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Autumn Term Finch Unit Planner

Dear Families,

This letter includes the key dates and important information you need for your child for the upcoming autumn term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact via the school office.

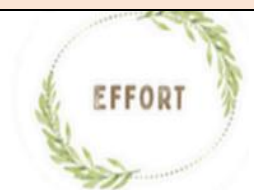
Whole school activities are highlighted in orange.

Date	Activity/Event	What do I need?
Thursday 3 rd September	Term starts	All children to attend school.
Monday 5 th October	Individual school photographs	Children to wear full uniform.
Friday 9 th October	World Mental health Day	Children can wear yellow on this day.
Friday 16 th October	Show Racism the Red Card Day.	Children can wear red on this day.
Monday 19 th October (2.15pm)	Rosefinch's celebration of learning Please book your place on the session via Arbor School Shop.	One family member can come into class to participate in our DT project using cross stitch and applique.
Tuesday 20 th October (2.15pm)	Goldfinch's celebration of learning Please book your place on the session via Arbor School Shop.	One family member can come into class to participate in our DT project using cross stitch and applique.
Wednesday 21 st October (2.15pm)	Greenfinch's celebration of learning Please book your place on the session via Arbor School Shop.	One family member can come into class to participate in our DT project using cross stitch and applique.
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween disco Please purchase your child's place via Arbor School Shop.	Normal uniform day. All children to go home at 3.15 and get changed if attending the disco. Reception – Year 2 be back for 4pm and collected at 5pm.



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		This is held by Families and Friends of Crossgates (PTA) Year 3 – Year 6 to be back in school for 5.15 pm and collected at 6.15pm.
Friday 23 rd October	Finish for half term	Collect at 3.15pm
Monday 2 nd November	School reopens	All children to attend.
Friday 13 th November	Children In Need	More information to follow from the school council.
Monday 16 th November	Anti-bullying week (This year's theme is 'Break the Silence')	Children to wear uniform and odd socks for the day to mark the start of anti-bullying week.
Tuesday 24 th November	Pupil Progress Evenings	You will be invited to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. More information to follow regarding booking and times.
Wednesday 25 th November	Pupil Progress Evenings	You will be invited to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. More information to follow regarding booking and times.
1st December until the 18 th December	Name the teddy competition	More details to follow from our Families and Friends of Crossgates (PTA)
Thursday 3 rd December	Finches' Christmas performance Please book your place to the performance via Arbor School Shop.	There will be two showings- 2.00pm and 5.30pm. Tickets will be available to book nearer the time. 2 tickets per child per performance will be available.
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Please pay your £1 donation via Arbor School Shop	Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper. Money raised



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		will go to Springhill Hospice.
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	Children will be able to order a Christmas dinner on this day or bring a packed lunch.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Party Day	Children can wear their party clothes today.
Thursday 17 th December (4-5pm)	Robins, Wrens, Sparrows and Finches Carols at Crossgates. NB: <i>Parents are responsible for their child/ren during this community event.</i>	We invite you to celebrate with us by singing carols around the Christmas tree with your child. Hot chocolate and biscuits will be on sale and there will be a raffle!
Friday 18 th December	Christmas film afternoon	More details to follow.
Friday 18 th December	Finish for Christmas holidays	Last day of school.
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	School reopens	All children to attend.

L. Farnsworth

Year 2 and 3 Unit lead

