



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

The children have had a busy second half of the term. We have enjoyed celebrating many different festivals such as Halloween, Diwali, Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. Some of the Children went to the memorial to lay a wreath which we had made, the children were very well behaved.



The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Basil and Crew along with Father Christmas. It was a very magical experience they all did so well and told him what they would like for Christmas. Paw patrol was a popular choice.



Staff

After many years at Crawshay Karen has decided to leave at the end of this term. We would like to Thank Karen for all her hard work in the many roles which she has taken on during her time at Crawshay. Most recently for stepping up as acting manager during the challenging times of COVID. Helen will now be taking over Karen's role as administrator

Packed Lunches

At Crawshay we like to encourage healthy packed lunches, we have noticed that some of the children are bringing in items such as sweets and chocolate bars a small chocolate coated biscuit such as a penguin is fine to have as a treat. Avoid giving crisps and other processed snacks everyday as these contain high levels of salt which are not a good healthy option. For ideas of healthy lunch box options please visit [Lunchbox Ideas | Recipes | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Can I also remind you we are a nut free zone so please avoid sending food with nuts into preschool and please check the ingredients of any food which you are putting in your child's lunch box. Can we please ask that grapes are cut in half length ways to avoid a choking hazard. All children should have a NAMED water bottle to have throughout the day.

Clothing

With the weather becoming a lot colder during January can we ask that you put an extra layer on the children when getting dressed in the morning or send in a jumper. With having to keep the door open to ventilate the room due to COVID it can get very cold and some of the children do complain about being cold. Can we ask

that all children have a warm coat, wellie boots and waterproof trousers. We are asking for waterproof trousers to keep the children warm and dry for those who enjoy spending lots of time outside in all weathers. We have also noticed that some children do not have enough spare clothes in their bags, please can you check your child's bag for wet or soiled clothing. If your child borrows clothing from preschool, can we ask that it is washed and returned. A letter was sent out this term asking for children to have suitable footwear and if they come to nursery in wellie boots, please can you provide a pair of shoes for health and safety reasons.

As we are encouraging all the children to become more independent in dressing themselves, when you are at home can you please try and encourage your children to have a go at putting on their coats and shoes on by themselves.

We will be sending all the children's belongings home including wellie boots for you to check that they still fit. Please can you name your children's wellie boots and water bottles so we can identify who they belong to.

QUEING

Please can we ask that at drop off and collection times all families que from the bottom of the ramp. I have had some complaints that some parents are pushing in front, by walking up the steps to the entrance of the preschool when other families have been queuing and waiting.

COVID-19

With the new variant of COVID spreading rapidly please can we be vigilant of the symptoms and if any children present with any symptoms, please can you do a lateral flow test and then if that is positive, please book a PCR test. From Tuesday 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 is being introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating to help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce transmission.

If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19.

Anyone over the age of 18 years and 6 months who is not vaccinated, must isolate in line with government guidelines if they are a close contact of a positive case.

If any of the children contract COVID within 48hrs from last being in preschool on either Wednesday or Thursday, please send an email to info@crawshaypreschool.com so I can inform those who have been a close contact.

I will send an email out before the start of term to update you on any guidelines or updates so please check your emails.

School Admissions

Don't forget to apply for your child's school place by the 15th of January 2022 If anyone needs any help, please ask a member of staff or contact the school Admissions team at Brighter futures for children on 01189373777

Christmas Party

The children had a great time yesterday at the Christmas party. We played lots of lovely games and did lots of dancing. We were so proud of their beautiful singing at the end. The video will be posted to your child's tapestry account and photographs have been added to The Crawshay Parents Facebook page.



Diary Dates

10TH January 2022- Start of Term

15th January 2022-Deadline online school Admissions

Thank you for all our lovely gifts and chocolates which you have kindly brought for us.

We would like to Wish you all a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Shelley & The Crawshay Team