



Crossroads Primary School

'Learning together to be the best we can be.'

Creativity – Integrity - Perseverance – Resilience - Respect

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Dear Parents/Carers



The end of the year give us all time to reflect on the past 12 months and, as I look at the trees in the waste that came down during the storm

last month, it reminds me of what a year it has been! It seems hard to believe that we are still living in the middle of a Global pandemic but we are fortunate in Crossroads Primary that we have been able to keep school life not only normal but full of fun and happiness too. The children have enjoyed new approaches to learning and teaching and have risen to all challenges put before them. They all really do demonstrate our school values every single day. I said last year that I wished I knew what 2021 would bring for us all and I feel like we are still living in a time of uncertainty and wondering what 2022 will bring us. However, what I do know is that we will continue moving forward the same way as we have in the past two years, together and in partnership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for your continuing support of Crossroads Primary, to wish you and your families a happy, safe, healthy and peaceful Christmas period and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 10th January.

Miss Diane Douglas (Head Teacher)

Christmas

The Christmas season started early with the Christmas lunch day at the beginning of December where the children were able to come in their Christmas jumpers. A huge thank you to

the catering department at Keith for preparing such a delicious meal.



Christmas Trip

A huge thank you to the family who donated money and to the Parent Council for our trip to the Cinema and to McDonalds as the Christmas treat. The children all had an amazing day and were all so well behaved.

Christmas Party

Santa was able to make a wee visit to the party to drop off the presents for all the children. He, and the school, want to say a huge thank you to the Parent Council for supporting him in organising presents for all the children.

Christmas Show

As we could not do a usual Christmas show, we decided to try something different. Not



being able to do it live allowed the children to play more than one role and also to be able to take advantage of our rural area and film 'on location'. I am sure you will all agree, the resulting production is amazing! A huge congratulations to all the children and staff who made sure that the Christmas story was told in such a creative way.

It can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8lgkfuwU>

Well done to everyone who worked together to make sure that, even with only 10 children, Crossroads could put on the best nativity of 2021!

COVID Mitigations on return in January

You will have received the letter from Vivienne Cross, Head of Service. Fortunately, at Crossroads there will be no changes from what we were already doing due to our small numbers. We will not have to use the classrooms for lunches so no changes there. I will keep you updated if there are any further changes but none are expected.

Twitter

We have been using twitter more and more recently so we can share your children's learning experiences. The children enjoy seeing who has liked or commented under the pictures too. You can follow us at @CrossroadsKeith and a twitter account is not required to access our tweets. Here are some more of the recent photos.



Adverse Weather

We are now approaching the time of year when adverse weather may affect school transport and school opening hours. The school will not send out a text for adverse weather closures. Instead we will;

- Post on the Moray Council Service Disruption webpage. This will be visible to anyone who visits <https://secure.moray.gov.uk/mcalerts/portal> on the Council website.
- Post on the Moray Council Facebook page and Twitter feed (facebook.com/MorayCouncil/ twitter.com/TheMorayCouncil)
- Send an Email Alert message. This message will only be received by those who have registered at mygovscot <https://online.moray.gov.uk/site/wss/home> and chose Crossroads Primary School as services about which they wish to receive alerts.

(Note - this is not connected to our regular Crossroads school emails.)

School calendar: 2021-2022

Winter

Term ends: Thursday 23 December 2021
Christmas holiday: Friday 24 December 2021 - Friday 07 January 2022

Spring

Term starts: Monday 10 January 2022
Mid term holiday: Friday 11 & Monday 14 February 2022
Term ends: Friday 01 April 2022
Spring holiday: Monday 04 April 2022 - Friday 15 April 2022 (Good Friday)