Crossley Fields
Junior & Infant School

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, and your children have had a fantastic first full week back at school. It has been lovely to see our new children settle in so quickly and a very warm welcome to all of our new parents across school too! We are delighted to welcome Miss Hussain to our teaching team in Year 5 also.

Belonging

We have started the new school year with our whole school topic on the theme of 'belonging'. Children have been learning what it means to 'belong', where they belong and how they might show they belong to different groups. Each class has created a class flag, with a special celebration assembly this morning to share them. We have made a really positive start to an exciting term ahead, and year of learning!

Attendance

Attendance continues to remain a school and national priority. Last year our whole school attendance ended at 94.1% which continues to be below the national average of 94.7% and the government target of at least 95%. As such, attendance and punctuality continue to be one of our school priorities to improve. Last year we introduced a new attendance game, 'Classopoly' which proved to be very popular with children, particularly when their class made it all the way round the board and were rewarded with £20 to spend in class!

Feedback from children and parents was that our 'Attendance Challenge' weeks also motivated children to come to school, particularly if they were feeling a little tired! Both of these attendance incentives will return this year!

We also need your help though in getting your child to school on time, every day so they get the most out of lessons. Often children who wake up feeling a little under the weather start to feel better once they get into school and get busy with their friends. If this isn't the case, we will get in touch.

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Allergies in school

You may have seen in the press and on social media, the Government have legislated for schools to improve allergy safety for pupils. Having reviewed the guidance, we are confident that a lot of the requirements are already firmly in place in our school as part of our comprehensive allergy safety management. One area we would like to ask for parental support with is for birthday 'treats' not to be sent into school to share with the class please. As well as keeping children with allergies safe, we hope it makes your life a little bit easier too!

Term dates and dates for your diary for the Autumn Term:

A full list of term dates for this academic year can be found on the school website https://www.crossleyfields.com/Term-Dates/

*Please be aware that May half term 2027 is later this year for all schools in Kirklees who are maintained by the Local Authority.

Date	**Event**
Wednesday 14th October & Thursday 15th October	Parent's Evening
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd November	School opens for pupils
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays

Our whole school visits, visitors and Crossley Fields Family calendar will be sent out shortly.

Finally, on a personal note I would like to say thank you to those of you who have asked how my first few weeks as sole Headteacher of Crossley Fields has been. Whilst it has been no less busy without Mrs Shepherd, my office has been a little bit quieter! Mrs Shepherd is very much enjoying getting to know her new school and families.

With my very best wishes

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