

# CROSSACRES NEWSLETTER

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Parents Evening** – We will be holding Parent's Evening on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** and **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

**School Photographs** – School photographs will be taken on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October** and **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**.

## ASSEMBLIES

We are happy to be having assemblies again and through the Autumn we will be learning about different religious festivals. We have already looked at the Jewish festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot. This Wednesday we had an introductory assembly to Black History Month, where the achievements and contributions of Black History were celebrated. Next week children will continue with this work in class by learning about significant individuals and their impact in the world.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

We are happy to welcome Pony Club back to Crossacres and the start of all our after school curricular clubs on the week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. All children should have brought letters home about how to register for the different clubs.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Also, on week beginning **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October** we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. This year we are asking for tinned and non-perishable food donations that will be donated to our local food bank which has been invaluable to our community during the pandemic.



## SPONSERED NURSERY RHYME CHALLENGE

Look out for further information about the 'Sponsored Nursery Rhyme Challenge'. Nursery and Reception children will be learning, off by heart, a number of familiar Nursery Rhymes to raise money for school funds. Nursery rhymes are so important for our young children because they help children develop an ear for our language. Both rhythm and rhyme help children hear sounds and syllables in words, which helps children learn to read.



## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our school council members have been voted for by their fellow pupils for the academic year. The members will attend meetings and vote on issues in school and developments to improve life in school for our pupils. You will see our council members around school wearing the purple jumpers.

## **YOUNG CARERS**

At Crossacres Primary Academy we are dedicated to making sure all our pupils reach their full potential. However we are aware some of our pupils take on caring duties at home from a very young age for other family members above and beyond what may be expected for a child of their age. The child, up to the age of 18 may be a 'Young Carer' if they regularly look after a family member who has an illness, disability, mental illness or addiction. This person may be a sibling, a parent or a member of their extended family. The types of caring tasks undertaken by a young carer can vary but may involve some of the following:

- Practical tasks (cooking, housework and shopping)
- Managing the family budget, collecting benefits and prescriptions
- Managing and administering medication
- Looking after or 'parenting' a sibling with medical needs
- Helping someone communicate whether that is due to a hearing impairment or because English is not the family's first language
- Providing emotional support for other family members

Pupils benefit from knowing there is someone to talk to when they need to and that school understand the additional responsibilities they take on. If you think your child is a 'Young carer' and they would benefit from support, please do let us know by telephoning the school office on 437 1272 and asking for Mr Campbell who is the operational member of staff with responsibility for our 'Young Carers', or email him at [campbell.j@crossacres.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:campbell.j@crossacres.manchester.sch.uk). We will do our very best to put support in place to meet each child's differing needs. Also, if eligible, support can be provided to the child through a Young Carers organisation.

For further information please see the websites below:

<https://carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers>

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/youngcarer/home>

## **BICYCLES**

If your child brings a cycle to school please ensure that this is locked up securely during the day as the school has no liability for loss/damage.

