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As the summer half term holidays approach we find ourselves looking back on the last six weeks with very mixed emotions. We, like you, are all still coming to terms with the tragic loss of Miss Prince but through the tears we have all come together to share our memories of a much loved teacher and colleague whose contribution to Crabtree Farm is unmeasurable.

We all feel that it is very important that we celebrate the life of Miss Prince and plan to release more details of the form this will take, in the future.

Whilst we are obviously all feeling very sad just now it is important that we also remember the happy events that we have experienced this half term and there have been so, so many! We have had educational visits to Attenborough Nature Reserve and Twycross Zoo. We have also welcomed parents and carers into school for parents' open afternoon and it was so nice to see so many of you in school to hear all about the progress your children are making on a daily basis.

We are all always incredibly proud of the pupils here at Crabtree Farm and I myself found it truly awe inspiring to witness how diligently the children in Years 2 and 6 applied themselves during their recent Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) and they should be extremely proud with their efforts and be happy in the knowledge that they tried their best.

On behalf of the staff team and myself, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June.



Year 5 visit Attenborough Nature Reserve

On Tuesday 16th May, Year 5 went to Attenborough Nature Reserve. We learned about the extremely important work that takes place, there as well as taking part in some activities. We had the opportunity to pond dip and think about what wildlife was living in and around the water. We used some binoculars to do some bird watching and we took part in a minibeast hunt in the woods, using keys to identify which animals we had found. The children were really well behaved, very enthusiastic and came back with a lot of new knowledge.

Coronation Celebrations

School was awash with the Union Flag at the start of May as we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III in our classrooms. The children enjoyed learning about this symbolic ceremony that hasn't been carried out in this country for over 70 years!

Twycross Zoo



Earlier this term our animal loving Year 4 children hopped aboard a coach and set off on an adventure to Twycross Zoo in Leicestershire. It was an action-packed day and the children enjoyed meet giraffes, zebras, rhino's monkeys and meerkats. The children really enjoyed their visit and haven't stopped talking about their favourite animals since they got back to school!



Our Website

We aim for our [website](#) to be a virtual representation of our school and with this in mind we have made changes to key sections and we feel we have made it easier to navigate and be even more informative than it was before.

A website is often the first port of call for people who are looking for more information and we feel our website gives you an insight into our school.

Individual Curriculum Subjects

One of the major changes we have made is creating individual pages for each curriculum subject. These pages have really been a true team effort and each page contains key information including: relevant policies, National Curriculum documents, subject overviews and so much more with new information and photographs being added all



Twitter

We also have a Twitter profile that we use to share all the exciting things that are happening right here at Crabtree Farm. If you would like to follow us on twitter then click [here](#) to be taken directly to our Twitter feed.

Year 1 Partake – The History of Toys



In Year One, we had a visit from Partake which gave us more information about the history of toys. This linked with our learning from the summer 1 half term in history and English. During the workshop, we looked at toys through time and discussed what helped us to know whether a toy was new or

We had fun exploring the different toys, and finding out about how the different toys and mechanisms work: some toys worked by pushing and pulling, and some we needed to use our imaginations to make them come to life.



Early Years Stay and Play

Early Years enjoyed another successful Stay and Play on Friday 19th May and we would like to thank all the parents and carers that were able to join us!

We have stay and play sessions every half term so if you couldn't make this one there's another in the summer 2 half term.

We loved seeing you the parents and carers playing with your children and looking at all the displays and photographs we have around the Early Years.

There was a great atmosphere all day and lots of smiling children, parents, carers and staff. We look forward to seeing you at the next one!

Spanish Day

On 27th April, children in all year groups across the school enjoyed our Spanish Day. Throughout the day, pupils took part in several Spanish themed activities. Children learned new songs in Spanish, learned about Spanish culture in different Spanish speaking countries, played Spanish musical instruments and tried on traditional clothing. We also enjoyed Spanish food for lunch, including paella and orange Magdalena's. Throughout the day each class also got to take part in a Latin dance class and listening to different Spanish songs. We then all took part in a whole school dance on the playground.

Parents Evening

Our recent parents/carers open afternoon was a huge success with record numbers of parents/carers meeting with their child's teacher. The benefit to your child's education when school and home together is immeasurable so thank you for your continued support.



Forest School

This half term we have been visiting the forest school site near Shipley Country Park. The children have experienced the great outdoors in many weather conditions but have loved every minute. They have built new friendships with each other, developed their communication skills and their abilities to work as a team.

The children have had the opportunity to plant trees, build bridges and to create crafts out of natural resources and every week their confidence and resilience has grown and grown.

Sporting Crabtree

During this half term, a variety of children were selected to attend one of the following events: a Year 4 Dodgeball Festival, a Year 5 Active Sports Festival and a KS2 Boccia Tournament. All of the children that attended these events/competitions, represented the school especially well in regard to their behaviour, sporting ability and respect for their teammates and other schools.

All of the children should be extremely proud of themselves, especially the children that took part within the KS2 Boccia Tournament. These children made it to the final of the tournament; unfortunately, the children lost 3-1. Even in defeat, they showed great sportsmanship and walked away with their head held high and a medal to show off their accomplishment.