



# CROFTON NEWS - JUNE 2023

## VIEW FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

First of all, I would like to congratulate all our Year 6 pupils for the exemplary manner in which they approached and completed their SATs this year. Taking exams is always a stressful experience and we know that some children cope with the situation relatively easily, whereas some children find it a difficult time. I was delighted when Mr Birdsall informed the governing body that none of the children were upset and, even though they were nervous, all were able to focus and try their very best as they have done all year.

School will receive the children's test results on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July and submit their teacher assessed writing results on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. I wish everyone the very best of luck and hope they have all achieved their full potential. Please do remember, however, even though SATs results are an important marker, they only indicate a child's attainment at a given point in time, they do not determine what a child is capable of going on to achieve when taking their GCSEs, A-Levels or any future qualifications. They are also not a measure of how kind the children are, what good friends they are, how they work together, help each other and communicate with each other, how they approach tasks in a positive manner and want to do and be the very best they can be. All these I am sure you will agree are qualities that everyone values!

The school has organised a great many wonderful end of year activities for the children to participate in and enjoy, which will provide you all as parents/carers with life-long memories. Events such as sports day, the summer concert as well as a number of educational visits and visitors. I hope these will provide everyone with a positive end to the school year.

The school is also making plans for September with the employment of a new teacher, Miss Peel, to replace Miss Evans, who will be joining another school within the Wakefield District. I would like to thank Miss Evans on behalf of everyone for all her hard work and professionalism in the time she has been at Crofton Junior School. We wish her every success in the future.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Stephanie Borman  
Chair of Governors



## 2023 24 ACADEMIC YEAR CLASS ORGANISATION

The class organisation from September will be:

- Year 3 Elf Owl Class – Mrs Scott
- Year 3 Snowy Owl Class – Miss Peel
- Year 4 Spotted Owl Class (formerly Elf Owl Class) – Mrs Henwood Mon-Wed & Miss Walker Thurs-Fri
- Year 4 Sooty Owl Class (formerly Snowy Owl Class) – Mrs Vickers Mon-Wed & Mrs Webster Thurs-Fri
- Year 5 Barn Owl Class – (formerly Sooty Owl Class) Mrs Mondal Mon-Tues & Mrs Mitchell Wed-Fri
- Year 5 Tawny Owl Class (formerly Spotted Owl Class) – Miss Alexander
- Year 6 Eagle Owl Class (formerly Barn Owl Class) – Mrs Pountney
- Year 6 Hawk Owl Class – (formerly Tawny Owl Class) Miss Powell

We have arranged for transition days to take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## BEHAVIOUR

It is with great sadness that I am including on this newsletter the fact that we have had two racial incidents in school recently. We have always prided ourselves on being a very inclusive school, where everyone is treated equally. This is a message that all staff have shared on a very regular basis. The school logo, Nurture, Respect, Inspire we believe epitomises this.

Due to the nature of the incident, there were severe consequences for the children involved, including a fixed-term exclusion and it being reported to the Police, which is part of the procedures that all schools have to follow. The consequences are a clear message to all children that this type of incident will not be tolerated, and for the victims and their families, that they will be fully supported.

I appreciate that these are very isolated incidents, but please do take the time to speak to your child so that they are fully aware what is and isn't acceptable language and the impact that this type of language can and does have. It is only by working together and educating our young people that we can eradicate this type of incident.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



## CLIMATE CHANGE WALK

I am delighted to say that the school will be joining numerous other schools in Wakefield in taking part in a climate change awareness walk, with the aim of gaining enough people to sign a petition so that parliament discusses the issue of schools being funded to become zero carbon by 2030. The event begins in the Minsthorpe area of the district on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, with the schools taking part passing a climate change symbol and save the world banner as they reach the next school. This will be reported on by Look North.

Our school councillors will be given the opportunity to take part on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June (Day 9) by taking the relay baton and banner to Sharlston Community School. We are due to receive the baton and banner from Shay Lane Primary School at 9:45am and deliver them to Sharlston at 10:20am.

As part of the event, we will deliver an assembly for all children so they are fully aware of the issue. They can then have a discussion with you as parents/carers about it, with the intention that you can make an informed decision if you wish to sign the petition or not. The email address for the petition is:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/636081>

In line with all petitions of this nature, at 10,000 signatures government will respond and at 100,000 signatures the petition will be considered for debate in Parliament.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL KITCHEN

The Dolce staff have informed the school that there are a number of school meals being pre-ordered on the School Grid system but then not being eaten because pupils have then brought a packed lunch. Therefore, in order to avoid unnecessary cost and waste, please can we remind you to cancel pre-ordered meals if you subsequently decide to provide your child with a packed lunch.

Also, please can we ask that if you are choosing dinners at home, please involve your child in the decision, as some are not liking the chosen food option when they get to the dining hall and are not wanting to eat their meal.

Finally, just a reminder that Dolce will now only allow a pupil's school meal account on the School Grid system to fall into debt by 3 meals (£7.62) instead of the previous 5 meals (£12.00). Once the limit has been reached, no further meals can be provided in school until the balance is paid and your child will need to be provided with a packed lunch from home. Therefore, to assist the office staff with requests for payment, please

can we ask that you ensure your child's School Grid account has sufficient funds and does not exceed the 3-meal limit.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please contact the Dolce Customer Care team on 01942 707709.

## PARKING

Parking is an ongoing issue for most schools and definitely in Crofton given the close proximity of the three schools. We have had an incident recently where a member of staff was hit by a car wing mirror. The car was parked on the pavement on the zig zag area outside school and hit the member of staff as it began to pull away following dropping a child off.

For safety reasons, please can you make sure that you park away from the zig zags outside of school and on the road only.

## ATTENDANCE

I am delighted to say that the overall school attendance continues to remain in the green category at 95.24% and therefore children have the best chance of achieving success.

I am also pleased to report that the number of pupils who are classed as being persistently absent (below 90%) has again reduced and is now 22 pupils (9.8%).

<b>Outstanding attendance</b> Blue: 98%-100%	<b>The best chance of success.</b>
<b>Good attendance</b> Green: 95% – 97.9%	
<b>Worrying attendance</b> Amber: 90% - 94.9%	<b>Less chance of success because of periods of lost learning time.</b> <b>Makes it harder to progress well.</b>
<b>Serious Concerns attendance Red: below 90% about</b>	<b>Significant lost learning time.</b>



Individual class attendance currently is:

- Elf Owls – 94.85%
- Snowy Owls – 94.33%
- Sooty Owls – 96 %
- Spotted Owls – 95.46%
- Barn Owls – 95.22%
- Tawny Owls – 95.95%
- Eagle Owls – 95.39%
- Hawk Owls – 94.71%

We continue to implement our new reward system this term, with each class being awarded £5 towards an end of year treat if they are above our 96% target. This continues to be very popular with the children. Tawny Owls have earned the most money so far with £75.

## DIARY DATES

- Inset Day – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Return to school – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 6 Parents transition to secondary education meeting – 6:00pm Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Wear blue for Team Seas – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June \*This charity was chosen by the school council.
- Police discussion with Year 6 – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Climate Change Walk – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 5 Viking exhibition for parents/carers - 2:45pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Year 5/6 Netball tournament – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Sports Day – Years 3 & 4 AM and Years 5 & 6 PM Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Crofton Academy Spelling Bee for a team of Year 5 pupils – 4:00pm Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Leaders supporting Crofton Infants School Sports Day – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 4 visit to Flamborough – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June
- Summer concert – 6:00pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Crofton Academy Year 6 Transition Day – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July
- New class transition days – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July
- Crofton Academy Parents' Evening for parents of Year 6 pupils – 6:00pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July
- New to Year 3 Parents' Evening – 6:00pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 3 visit to Murton Park – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 5 visit to Murton Park – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 End of Year Performance – 3:30pm & 6:00pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

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- Year 6 reward bowling & food at Xscape – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July
  - End of Year Presentation Assembly – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July
  - Children break up for the summer – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July
  - Inset Day – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July
  - Inset Day - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September
  - Children return to school – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September
  - Further 2023 24 academic year Inset Days – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June & Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July
  - A date for Year 5 to visit a local Wakefield mosque is in the process of being confirmed

Please look out for further dates in the year.

Yours faithfully  
Mr P. Birdsall  
Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead