



Newsletter 2  
Autumn Term 2017  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very productive week and I have been pleased with the pupils' work since the start of term. This week I have been observing learning in Years One and Four. In Year One, pupils studied a story called Knuffle Bear and came up with lots of questions and ideas when describing their teddy bears. They thought of lots of questions to ask each other and put some of these ideas into sentences. In Class Four, pupils did a variety of mathematical tasks, including rapidly recalling multiplication table facts, being maths detectives and identifying place value of digits in numbers. It was a pleasure to visit both classes and to see our pupils at work. On Thursday, I visited our Reception Class and read pupils two stories. Our children listened very well and were able to describe some of the characters when retelling the plot. I have been amazed at how well they have settled in to school life at Cressing Primary and they always welcome visitors to their room confidently. They have asked lots of questions and one pupil even suggested that I have been wearing a clown's outfit to school!

We are very pleased that the new classroom was made available for us on Monday. Miss Morton and Mrs Marshall have spent time setting the room up. Although there is more to do, we are pleased that our children can be taught in this room.

#### Norfolk

Next week, many of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be visiting a residential outdoor centre in Norfolk. We are going to have a brilliant week and we will inform parents each day of our activities.

#### Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday, it was fantastic to see so many pupils dressed up for the Roald Dahl Day. There were some fabulous and imaginative costumes and pupils went to a great deal effort – many members of staff took their costumes very seriously indeed. The theme continued throughout the day with pupils undertaking Roald Dahl inspired lessons in class. Many thanks to everyone for supporting the day and contributing donations. Funds raised will be shared between the PFA and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

#### Wet play activities

As the weather becomes more miserable, the children will be spending some break times inside. If you have any games or appropriate indoor activities you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

#### Healthy Snacks

For snacks, our policy is for pupils to have a healthy snack. A piece of fruit, a fruit bar or plain crackers are ideal.

#### Cressing App

If you have not already downloaded the Cressing App, please do take a minute to download it (just search for Cressing Primary in the app store). Messages are sent out via the app, so please subscribe to the appropriate channels for your child's class by going to settings, channels and selecting the appropriate classes you wish to receive messages for. This does not automatically roll forward so you will need to update your classes if you used the app last year. On the information section there is a link to 'Using the app' which will give you more detailed instructions.

#### Open Evening at New Rickstones Academy

Parents of the current Year 6 may be interested in attending an open evening for New Rickstones Academy in Witham on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

#### Mosque Open Day

Braintree Mosque is holding an open day on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 11am to 5pm at the Al-Falah Braintree Islamic Centre. There will be lots of activities for everyone and it will be a great opportunity to discover what the

Mosque is all about and to find out more about Islam.

#### Parking

We would like to remind parents to park responsibly when dropping off and picking up their children. Please do not park in front of the entrance to the staff car park and do not block access through the lay-by. As we are a Healthy School and parking is very limited, we would encourage parents to walk their children to school wherever possible. If you do need to drive, there is parking near to the back entrance to the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

#### Best Class Attendance

This week, Class 3 and 5 have been awarded the best attendance with 100%! They will have an extra 5 minutes playtime to celebrate. Well done to both classes!

#### Stars of the Week

Class R – Ryan for settling in well since joining Cressing and being so kind and helpful towards the other children.

Class 1 – Max for being a fantastic learner in Class 1

Class 2 – Finley for putting effort in all of his work

Class 3 – Sam for super number bonds work in Mathematics

Class 4 – Aidan for super, independent, neat and correct Mathematics work

Class 5 – Eden for a fantastic attitude towards learning and for her helpful and polite manner

Class 6 – Oliver for amazing everyone with his guided reading

**Well done to all of these children for impressing their teachers this week!**

#### Diary Dates - Term Dates

**Autumn term** - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Kingswood trip (Years 5 & 6)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Witham Rugby Club open day (Years 3 & 4)

Harvest Assemblies – Key Stage 1 - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am; Key stage 2 - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15

Parent Consultation Evenings – 17<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm-5.30pm; 19<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm-7.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Non pupil day

**Half term** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2017 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### **Non-pupils days for 2017-2018:**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October (2017), Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (2018), Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June (2018) and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July (2018).

#### School Dinners

Next week, we will be on **Week 1** of the menu.

School dinners cost £2.30 per day (KS2).

All meals must be paid for in advance please.



Mr Stewart Caplen