



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER

12: September 2023

The time is flying by and our children have been working hard to 'grow their brains'. They have all been enjoying their Forest School and Outdoor Learning activities particularly. The weather is so variable at the moment that it is difficult to know whether to send them with suncream or wellies, but we will be outdoors in



all weathers, so please do ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day, thanks.



We are delighted to have booked 'Speak out stay safe' activities for the beginning of next term to deliver important safeguarding messages to our pupils. The activities will include two age

appropriate virtual assemblies which we will deliver in class on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, followed by additional face to face workshops for years 2, 5 and 6 the following Monday, along with follow up activities for all classes.



## Walktober

The My Journey Team at Hampshire County Council is asking school communities to get moving for our wellbeing, our community and our planet by taking part in **Walktober 23**. We are therefore encouraging pupils,

families and staff to find opportunities to travel actively and sustainably throughout October by walking, wheeling, cycling, scooting, using Park and Stride or public transport. To encourage everyone to get involved there are two exciting Walktober competitions for schools and pupils to enter with some fantastic prizes to be won! More information will follow. For more information will follow.



Our PTA have been busy planning lots of fun events for our children. However, they are also trying to raise money for the school, as we have given them the ambitious target of raising enough money for an outdoor learning classroom!



You are going to find a lot of requests coming your way over the coming weeks. We will be asking you for something every week, but it is important to

note that these requests are for **donations** and are therefore **optional**. If we don't ask, we get nothing, so we *will* ask. But please remember, we are grateful for **any** donation, so a bottle could be a bottle of coke or a bottle of gin, chocolate could be a kit kat or a huge box of Thorntons. We are very aware that times are hard for many of our families, so please don't worry about the donations or let them cause stress, just give **whatever you can** and we will be very grateful for that. See our calendar dates for events.

## Our Year 6 making us proud!

Our Y6 Class recently enjoyed a visit to Frogmore School for a taster day. I was delighted to receive the following message about our pupils from their Headteacher afterwards:

*We were blown away by the fantastic engagement, maturity and attitude to learning shown by the students throughout the day. It was an absolute pleasure to welcome them to our school for the day. A particular observation yesterday was how supportive and inclusive the students were with one another. It was abundantly clear that their primary school experience has helped them to develop excellent learning habits.*

Well done Year 6!



Thank you to all those who returned our questionnaire about homework. We also asked our pupils and staff and will be devising a new policy based on the results. Watch this space!



## Strengthening Parental Relationships

Strengthening Parental Relationships (SPR) is Hampshire's Reducing Parental Conflict offer, a government-funded programme which aims to support parents and carers with their relationship. Some level of arguing and conflict between parents is often a normal part of everyday life. However, there is strong evidence to show how inter-parental conflict that is frequent, intense and poorly resolved can have a significant negative impact on children's mental health and long-term life chances. Hampshire County Council have procured a limited number of spaces for Mediation/Couple Support and Family Counselling. This service is for families who are experiencing harmful parental conflict and require high intensity, expert provision. This service is available to families from across Hampshire County Council area. This service is for families where the parents/carers are experiencing parental conflict that is frequent, intense and poorly resolved. They may have already tried the [Free online courses for parents/carers experiencing relationship distress](#). Please contact us if you would like to find out more.



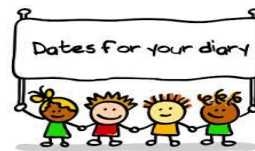
One of our parents has let us know about a two day 'Nurturing Neurodivergence' conference which may be of interest to some of you. For more details go to: <https://thenurtureprogramme.co.uk/conference-2023/>

## Letting their Light Shine!



Our congratulations to Amy who achieved an impressive **Distinction** in her recent tap dance exam. Well done, Amy!

Please do let us know about any achievements out of school so we can celebrate with you!



**New and changed dates will be given in bold**

- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: Individual and sibling photographs
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> hand book sale - YR to Y3**
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: Y1 Class Assembly
- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Xmas Art for cards coming home**
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y3 Class Assembly
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTA Discos**
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Christmas card order deadline**
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct: Open Morning for prospective parents
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Junior Road Safety Officer training
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival Celebration
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Break up for half term
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: INSET Day
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Children return to school
- Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: PTA Mufti Day: screw-top bottle of wine**
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: Bupa Coding Day Y1 to Y4
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Open Morning for prospective parents
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Unwanted clothing collection.
- w/b 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Anti-bullying week – details to follow.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Children in Need Day – coin of their own
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y4 Class Assembly
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y2 Class Assembly
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: PTA Mufti for Chocolate/sweets/bottle**
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Lions Christmas Market – PTA stall**
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: Y6 Class Assembly
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: PTA Mufti Day for cakes (xmas theme)**
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec: PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR after school**
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: PTA Elfridges gift sale**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Christmas service at the church
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 2.00pm
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 9.15am
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day**
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner Day**
- Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Panto in school! Cinderella
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break up for Christmas holiday 1.15pm
- 2024**
- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: INSET Day
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: NSPCC SOSS Assemblies**
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: NSPCC SOSS Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6**
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Online Safety Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Break up for half term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening**
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March: Y2 'Nightwalk' 5 – 8pm**
- w/b 4<sup>th</sup> March: **Book Week**
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> March: Bounce for Books event**
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day – dress as character**
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: PTA Mufti for Chocolate Eggs**
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March: Class photographs
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Fun Day with Easter tea**
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March: Wear a hat day (Brain tumour research)
- Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March: Break up for Easter Holidays 1.15pm
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: May Bank Holiday
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: INSET Day
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June: Children return to school
- 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July: Y4(Y5) Residential Bushcraft Experience
- w/b 15<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Residential Week
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm