



CROFTON NEWS - NOVEMBER 2021

COVID-19

As a result of the news from the Local Authority, I am very disappointed to say that the following organisational measures will be re-introduced when the children return to school after the half term break:

- A class bubble system where children will only mix with their classmates.
- We will use 2-points of entry and exit point:
 - Eagle, Tawny, Spotted & Elf Owl classes will line up on the pavement outside the school drive gate. Parents are able to wait on the school driveway at the start and end of the school day.
 - Hawk, Barn, Sooty & Snowy Owl classes will use the main entrance and line up outside the normal side gate. Parents to drop-off at the school gate in the morning and wait on the front lawn at the end of the school day.
- A staggered start:
 - Year 6 Eagle & Year 6 Hawk – 8:30am
 - Year 5 Barn & Year 5 Tawny – 8:40am
 - Year 4 Sooty & Year 4 Spotted – 8:50am
 - Year 3 Elf & Year 3 Snowy – 9:00am

Please do not come to school before the start time of the year above to help us ensure that classes do not mix.

- A staggered break. Class bubbles will stay on their own playground with allocated staff and use their own equipment, which is to be kept in their class.
 - Year 6 Eagle & Year 6 Hawk – 10:00am
 - Year 5 Barn & Year 5 Tawny – 10:15am
 - Year 4 Sooty & Year 4 Spotted – 10:30am
 - Year 3 Elf & Year 3 Snowy – 10:45am
- A staggered lunch; a full menu will remain available:
 - Year 6 Eagle & Year 6 Hawk – 11:30-12:30
 - Year 5 Barn & Year 5 Tawny – 11:50-12:50
 - Year 4 Sooty & Year 4 Spotted 12:10-1:10
 - Year 3 Elf & Year 3 Snowy – 12:30-1:30
- A staggered end of the school day:
 - Year 6 Eagle & Year 6 Hawk – 3:00pm
 - Year 5 Barn & Year 5 Tawny – 3:10pm
 - Year 4 Sooty & Year 4 Spotted – 3:20pm
 - Year 3 Elf & Year 3 Snowy – 3:30pm
- After-school clubs will be postponed until after Christmas. Those parents who have already paid for clubs currently taking place are eligible for a refund or can roll the money over to when clubs begin again after Christmas.
- Inspire sessions will be postponed until after Christmas. Please see the re-arranged dates below.

- Planned school visits will only be able to go ahead if we can guarantee that children from different classes do not mix at any point.
- We will restrict visitors coming to school.
- All adults will wear face coverings in communal areas within school unless they are exempt.
- Social distancing measures will be implemented in school.
- We will once again offer the facility for siblings from different year groups to come to school and be collected at the same time due to the staggered school day. The younger sibling waiting in the hall in the morning until it is time to go to class and the older sibling waiting at the end of the school day. These children will use the main school entrance. Please let the school office know if you wish to make use of this facility.

SCHOOL SENIOR CARETAKER ROLE

We are all very sad that Mr Candlin will be leaving his role with school this month; I would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication in the time I have been Headteacher. As a result, we have advertised for a Senior Caretaker to work with school 20 hours per week 7:00-9:00am and 4:00-6:00pm Monday-Friday. The closing date for applications is Monday 15th November. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please contact the school office.

DIARY DATES

- TTRockstars Rock Wrangle (Get your rock outfits ready!) – Friday 22nd October
- Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th October
- Parents' Evening – Monday 1st – Friday 5th November * Parents to choose a timeslot between 3:00pm – 6:00pm on an allocated day, which is to be confirmed.
- Year 4 visit to the National Coal Mining Museum – Friday 5th November
- Orienteering day at Walton Colliery Country Park – Monday 8th November
- Year 3 Pedestrian Safety session – Tuesday 9th November
- Year 4 In Car Safety session – Wednesday 17th November
- Year 5 Cycle Safety session – Wednesday 24th November
- Flu Immunisations (all pupils) – Thursday 25th November
- Year 6 virtual author session – Friday 3rd December
- Christmas Concert – 6:30pm Wednesday 8th December
- Pantomime Visits – Years 3 & 4 Monday 13th & Years 5 & 6 Tuesday 14th December
- Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day – Wednesday 15th December
- Christmas party day – Thursday 16th December
- Inset Day Friday 17th December
- Christmas break – Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January
- Parents' Evening Week – Monday 10th-Thursday 13th January * Parents to choose a timeslot between 3:00pm – 6:00pm on allocated days, which are to be confirmed.
- **Barn Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 19th January**
- **Spotted Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 2nd February**
- Year 5 Bikeability - Monday 7th-Wednesday 16th February
- **Elf Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 9th February**
- **Snowy Owls' Inspire – Wednesday 16th February**

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- Half term – Monday 21st – Friday 25th February
 - Planetarium day – Tuesday 8th March
 - Comic Relief Day – Friday 18th March
 - Easter break – Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April
 - May Day – Monday 2nd May
 - Year 6 SATs Week – Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May
 - Year 6 visit to Robinwood – Wednesday 18th – Friday 20th May
 - Inset Day – Friday 27th May
 - Half term – Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
 - Sports Day – Monday 20th June (Years 3&4 AM and Years 5&6 PM)
 - Summer break – Friday 22nd July
 - Inset Day – Monday 25th July

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Birdsall

Headteacher & Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead