



Carle Class Newsletter



Reminders



Children in Early Years spend a lot of time learning outside. During the winter weather, please ensure your child brings an all-in-one puddle suit, a warm coat, a hat and some gloves to school each day. They should also have a bag with **2 sets of spare clothes** in school at all times.

We continue to update our class page on the school website. Please check our page each week to share in our achievements, see what we have been learning about in school and find out ways that you can support learning at home!

<https://www.crossgatesprimary.co.uk/nursery-4/>



Ian's Mobile Farm



We are very excited that Ian's mobile Farm will be visiting Early Years on Wednesday 20th March. We have heavily reduced the cost of this visit through successful fundraising and contribution from school fund. The cost per child is £3.40. Please can payments be made at the school office or via your Parentmail account by **Friday 8th March**. If your child does not usually attend nursery on a Wednesday, they are welcome to come in for the morning session (8:45-11:45am).

Important Dates

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March - Parents' Evening Appointments (10 minute slots will be made available soon)

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day (children will be able to wear their favourite costumes or pyjamas for comfy reading time)

Monday 11th March - Training Day for staff (school is closed to all pupils)

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Comic Relief (non-uniform day)

Thursday 28th March - Break Up for Easter

Favourite 5 and Virtual Library!

Each half term, we will continue to be reading 5 key texts – This half term, our 'Favourite 5' books are:



Five Minutes Peace
Pants
The Very Lazy Ladybird
Handa's Surprise
Shhhh!

You can listen to Miss Harrison and Miss Jessop read these stories on our virtual library.

<https://cross-gates-primary.secure-primariesite.net/spring-2-5/>

Developing Independence in the Early Years

One of the key skills for life that we want to empower our children with in the Early Years is independence, both in relation to their actions and their thinking. To become independent, children have to be confident in their own abilities, otherwise they will remain over-reliant on the support of other adults or their more confident peers.

Their confidence grows through opportunities to try new things in a safe and supportive environment with lots of positive reinforcement for their success and strategies to support any failures they may have along the way.

Young children are on the whole very resourceful and very resilient, and when left to their own devices or given opportunities to be independent they can often surprise us.

In Nursery, we ensure that we are not only creating an environment and planning activities that are teaching children fundamental skills, but that we are giving them opportunities to put those skills into practice on their own, too.

We really value your support in encouraging your children to grow in independence.

Reading Cafe and Stay and Play

We would like to continue to invite you to our weekly Reading Cafés, which will be every Monday and Thursday 2:45-3:15pm. It has been wonderful to welcome many families each week.

Our next Stay and Play session will be on **Wednesday 27th March at 2:00pm**.

We look forward to you joining us at these events!

