

CROFTON NEWS

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DIARY DATES

Monday 24 February – Friday 6 March 2020
Year 10 Mock Exams

Wednesday 4 March 2020
Year 9 ACWY Injections

Thursday 5 March 2020
World Book Day

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Year 9 ACWY Injections

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10X Parents' Evening

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Non Uniform Day



Message from the Headteacher > >>

We have recently agreed a Parent Communications Code of Conduct with the school Governors, and this is now available for you to view on the school website:

www.croftonschool.co.uk/parent-communications

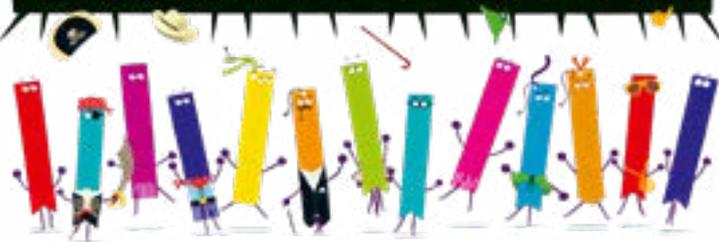
We enjoy very positive relationships with parents and even on the rare occasions when there are disagreements between home and school, these are almost always solved positively.

In order to ensure this continues, the Code of Conduct provides clear guidelines of what is, and is not acceptable when communicating with Crofton School staff, and also the actions that will be taken if these guidelines are breached.

We want to ensure efficient and appropriate communications between parents and school, and protect the wellbeing of everyone involved. Therefore, whenever you contact the school, we ask that you follow this Code of Conduct.

*Mr S Harrison
Headteacher*

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



Thursday 5 March 2020



World Book Day >>>

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Unfortunately, for school-aged children, books are not always the most interesting thing in our worlds. What with all the new and current forms of video games, we can often forget about the wonderful worlds that books can transport us to with just one page.

On Thursday 5 of March, schools come together to celebrate World Book Day. Personally, I think that this is one of the most important and best-themed days of the year; as it gives us a chance to enhance our knowledge of books and find new interests that captivate us; which all helps towards our future.

Here at Crofton School, we believe that World Book Day is a great opportunity to encourage reading in all ages. Therefore, both students and teachers have the opportunity to dress up as a book character of their choice for a day.

We spoke to Mrs Dix who organises and promotes our World Book Day celebrations, to find out a little bit more information:

While dressing up may be a very fun part of World Book Day, it's not what it's all about. The main aim is to get young people thinking about books and encouraging them to read more.

Some children may not like reading or struggle with it, so it can be a positive promotional event for them. Others may not have their own books at home, so the tokens can provide them with an opportunity to get their first book. The World Book Day charity did some research in 2016 and found that for 1 in 4 kids, the book they bought with their token was the first one they owned.

At Crofton School we use the excuse of World Book Day to remind everyone that reading should be fun – after all if you're not enjoying it, you're reading the wrong book!

Last year, Crofton LRC (Learning Resources Centre) ran a Bookface Competition where you had to pose as the front cover of a book. This year, the competition is even better! Students and staff are invited to create and send a short story (of no more than 140 characters) which is a challenge we can all enjoy...

Make sure you get involved this World Book Day!

Safeguarding Tips for Parents >>>

'Simon Says' Bereavement Group

We are really pleased to be able to offer bereavement support in school through our recent collaboration with the Hampshire based charity 'Simon Says'.

www.simonsays.org.uk

We know that many young people experience loss and bereavement during their school years, and that appropriate support is limited. 'Simon Says' is reaching out to schools using trained volunteers, as they realise that peer support and not feeling alone in your grief can help with the recovery process.

We held our first sessions last half term, and we approached those students known to have experienced a loss. One group was for Years 7, 8 and 9, and a separate group for Years 10 and 11. We had a good response to both, and feedback from students and parents was very positive. We would like to extend the invitation to include any young person who would benefit from this opportunity.

The second of six sessions takes place during the week beginning Monday 23 March 2020.

If any students are interested in attending, please contact either Mrs Walklin or Mrs Coston for more details.

Mrs C Walklin
Deputy Safeguard Lead

