

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a good week. We are in the grips of winter and it definitely can be felt now. But we have the festive day with its sparkle to cheer us up. Mr Sandiford, our site manager has decorated the academy like he usually does and that has brought some more festive cheer to us all. Thank you Mr Sandiford.

We started the week learning about Advent and the significance of the Advent candles at a whole school assembly.

It was lovely to see the children and staff all dressed in their Christmas jumpers or sparkly clothes too. The purpose of the craft sessions is to allow children to be creative and explore their talents in art and design. I hope you will appreciate the little goodies that they made.

Once again we would love to support Crawley Open House who do a fantastic job supporting vulnerable people and families in the community. If you can donate any of the items listed on the notice attached to this newsletter, it would be fantastic.

We are running our Reception Open mornings and afternoons for children starting in September 2022. The applications for school places close on 15 January. Please pass on this message to friends and family. We are happy to show people around out of the open days. Please enquire about our nursery spaces too and the brand new times and sessions to be implemented soon.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Powys



We have been really busy in Year One adding the finishing touches to our moon buggies. We are so impressed with how they have turned out and how creative we were when making the seat and steering wheel. We think they are incredible and cannot wait to take them home!





Amazing Staff Member!!

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Scales, one of our cleaners, has this week celebrated 30 years of loyal service to the school. It is an amazing achievement. Thank you so much Mrs Scales for your dedication to Desmond Anderson



Wiltshire class have been learning about the digestive system and looked in depth at stage 1 - the teeth! They learned the different types and what teeth have to do! Here you can see them creating all the different types of teeth with plasticine and adding them to a jaw that they also crafted. As an aside, they found out that their favourite teeth joke was 'What time should you go to the dentist?' Two-thirty!



Chief Scouts Silver Award



Leo in Escher was awarded the Chief Scouts Silver award and was given his award by the Duluth mayor of Crawley. This is the highest award a cub can achieve, so as you can imagine everyone is super proud of him. This was extra hard as he had to do most of last years Scouts activities remotely, but he stuck with it and did a fantastic job.

We are so proud of you Leo!!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

KS1

Van Gogh -	Khadhra
Cezanne -	Elai-jah
Mackintosh -	Francesca
Matisse -	Naomi
Gardner -	Zayan & Ellis

KS2

O'Keeffe -	Robbie
Turner -	Emily
Monet -	Rebekah
Miro -	Briana
Picasso -	Kashaf
Dali -	Rocco
Hockney -	Kaylum
Escher -	Keysha
Wiltshire -	Bobby

SPORTSPERSON OF THE WEEK

Joel in Miro Class

NETBALL AWARDS

Gracie, Mia, Alexander, Dylan and Isabella in Picasso Class and Evie and Isabele in Dali -
Well done everyone



YULE YOMP

SUNDAY 5 TH DECEMBER at 9AM

Tilgate Park | Tilgate Drive, Crawley RH10 5PW

2 Kilometre Walk / Jog / Run around the beautiful Tilgate Lake

PLEASE REGISTER THE RUNNER & PRINT BARCODE <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register>

All information about junior park run is here <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/tilgate-juniors/>

WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO! If you can volunteer to help marshal the course and be the best cheerleaders EVER! please email tilgate-juniors@parkrun.com

All sponsorship money to be returned by Monday 13th December

If your child can't make the run, maybe do your own 2km run and raise funds for your school

– Every penny will be used by the school for the children's resources and use.

*There will be a table set up just beyond the finish line for the children to go to afterwards to collect their
Santa hat & medal*

Sports Update!

Last week saw the Year 5 netball team put into action the skills they learnt at the festival two weeks ago! In the 'stinger' 5 a side netball competition, they finished in a very impressive 5th place. They scored some great goals and showed excellent team work.

Well done Year 5!

Our Year 6 boys' football team has been in action this week and will be producing a match report for next week's newsletter.



On Thursday, Reggie the Red from Crawley Town FC paid the school a visit to make a top - secret special delivery for Year 1! We were all very excited to see Reggie and can't wait to find out all about his delivery, next week!



OPEN HOUSE DONATIONS

As I am sure you are aware Crawley Open House provides support and services for those suffering the effects of homelessness and unemployment.

We contacted them and they would be grateful to receive the following items if possible.:-

Hats, Scarves, Gloves
Treats for Christmas -
Chocolates,
Biscuits
Sweets
Cereal Bars
Bottles of fizzy drinks
Fruit juices
Long life UHT Milk
Sugar
Coffee/Tea
Dog Food/Dog treats

I am sure they will appreciate any donations that you are able to give them.

Please bring these to the school by Friday 10th December.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2021/22

(Subject to change)

Term 2 (7 weeks)

Dec 2021

Friday 17th December

Break up from school at **1.30 pm** Christmas
Holidays

20th Dec – 3rd January 2022

Christmas Holidays

Term 3 (7 weeks)

January 2022

Tuesday 4th January

Inset Day (School is closed)

Wednesday 5th January

Term 3 starts (Spring Term) - Back to School

Wednesday 19th January

Young Voices—02

Feb 2022

Friday 17th February

Break up from School - Feb Half Term (normal time)

Friday 18th February

INSET DAY

21st Feb – 25th Feb

Half-term



RECEPTION CLASS

This week in reception we have been practicing our sounds, we have been finding them in paper and seeing if we can make words. We have also been matching and making a number.



Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

Please find the contact form here: [DAPA Staff contact request](#)



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