



NEWSLETTER

11: Sept 2023

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely to see all the smiling faces again. The summer weather obviously waited until we were back to school before arriving! Please do make sure that your child has a clear plastic water bottle and a sunhat in school while the weather is so hot.



Meet the Teacher Evening

We are holding a 'Meet the teacher' evening for you on Thursday 14th September.

Teachers will run through a presentation lasting about 20 minutes and you will have a chance to ask any questions about the year group. The presentations run at different times for the classes, so please see the letter which went out last week for details.

READING MEETING

We will be holding a reading meeting on **Wednesday 13th September** at **2.30pm** and again at **5.00pm**. This is primarily for parents of children in YR and Y1, although all are welcome. We will be explaining our new approach to reading, including the phonics scheme, and sharing ideas for how you can help your child to make good progress. No need to book, just come along!



Friday 22nd September is Jeans for Genes Day! For those new to us, when we are fundraising for a charity, we ask that the children contribute a **coin of their own** from their pocket money, piggy bank, or by earning this doing jobs for you. This helps them to appreciate the value of money and the concept of **charity**. This doesn't stop you adding a contribution of your own if you wish.

Any coin they contribute is acceptable and in return, they may wear jeans or other denim items to school that day. Other than those doing P,E, they do not need to adhere to the uniform policy.



Concrete Crisis

I'm sure you have heard about the concerns with RAAC (reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in school buildings, so I wanted to reassure you that we are not on the list of schools at risk. Hampshire carry out structural surveys of all their schools which are undertaken by qualified Structural Engineers and record details about the construction. The inspection brief includes a requirement to check for, record and assess the condition of RAAC. For more information about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely, you can read through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.



We are delighted to share with you details of 'Book to the Future' a group who are on a mission to enhance the reading experience of young minds, targeting children up to Year 2.

For just **£5 annually**, their subscribers are treated to a new, original eBook every week — that's at least 52 books a year! Paired with interactive activities, their platform seamlessly blends education with entertainment, making children's screen time both fun and fruitful in today's digital era. This is a wonderful and affordable chance to unlock a world of storytelling and learning for your young ones. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter or contact them as per below for more details:

www.booktothefuture.co.uk

Email: books@booktothefuture.co.uk



Watch out for our questionnaire about homework coming home this week! We want to know what **you** think!



SOCIAL MEDIA DANGERS

Did you know, around one in four social media users watch other people's content in real time on those same platforms 📺📱 What's more, Ofcom estimates that 58% of children in the UK have consumed video content this way – with many also creating and broadcasting their own material online. Live streaming, as it's known, has become immensely popular – with some streamers drawing tens of millions of followers. Among those viewers, however, lurk individuals who may pose a threat. Take a look at the attached flyer to find out how you can help to protect young live streamers.

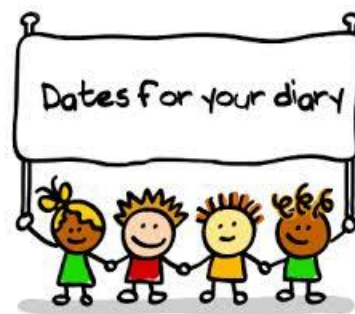


We are lucky to have a great group of P.T.A, volunteers, but as their children approach the top end of the school, we are keen to recruit

more fun-loving volunteers to join the group. This could be a grandparent with time on their hands, an uncle or aunt – anybody who can help. If you can spare any time to help in any way, please do come along and join the Friends of Cranford Park at 3.15pm on Monday 11th September – and bring some friends!

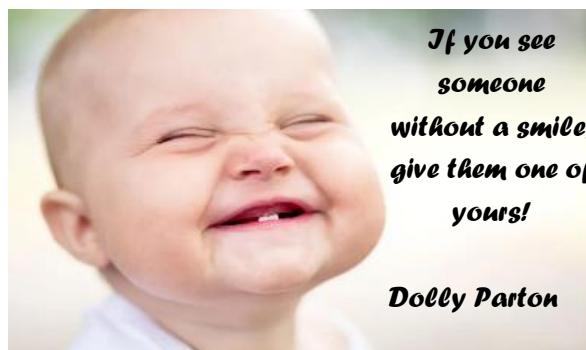
Launching Rocket Reader Rewards!

We are delighted to be launching our new Reading Reward Scheme! We are asking children to read at home every day and have it recorded in their reading record book. Each week, staff will count up the number of days the child reads on and will add to the total. When the child reaches 50 days, they will get a certificate! The rewards will continue for 100, 200, 350 and 500 days of reading. So grab a book and let's go!



New and changed dates will be given in bold

- Mon 11th Sept: 3.15pm – PTA AGM – all are welcome!
- Wed 13th Sept: 2.30pm + 5.00pm Reading Meeting YR/Y1
- Friday 22nd Sept: Jeans for Genes mufti day (non-uniform)
- Friday 22nd Sept: Y5 Class Assembly
- Mon 25th Sept: Individual and sibling photographs
- Friday 29th Sept: Y1 Class Assembly
- Friday 6th Oct: Y3 Class Assembly
- Wed 11th Oct: Open Morning for prospective parents
- Thurs 12th Oct: Junior Road Safety Officer training
- Friday 20th Oct: Harvest Festival Celebration
- Friday 20th Oct: Break up for half term
- Monday 30th Oct: INSET Day
- Tues 31st Oct: Children return to school
- Tues 7th Nov: Bupa Coding Day Y1 to Y4
- Thurs 9th Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents
- Friday 10th Nov: Unwanted clothing collection.
- w/b 13th Nov: Anti-bullying week – details to follow.
- Friday 17th Nov: Children in Need Day
- Friday 17th Nov: Y4 Class Assembly
- Friday 24th Nov: Y2 Class Assembly
- Friday 1st Dec: Y6 Class Assembly
- Friday 8th Dec: KS2 Christmas service at the church
- Mon 11th Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 2.00pm
- Tues 12th Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 9.15am
- Thurs 14th Dec: Panto in school! Cinderella
- Friday 15th Dec: Break up for Christmas holiday 1.15pm
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- Tues 2nd Jan: INSET Day
- Tues 6th Feb: Online Safety Day
- Friday 9th Feb: Break up for half term
- Monday 19th Feb: Children return to school
- Mon 25th March: Class photographs
- Thurs 28th March: Wear a hat day (Brain tumour research)
- Thurs 28th March: Break up for Easter Holidays 1.15pm
- Mon 15th April: Children return to school
- Mon 6th May: May Bank Holiday
- Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June: INSET Day
- Tues 4th June: Children return to school
- 8th-9th July: Y4/Y5 Residential Bushcraft Experience
- w/b 15th July: Y6 Residential Week
- Tues 23rd July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm



*If you see
someone
without a smile,
give them one of
yours!*

Dolly Parton