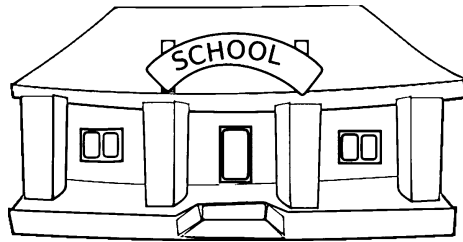


Welcome to Year 2

Starter Information



WELCOME TO YEAR 2



We hope this booklet will provide information about what happens in Year 2.

The teachers in Year 2 are:

Otters



Mrs Kinglake

Hedgehogs



Mrs Boyce
(Monday & Tuesday)



Mrs Nethaway

Foxes



Miss Lovegrove
(Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

The teaching assistants in Year 2 are:



Mrs Seaman



Mrs Hackett



Mrs Murphy



Miss Pearce



Mrs Presada

Your child will bring home a Little Wandle reading book to share at home with you, this will be changed **every Thursday (Hedgehogs and Foxes) and Friday (Otters)**. Please make sure the reading book is placed in the plastic wallet that school will provide to ensure no water damage from water bottles. Additionally, they will have a reading for pleasure text that they can change more frequently. They will also have homework for maths and spelling on a weekly basis, both of which will be handed out on a Friday. While spellings won't be tested in school, we will be practised on a daily basis. It would be appreciated if you could practise these spellings and maths homework with your child every week.

PE Days: **Every Tuesday** for all Otters and Foxes children. **Every Wednesday** Hedgehogs and Otters. **Every Friday** Hedgehogs and Foxes.

Children should come to school with their PE kit in a named bag and will return home wearing it, with their school uniform in their PE bag.

School PE Kit consists of:

Indoor PE

- A plain white T-shirt
- Dark navy or black shorts

Outdoor PE

- Dark navy or black Jogging trousers
- A plain white T-shirt
- PE shoes
- Dark navy or black Jumper/Hooded top



A TYPICAL DAY

- Come in and hang up your coat, put your reading folder and toy in your drawer, water bottle in the crate and snack in the box.
- Go to tables to practise spelling the Year 2 Common Exception Words or weekly spellings. Change your reading for pleasure book if you need to.
- Teacher will say "Good morning" with the register.
- Literacy lesson. This session can include reading comprehension, writing or handwriting.
- Assembly in the hall on Monday and Friday.
- Playtime.
- Teacher collects class from the playground, return to the classroom, hang up coat and have drinks on the carpet.
- Phonics, reading session and maths lessons.
- Lunchtime and outside play.
- Afternoon register.
- The afternoon session could be PE, computing, art, science, music, history, geography or DT depending on the class timetable.
- Tidy up and get ready for going home. We will share a story together at the end of the day.



- When collecting your child please ensure your mobile phone is away so the teacher can acknowledge you are there before letting your child leave the classroom.

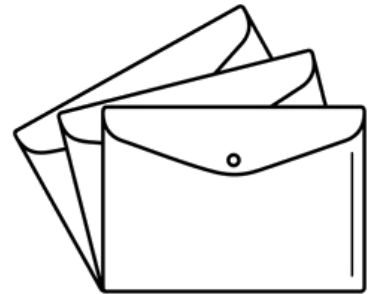
I NEED THESE THINGS WHEN I COME TO SCHOOL...

- An art apron
- A pair of wellingtons
- PE Kit/ uniform on PE days
- A water bottle.



Please note: Screw top water bottles or metal ones are not suitable as they can easily spill and are heavy if dropped. Water bottles with non-spill lids are ideal.

- Children will be issued with one plastic folder in September to keep their reading books and diary safe from water damage. Should this become worn or damaged, we ask that you replace them please.



Shoes with laces are not advised **unless** your child is able to do up laces. All items that come into school, should be named. Due to safety and restriction of space we are not able to accommodate large rucksacks and ask that children have a small book bag.

For children who use asthma inhalers, the child's log book needs to be kept updated and sent to school each day in the book folder.

Please do not send in toys.

HOW DO I FIND OUT ABOUT?

Day to day information:

- General school newsletters re: school events and activities which will be sent out via MCAS.

We are aware that we sometimes send out correspondence which contains a slip which has to be returned. On these occasions, if you don't have access to a printer, simply copy the details from the tear off slip onto a piece of paper and send it into school with your child. Should you not have access to the internet or a smart phone please contact the school office who will be happy to discuss what arrangements can be made.

- School website at: www.crosshallinfant.co.uk
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Crosshallinfantschool/>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/crosshallinfant/>

- In the event of an emergency closure, you will be notified via email and information will be available via our website and social media platforms.

What my child is learning:

- Curriculum newsletters sent for each term.
- Weekly letters explain learning for the week ahead and how you can support it.
- Comments in the reading diary.
- Make an informal/formal appointment to speak to the teacher.
- Attend any educational workshop sessions.
- Consultation evenings.
- End of year report.

How to help my child:

- Make an appointment to see the teacher. This may be conducted via telephone if a face to face meeting is not possible.
- Read daily with your child.
- Use the reading diary as a form of dialogue.
- Practise weekly spelling and maths homework.
- Information is available on the school website to inform you how we teach maths and reading.

Helping in the classroom

- We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and grandparents in to the classroom to support our activities. If you would like to help, please fill in the slip at the back of this pack. All parent helpers must be DBS cleared.

If you are worried about anything, please come and see your class teacher; playground chat and social media threads don't solve problems!

LUNCH-TIME



All children in school qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Any dietary queries can be discussed with Mrs Bliss, our Kitchen Manager. If you wish to accompany your child to lunch, you need to book and pay for the lunch at the office in advance. If you need to cancel your booking you must inform the office by 9.30am on the day of the booking, otherwise we will unfortunately need to charge you. Adult meals cost £6.50 and a visiting pre-school child's meal costs £2.70. Dinners are served from 12.30 for Year 1 and Year 2 children. We will let parents know as soon as we are able to welcome you into school for lunch.

Lunchtimes in school are considered part of the learning experience and there are many ways in which we make lunchtime a happy co-operative time. Each class has a mid-day supervisor; she will become a very important person to your child as she has direct care for your child all lunchtime. The mid-day supervisor brings the children in from the playground to wash their hands and takes them into the dining hall. Help and encouragement are given with table manners and trying new foods alike! In the

playground the supervisors are alert to any problems and encourage children to take part with the many toys and games available.

Our mid-day supervisors have training in first aid and will administer first aid and sympathy in the event of any bumps and bruises. An accident book is always filled in. The class mid-day supervisor always liaises with the class teacher at the end of lunchtime so that concerns can be acted upon.

Pupil Premium

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, our School is eligible to receive additional funding via the Pupil Premium. Parents whose children are eligible for the Pupil Premium must submit an application to Cambridgeshire County Council. Parents must be in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit- but no element of Working Tax Credit - and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit with an annual net earner income of no more than £7,400

The application form can be obtained from the School Office or accessed via Cambridgeshire County Council's website. Please follow this link: [Pupil Premium | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

This also entitles children to free educational visits as well as providing additional funding for the school.

The Academy receives an allocation of money for every child who is eligible to Pupil Premium. Our Pupil Premium Strategy Statement can be found on our website www.crosshallinfant.co.uk and is included in our Admission Form.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION SHEET

Visitors to School

Whenever you visit us in school please report first to the office. If you are collecting your child someone will bring your child to you. If you are helping, coming for lunch or visiting for any other reason you need to sign in and collect a visitor sticker and lanyard before going to the classroom. You may be known by many members of staff but it is impossible in a school our size for everyone to know everyone. This also helps us to do a roll call in the unlikely event of a fire.

If you are wearing a red lanyard around the school, please note that you will need to be escorted by staff as it means that you do not have a full DBS check held by the school. Please sign out at the end of your visit.

Children's Clothing

- Please ensure that all footwear is sensible, (wedge heel shoes and strappy sandals are not appropriate for children running around the playground.)
- Make sure your child always brings a waterproof coat; it may be warm when you bring them in the car in the morning, but we all know the variability of the British weather, the children go out to play during the morning and at lunchtime whatever the weather.
- Children should bring/wear appropriate PE kit for their weekly PE lessons. . Please refer to the earlier list for additional details.

Jewellery

No jewellery should be worn in school; necklaces/bracelets can get caught on any number of things and rings can get squashed on fingers. If your child has pierced ears can you please make sure they only wear studs and that you remove them on PE days.

Long Hair

If your child has long hair it must not be left loose due to the risk of head lice infestation. We do all we can legally to keep this problem to a minimum but loose, long hair is the main source of cross infection. Please ensure you check your child's hair regularly. It is not the responsibility of the school to check hair for head lice. However, if we are aware of a problem in the class we will let everyone know in order that all families can check and treat their children as necessary.

MEDICINES

- In accordance with the school's Medicine Policy the only medication in school should be for ongoing medical conditions such as asthma, eczema or allergies. We are aware that there may be exceptional circumstance in which case parents must discuss the situation with the Headteacher.
- Parents need to fill in a card available from the office advising us of any medication e.g. eczema, asthma. All medication is kept in the classroom in a secure cupboard. All staff and the children with medication know where it is kept. A record of any medication administered is kept in individual log books.
- Please keep us informed of any medical information.
- Children must not bring in cough sweets or lip salves (they love to share these).
- Can we please remind you to give us any change of contact telephone numbers. It is most distressing for a sick child to be kept at school because we cannot get hold of anyone to come and pick them up.



- In the event of an accident and if we cannot contact a parent the Headteacher acts in 'Loco Parentis'.
- If a child needs hospital attention and we are unable to contact the parents, the child will be taken to the hospital by two members of staff.
- All accidents in school are recorded in an accident book and the teacher informed.
- Any significant accident is recorded and the parent is asked to sign that report.
- We have staff who are fully qualified first-aiders and there is always at least one of these in school at all times.

PARENT GUIDANCE

- Parents are responsible for their children in the school grounds both before and after school. The school takes that responsibility from you when the teacher takes the children into school in the morning and hands the responsibility back to you when they leave class in the afternoon (unless they attend Kids Club). Please keep your child with you at all times whilst on school grounds, particularly noting areas which are closed before and after school, e.g. the quiet area and the music trail.
- Make sure you walk on the pathways at all times on school grounds.
- Only permit holders are allowed to park in the school grounds.
- Never park cars across the entry/exit barriers, apart from stopping staff gaining access; this is an entry point for the emergency services.
- Children are not allowed to ride bicycles or scooters on school grounds.
- Please do not bring dogs into the grounds.
- No one is to use the school grounds out of school hours. Please be aware that the quiet area is out of bounds before and after school.
- To support their children's homework we would like parents and carers to:
 - Make time available to work with children on their homework activities.
 - Make it clear to children that they value homework and support school by explaining how it can help their learning.
 - Encourage children and praise them when they have completed homework.

If you require any further clarification on the issue of homework please speak to your child's class teacher.

FUNDRAISING

A full and varied programme of social and fundraising activities is planned at the beginning of each academic year for the benefit of all the children in the school. These activities are organised and run by staff and parents.



We are very fortunate to enjoy the active support of many parents. Getting involved is a great way to learn more about the school community and make new friends. Support is welcomed on either a regular or occasional basis.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform comprises of:

- A navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Navy or a white polo shirt or a white blouse
- Dark navy, black or grey trousers or skirt
- Dark, flat footwear
- In the summer, children may wear a blue-checked dress or dark navy, black or grey shorts
- If children choose to wear tights, they should be plain, black, navy or grey.

The school is a uniformed school. We expect all children to wear our uniform. Uniform bearing the school logo can be purchased from our online supplier, Total Clothing, whose website can be accessed here [Crosshall Infant School - Total Clothing](#) or via the school website at www.crosshallinfant.co.uk. Uniform cannot be purchased in school but the office has sample sizes available to view and try on for guidance.

Orders can be delivered to school for free or directly to your home address for a fee. Deliveries are sent to the school on a regular basis and are distributed to the classroom for children to take home.

School uniform can also be purchased from a variety of shops and supermarkets. A preloved uniform sale is held annually during the summer term.

All children need to bring a named non spill plastic water bottle to school every day and a book bag. Both book bags and school water bottles may be ordered with uniform.

SO HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you would like to help in school please speak to your child's class teacher. You may be able to volunteer time in the classroom, on educational visits, gardening, supporting general classroom activities or fundraising activities.

Please make sure you have obtained DBS clearance via the school office. Forms take time to process so you may like to consider completing a form prior to the start of term. Current DBS forms from your own place of work or through other organisations are not sufficient, even if they have been recently obtained unless they are portable. We also request that you supply two professional references as part of this clearance. There is a £15 administration fee for this application.

Term Dates: 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

Training Day - Tuesday 1st September

Training Day - Wednesday 2nd September

Autumn Term 1 - Thursday 3rd September - Thursday 22nd October

Training Day - Friday 23rd October

Half Term Holiday - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Training Day - Monday 2nd November

Training Day - Friday 27th November

Autumn Term 2 - Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

Christmas Holidays - Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January

Spring Term

Spring Term 1 - Monday 4th January - Friday 12th February

Half Term Holiday - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

Spring Term 2 - Monday 22nd February - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holidays - Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term

Summer Term 1 - Monday 12th April - Thursday 27th May

Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May

Training Day - Friday 28th May

Half Term Holiday - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

Summer Term 2 - Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July

Training Day - Friday 25th June

Training Day = School is closed to children

For Year 2 children - End of Key Stage 1 tests will be administered during June.

Please do not take your child out of school during this time.

NOTES
