



THE CRESCENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

October 2024 Newsletter



Whole school diary:

October:

- 14th -STEM day
- 15th -18th – READING CAFÉ WEEK
- 18th – KS2 The Big Book Swap
- 23rd -24th – Parents Evenings
- 24th - Diwali Celebration
- 25th – EYFS and KS1 Harvest donations in
- 28-01st HALF TERM

November

- 4th – First day back
- 5th – ASPENS sparkle menu
- 8th -14th – Year 6 Bikeability
- 8th – Yr4 Anglo Saxon visit
- 9th - Open morning for Year R 2025 @10am
- 07th – Sibling photos
- 14th – Individual photos
- 15th – INSET DAY
- 16th – Choir performing at Eastleigh Christmas lights switch on
- 18th FoTC Raffle sales for Christmas Fayre
- 19th – Year R Wonderdome visit
- 20th – Open morning for Year R 2025 @6pm
- 21st – Y6 visit Ufton Court
- 22nd – Y3 visit Butser farm
- 22nd Y5 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
- 26th – Flu spray day
- 26th – Year R Stay and play @2.30pm
- 28th - Open morning for Year R 2025 @9.30am
- 29th – Non-school uniform for tombola donations

A message from Mr Wartnaby:

Welcome to our new look newsletter. After taking feedback from our Parent Forum, the brief was clear; more pictures and more mentions of the children to celebrate their achievements.

The children have made a fantastic start back to school. I have been really impressed with the quality of their learning and how they have embraced our new school values.

[Mental Health and Wellbeing | The Crescent Primary School](#)- I am aware of some discussions between parents that led to a young person (not in our school) being upset. Please can we be aware of our discussions. If your child is struggling with their mental health there are links and help on our school website.

[School Uniform and hair](#)- We have had lots of children with hair dye in their hair after the summer holidays - please can we use the time between now and the end of October half-term for the children's hair to return to a more natural colour. I have attached a link to our uniform policy - [School Uniform Policy](#). The other part that I have noticed is some of the older children are wearing trainers- please can we ensure that we stick to the policy on school shoes.

Our star value performers!



We are delighted that Joe in Year 6 will be completing a Triathlon. He has decided to do this as he would like to help tackle homelessness in Eastleigh. Joe is showing the values of Love and Belong in embarking in this huge task. If you would like to donate you can by accessing this link <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/nV8Oq>.

Good luck Joe, we are all really proud of you!

If your child is about to embark on something extraordinary, please drop Mr Wartnaby an email on adminoffice@crescent.hants.sch.uk to be featured in this section.

Subject Spotlight: MUSIC

The children of The Crescent have welcomed me with open arms this term. What a great community to be a part of. Over the last few weeks, I have had the absolute pleasure of making music with all of the children across the school. Yr1 have been exploring pitch through the story of The Three Little Bears; Yr2 have been composing music for their own dragons and Yr6 have been creating their own piece of minimalist music by using Garage Band on the iPads. Orchestra have blown me away with their creativity and determination, especially the younger ones. Pop Choir are joining four other schools at Eastleigh Vocal Festival later in the month and I know they will have a wonderful day. I look forward to meeting more of you on the run up to Christmas! Ms Humphries



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Year R news:

The Year R children have been settling into school and class routines. We have learnt the first 4 sets of letter sounds and 9 harder to read and spell words already! In maths we have been learning to subitise 1,2 and 3 with the help of the Numberblocks and our class puppets.



We have been learning about our likes and dislikes through sharing our 'All About Me' bags in class. The children enjoyed reading 'Once There were Giants' and talking about who lives in their house and how they have changed since they were babies. We have also been looking at naming body parts and talking about what is inside our bodies. The children have been role playing homes, schools and doctors. Using a wide vocabulary and taking turns and sharing with friends. We have also learnt about the artist Paul Klee and made pictures in the same style or using tracing paper to trace his painting of 'Senecio'.

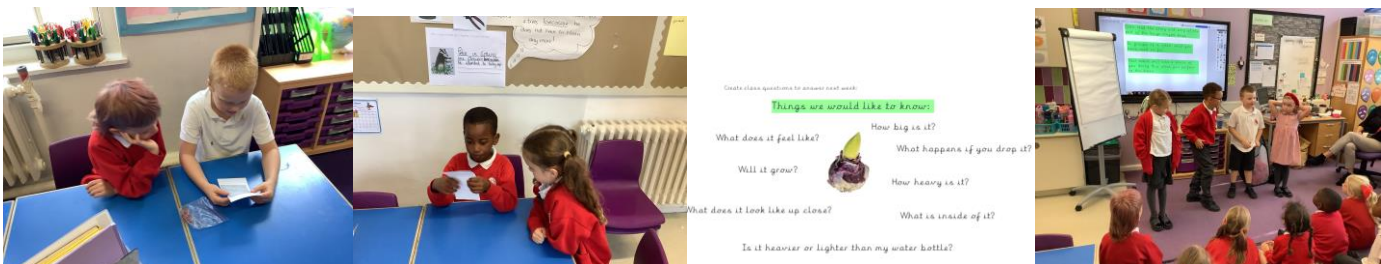
Year 1 news:

The children have settled into life in Year 1 quickly. They have enjoyed exploring a range of texts in English – including Shark in the Park, Oi Frog and Naughty Bus. The children have been writing sentences starting with personal pronouns and nouns. Year 1 had a wonderful time on their 'Mystery Bus Tour' and learning about the human and physical features of Eastleigh. Back at school, they created their own maps of where they went. In science, the children have been learning about different materials. They have explored floating and sinking and have learnt what transparent, translucent and opaque mean. In maths, year 1 have been focusing on the place value of numbers to 10. They especially enjoyed using 'Blockzilla' from the Numberblocks to compare numbers.



Year 2 news:

We have been blown away by how well the children have settled into year 2 and all the routines. They have really enjoyed their first English unit studying the book 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett. The children wrote good descriptions of the forest and the main character Pete the badger. Their final task was to write a set of instructions of how to keep the forest tidy which they published into informative leaflets. In Maths the children have shown that they have a good understanding of numbers and have solve a range of problems and puzzles using their knowledge. The children really enjoyed their walk into Eastleigh, where they identified the main human and physical features that they could see. They have turned this knowledge into persuasive leaflets about Eastleigh.



Write class questions for primary text work

Things we would like to know:

- What does it feel like?
- Will it grow?
- What does it look like up close?
- Is it heavier or lighter than my water bottle?
- How big is it?
- What happens if you drop it?
- How heavy is it?
- What is inside of it?

Year 3 news:

Year 3 have had an amazing start to the term. They were really involved in our Mediterranean Day to launch our geography learning. The children went to the 'airport' to board their flights. They experienced going through security checks before departing to sunnier climates! Even the Year 3 staff got involved as Pilots and Cabin crew!



In maths, the children have been learning how to partition three-digit numbers. They went onto to ordering and comparing these numbers. The children have been reading the text 'Flotsam' and wrote a diary extract from the viewpoint of the little boy in the story. The children used ambitious vocabulary to describe a very strange under the sea setting including an Octopus and his family reading a story! Please don't forget that the deadline for payment for Butser Farm is 31st October 2024 – thank you!

Year 4 news:

Year 4 have settled well into their first term back at school. In English, we studied the 'True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and wrote our own persuasive speeches to try and convince the audience that the Wolf is actually innocent. After this, we have read 'Until I Met Dudley'. The children created a drama performance explaining how different items work. At the end of this unit, they will be writing their own silly explanations of the digestive system.

As part of our Science topic into Teeth and the Digestive System, we conducted an experiment into what affect different liquids have on tooth enamel. We used eggs instead of teeth and left the eggs in the liquid for a week. The children noticed that orange juice had the most effect on the surface of the egg. In PSHE, we have read 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'. We wrote letters to Biff to give him advice about continuing with ballet!



FoTC are getting ready for our Crescent Christmas Market on Saturday 7th December from 11am-2pm!

We are looking for stall holders for our event – please drop us an email to fotc.contact@gmail.com

We are also looking for local businesses who would like to donate a raffle prize to our big raffle!

Friends of The Crescent



ASPENS catering

We have our special Sparkle menu on Tuesday 5th Nov!

Did you know that ALL Year R, 1 and 2 children qualify for free school lunches? All of our delicious meals come with a daily full salad bar, home-made bread and a choice of dessert!

Safeguarding spotlight- Roblox

Did you know that you can turn off all chat and communication software on Roblox- parental-control-roblox.pdf (stpaulsjuniorsonmerset.org.uk) Please click on the link that a school has used to help their parents keep children safe online. You can also add a pin code so your child cannot add chat back in. Roblox chat is a known way that predators get access to children.

Year 5 news:

Year 5 have had a great start to the term! They have enjoyed the texts we have been using in English, 'Frankelstiltskin' and 'Brother Eagle Sister Sky', which they have used to produce some fantastic writing, including a speech, which they then performed to the rest of the class!



Our Geography topic for this term is 'What is so special about the USA?' As part of the topic the children have been comparing different states and comparing the USA with the UK. We have been incredibly impressed with the quality of homework produced by the children on their chosen state. In maths, the children have been learning about the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000 and are now consolidating their knowledge on using the column method for addition and subtraction using larger numbers.

Year 6 news: Year 6 have settled in well this term and are already diving into some exciting learning activities! In Geography, they've been exploring the world of maps by studying and created their own contour lines, helping them understand how land elevation is represented. Meanwhile, in Science, they've brought their creativity to life by making shadow puppets, learning about how light and shadows work for part of our light unit. As part of our, 'I'm a Year 6 get me out of here' topic the children have been choreographing a whole class dance to the song 'Survivor'. In maths, the children have been working hard on securing their place value knowledge and mastering long multiplication, developing their skills and building confidence with larger numbers.



Governor spotlight

This space will be used in future editions for the governors to communicate with the school community on a monthly basis.

School Notice Board!

Attendance:

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell, NHS guidance is clear that it's fine to send them in with a minor cough, sore throat or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature. Further guidance on whether children should be kept off school can be found here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you do decide to keep your child at home, it's important to phone or email us at attendance@creセント.hants.sch.uk before 8:30am on each day of absence giving a reason for absence. If we have not heard from you by midday we will carry out a home visit.

Remember, if you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, please talk to us as a first step so we can help. We appreciate your continued support in giving your child the best opportunities through good attendance at school.