## CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **Cromwell Learning Community Multi Academy Trust**

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Spring (ii) Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back - we hope you enjoyed the half term break.



We extend warm wishes to pupils, parents, carers and colleagues who are welcoming the holy month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for reflection, prayer and worship and we hope this year's observation brings you peace, joy and good health. Ramadan Mubarak!

As we continue the Spring Term there are a range of activities for the children to look forward to. Having made pancakes as part of their R.E last week they have developed their understanding of Christians using up rich foods prior to Lent which is also a 40-day period of fasting and spiritual reflection beginning on Ash Wednesday. The **Book Fair** will arrive in school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** with the children having the opportunity to dress as a favourite character for **World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**.

After school clubs will begin next week too and run for the half term. There is Fencing for Yr.4 (Mon.), Dodgeball for Yr.3 (Tues.) and Football (Wed.) for Yr.5. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Yrs. 1 and 6 will be going to the cinema at Star City on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> to see 'If' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom' respectively.

**Yr.4** are timetabled for **Bikeability** sessions for w/b 24<sup>th</sup> March.

In the same week we will announce the winning house for this half term and initiate and afternoon reward.

Following Eid-ul-Fitr, where leave for religious observance will granted for **one day** (though the date has yet to be confirmed), **Yr.3 will present their Eid assembly** to their peers and their parents. Marking the end of Ramadan, classes across the school will also celebrate with Eid parties.

As always, we want to acknowledge the children's achievements and in our end of term Rewards Assembly we will award certificates for behaviour, good (97%) and/or improving attendance, as well as the termly Headteacher's Award.

Attendance monitoring remains ongoing. Parents have a responsibility to inform the school of any term time leave and conversations with parents to date have been appreciated. The criteria for 'authorised' leave revolves around 'exceptional circumstances' however, and as a result of families across the MAT taking holidays / visiting relatives abroad they have now been issued with fixed penalty notices by the local authority. This amounts to an £80 fine (if paid within 21 days) for each child and is also issued to each parent with parental responsibility.

Where parents are choosing not to engage with the school and inform them of such absences, the school will though, be forced to conduct home visits. Should we believe families have taken unauthorised leave we will have no alternative, but to continue the referral process and share their details with the local authority.

Please check term time dates before booking holidays or making any travel arrangements for your child, and notify the school accordingly of any non-attendance. Unexplained absences could be deemed a safeguarding concern.



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As always, thank you for your support and let's look forward to a positive and productive half term.

Yours sincerely, Rubina Darr R.Darr (Mrs) Senior Executive Leader

## **Term time dates**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Term (ii) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holiday Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Summer Term (i) Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Term (ii) Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Summer Holiday