. If you are happy with content allow them to subscribe to the channel.
- ♦ Ensure that videos created by your children are on the family account and are set to 'private' or 'unlisted'.
- ♦ Disable comments any uploaded videos, to stop any inappropriate comments being made.

Lastly don't forget that YouTube's terms and conditions mean that the site should not be used by anyone under 13 years of age. If your children are under 13 years of age then YouTube has created an App available on Google Play and Apple's App store especially for them called 'YouTube for Kids'.

YouTube for kids was created especially for children under 13 years of age, using stronger filtering algorithms to keep kids safe. Remember though nothing is 100% safe so maintain an interest in what they are doing and keep having those important safety chats.

The Teaching of Reading



There are two main elements to the teaching of reading, word recognition and comprehension. Word recognition relies on us recognising common words by sight and using our knowledge of sounds (phonics) to help sound out unfamiliar words. The more confident children are at word recognition, the better their fluency will become. Fluency is defined as the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to *read fluently* whether they are reading aloud or silently. In addition to this, comprehension is the reason for reading. If readers can read the words but do not understand or connect to what they are reading, they are not really reading. Good readers are both purposeful and active, and have the skills to absorb what they read, analyse it, make sense of it, and make it their own.

In order for children to build on the reading skills taught at school and develop their enthusiasm for reading for pleasure it is expected that children read a minimum of 4 times a week at home. This should be recorded in their Reading Journals. A reading task related to their individual book will also be set weekly and should be completed at home in their Reading Journals.

Remember that the most important part of reading is to develop a love of literature and foster a desire to read for pleasure. Check out our website for some top tips on helping your child to read.

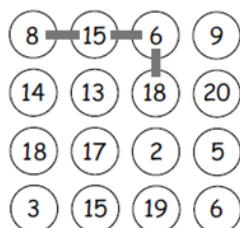
Mrs Collins' October Maths Challenge: Joins

Join any four numbers.

Find their total.

Joins can go up, down or sideways, but not diagonally.

The score shown is $8 + 15 + 6 + 18 = 47$.



Find the highest possible score.

Find the lowest possible score.

Try joining five numbers.

Now try joining five numbers using only diagonal joins.

Special Menu Day – Monday 6th November

We have arranged a Special Menu to celebrate Bonfire Night!

Sausage in a roll or vegetarian sausage - served with jacket potato wedges and baked beans.

Selection of cookies for dessert.

Don't forget to book on Parent Pay!



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.

Diary Dates:



Friday 3 rd November	School Photographs (pre- school children from 8:15)
Friday 10 th November	World Science Day
Friday 10 th November	Wembley Trip – England v Germany
13 th - 17 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Wednesday 15 th November	School Open Day
Friday 17 th November	Crazy Hair Day
21 st - 29 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 22 nd November	Parent's Evening
Thursday 23 rd November	Parent's Evening
Monday 27 th November	Duxford Trip – Yr5
Wednesday 6 th December	KS1 Production Performance 9.30 am and 6pm
Thursday 7 th December	Xmas Lunch
Monday 11 th December	Holiday Jumper Day (Fund Raising for Macmillan)
Wednesday 13 th December	Foundation Stage Production Performance
Monday 18 th December	Party Day KS1 and KS2 pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Yr 5/6 Christmas Quiz
Wednesday 20 th December	END OF TERM
Wednesday 3rd January	START OF TERM
Sunday 15 th January	Closing date for Primary School Place applications