

From all of us at Crowle Primary Academy.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already at the end of our first term of this academic year. As always it has been a busy one but one full of things to celebrate.

A few highlights of the term

We had a great assembly for the whole school in September regarding road safety and it is wonderful to see so many of our children walking, scooting and cycling to school sensibly and safely.

Our new Nursery children settled into school life brilliantly. We are looking forward to meeting some more new nursery children in January.

The Academy has had an external computing review looking at how this is being taught through KS2 and the progress the children are making. The visitors were blown away by the computing skills that children showed and how the Chromebooks are supporting them with their learning.

Year 1 were officially recognised as the brainiest class of the term for completing the most grow your brain learning at home. They thoroughly enjoyed their McDonalds to celebrate.

We have continued our strong links with Axholme Academy, Mr Keogh came to speak to the year 5 and 6 children about what life is like at Axholme Academy and several teachers from the secondary have visited our year 5/6 classes over the term.

Our choir children continue to practise alongside children from other schools in our trust choir, we can't wait to see their first performance. Other singing stars include the two wonderful girls who sang at the Mayor's service in church and the group of singers who visited Greenacres to take them some Christmas spirit.

Thanks to all of the collaboration between the staff and parents we were again able to hold our autumn term parent consultation meetings either by telephone or remotely. These were very well attended ensuring that we continue as partners in the children's learning.

Christmas dinner was a real highlight in school. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for a delicious dinner.

We have enjoyed Christmas Carol services from all year groups. Year 5 and 6 visited the church for their Christingle service, they sang beautifully and several children shared readings with us. Thank you to all of those people who then joined us in the cold so all of the other children could sing for you. Every child has had the chance to take part in a service this year and it has been very special.

The Rock Steady concert was a real treat, well done to all of those children who have been practising hard and bravely performed with their bands.

We have elected our new class representatives to the school council. Mrs Hegarty has started working with them to look at their priorities for this academic year.

We are continuing our Friday pitch assemblies. Each week 3 classes pitch to be the class of the week, the children choose which learning they are bringing to show the rest of the children. It is wonderful to see the breadth of learning that is taking place each week.

During this assembly we also celebrate attendance. If the children have achieved 100% attendance for the week their name is put on the wheel to be drawn to sit on the best seats in the house.

We continue to make the most of our woodland area, every Monday afternoon one class goes outside to complete a forest school activity.

Thank you to all of our friends who bought raffle tickets for our chocolate hampers. Funds raised this year will be used to buy computing equipment for the children.

We will also be doing some fund raising for our trust charity later in the year.

We welcome back Mrs Silvester from her maternity leave and look forward to welcoming back Miss Fields later in the term.

We still have vacancies for a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor, details are on our website.

We continue to tweet on a regular basis, you can keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class on a weekly basis. It is also a good way to see what is happening across our multi-academy trust. Our twitter handle is @PrimaryCrowle

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 4th January.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

