



Crakehall CE Primary School
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Dear Parents,

Re: Welcome back!

I am writing to wish you all a very warm welcome to the new school year. I hope you have all had a good summer and I can't wait to hear about what your children have been up to over the next week or so. We are all looking forward to a wonderful 1st term together.

A welcome to our new starters:

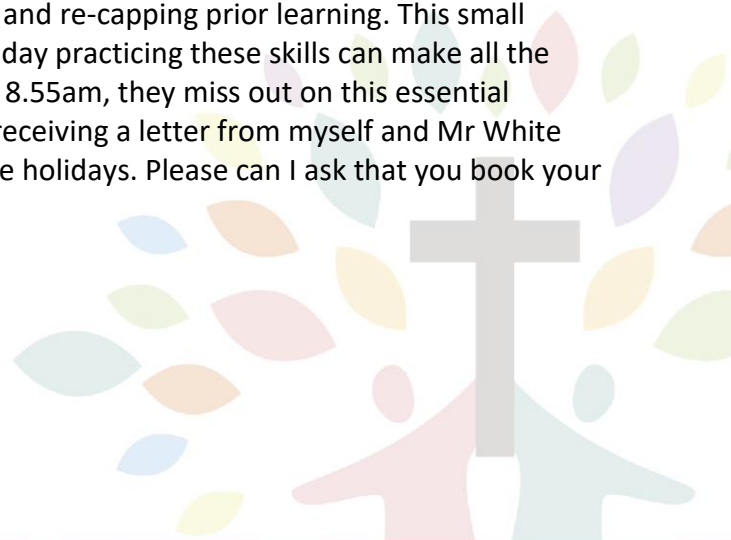
I would like to send a huge Crakehall welcome to our new children and families - welcome to our school and federation, we promise to do the best we can for your child. Thank you for choosing Crakehall for your child's primary education, we understand the important job we have to do. If you have any questions or would like any help/support with anything moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact us. I would also like to welcome Mr. Langley (class 4 teacher), Mrs Hunter (class 1 teacher – job share) and Miss Smith (a CACHE student who will be based in class 3 on a Monday and Tuesday).

How to contact us if you need to:

You can contact the school office on 01677 422515 or send an email to Mrs Fryatt: admin@crakehall.online. There is always at least two members of staff on the gate every morning, if you have any quick queries, please just ask. If the teacher you wish to speak to is not available on the gate, please send a message to Mrs Fryatt who will inform your child's class teacher to contact you as soon as possible. Letters and club/main school information will continue to be sent via PING. If you are new to school and need help setting PING up, please just give us a ring or pop in and see us.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Please can I remind everybody that children can come in to school from 8:45am. Every day, between 8:45am and 9:05am we spend time practicing basic skills and re-capping prior learning. This small pocket of time adds up over the week and ten minutes a day practicing these skills can make all the difference to learning. If your child arrives regularly after 8.55am, they miss out on this essential learning and it can impact on their progress. You will be receiving a letter from myself and Mr White about the updates on attendance guidance and term time holidays. Please can I ask that you book your holidays during the school breaks.



Homework:

Homework is a great way for you to support and reinforce the learning that is taking place in class. Apart from reading, all homework will be online. Our programmes use AI so it's OK if children get the answers wrong, the programmes will adjust the questioning accordingly – if you help too much, the programmes will think the children understand and move them on. Please see the expectations for your child below:

EYFS:

Daily reading and phonics flash cards: After a few weeks of settling in, children will receive a reading book (this may initially just contain pictures) and a reading for pleasure book. Please spend a few minutes every day talking about the books with your child. Eventually, they will receive a reading book containing words that are phonetically decodable – please practice reading this book with your child. Children may also receive some phonics flashcards to practice at home.

Year 1 and 2:

Daily Reading: Every child should be reading for at least 10 minutes, five times a week. Please record this in children's homework diaries.

Numbots and TTRS: All Year 1 and 2 children should be using Numbots regularly. After October half term, some Year 2 children will start to use Times Tables Rock Stars.

Spelling Shed: After October half term, Year 2 children will be able to practice their spellings each week using Spelling Shed. The expectation is children spend 10 minutes at least three times per week on Spelling Shed.

Year 3 and 4:

Daily Reading: Every child should be reading for at least 10 minutes, five times a week. Please record this in children's homework diaries.

TTRS: All Year 3 and 4 children should be using TTRS for at least 10 minutes daily. By the end of Year 4, all children are expected to instantly recall all of their times tables and relevant division facts up to 12x12. Children will receive a national Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4.

Spelling Shed: All children will be able to practice their spellings each week using Spelling Shed. The expectation is that children spend 10 minutes at least three times per week on Spelling Shed.

Century: Teachers will ask children to complete 2 Nuggets each week. This will reinforce learning in class. Children will watch a short video then will have some questions to answer following the video.

Year 5 and 6:

Daily Reading: Every child should be reading for at least 10 minutes, five times a week. Please record this in children's homework diaries. Older children can record when they have read themselves.



TTRS: Children who are not yet confident with their times tables should use TTRS daily. For children who are fluent with their times tables, it is important they still practice for ten minutes at least 3 times per week to maintain fluency.

Century: Teachers will ask children to complete 3 Nuggets each week. This will reinforce learning in class. Children will watch a short video then will have some questions to answer following the video. For Year 6 children, there may be some additional SAT specific homework between Christmas and May.

School Uniform:

Please see our school website for a reminder of school uniform expectations. There is lots of pre-loved school uniform available above the main school office – please come and help yourself, anytime! If you have any uniform that your child has grown out of that is in good condition, please bring it to school and we will pop it upstairs.

Supporting our outdoor areas

We will be continuing to develop our outdoor areas this year. If you have any of the following, please feel free to help out and donate them to school:

- Action/small world figures
- Pens, felt tips, stamps
- Rolls of wall paper
- Bikes/scooters/helmets/safety pads
- Outdoor games
- Fancy dress costumes
- Pipes/crates

Book donations

A huge thank you for all the wonderful book donations last year, our reading areas and reading for pleasure section is now bursting with books! Please can we ask that books are checked to ensure they are appropriate for primary school age before sending them into school. If you are unsure you can google the title and it will give you an appropriate reading age. We will also double check this in school. If you do have any suitable books for children to read please send them into the school office. Thank you for your support.

Diary Dates:

Last year was jam-packed with exciting learning experiences and this year is set to be the same! Diary dates will be provided by the end of this week – please keep an eye out in your emails. We will also send a paper copy home with the children. Please be aware that diary dates can change and keep an eye on PING for updates throughout the term.



Clubs

We will be sending out information about our after-school clubs for this term this week. Please note, school clubs will start next week except for dodgeball which starts tomorrow night.

We are all looking forward to working together to ensure your child receives the best care and education. We cannot wait to get stuck into the new academic year – it is looking great already – check out our Facebook page to see what we get up to. Teachers will be in contact at the end of the week to let you know how the first week back has been and any updates you may need.

Please remember that our door is always open should you need anything.

Warm wishes,

S. Marino

Head of School



