



NEWSLETTER

13: October 2023

The time is going so fast! We were very sad this week to say goodbye to our Chair of Governors, Faith Bailey. Faith has been a



governor here since the very beginning of Cranford Park's existence! She has now been appointed as vicar of Darby Green and Eversley, so has had to move her governance skills

and experience to support schools in her new parish. The children presented gifts and the cards which each class had made in a special



assembly. We hope that she will stay in touch. Liz Brown has agreed to step into Chair of Governors role and is already getting her teeth into it! We do, of course, wish them both all the very best of luck in their new roles.

Keeping up with the times!



Thanks to one of our parents, we now have a presence on social media, including on **Instagram!** Our following is still small though, so please do search for Cranford Park on Instagram and follow us.

You should all now have received the **new photo permissions slip** which gives permission to use your child's photo in all our communications. When you signed permissions previously, they did not have the social media element, which is why we need to gain your permission again. Please rest assured we will never post a photo with their name without getting your separate explicit permission. So far only the Reception class have all returned permissions, which is why they feature so heavily! So please do return yours as soon as possible, thank you.

CREATIVITY



Our reception children have most certainly let their light shine this week! They have been busy measuring, sawing, gluing and painting to make their very own fairy house, which I'm sure will entertain them for hours to come!

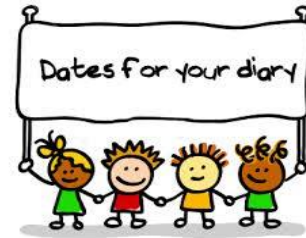


Coat appeal!



Another appeal to please send your child in to school every day with a waterproof coat. The children will be outside in **all weathers!** Our weather is so unpredictable that it can seem hot and sunny in the morning and still rain through the day.

Please also make sure that everything is **NAMED**. Named jumpers find their way back to the owner, but unnamed ones don't and we already have a stock of unnamed jumpers! These will be passed to the PTA at the end of each term for a second-hand uniform sale.



New and changed dates will be given in bold

Mon 9 th Oct:	Christmas card order deadline
Wed 11 th Oct:	Open Morning for prospective parents
Thurs 12 th Oct:	Junior Road Safety Officer training
Friday 20 th Oct:	Harvest Festival @ church 9.30am
Friday 20 th Oct:	Break up for half term
Monday 30 th Oct:	INSET Day
Tues 31 st Oct:	Children return to school
Tues 31 st Oct:	Flu vaccines (please sign up)
Tues 31 st Oct:	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thurs 2 nd Nov:	Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 3 rd Nov:	PTA Mufti Day: screw-top bottle of wine
Mon 6th Nov:	PTA Meeting after school – all welcome
Tues 7 th Nov:	Bupa Coding Day Y1 to Y4
Thurs 9 th Nov:	Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 10 th Nov:	Unwanted clothing collection.
w/b 13 th Nov:	Anti-bullying week – details to follow.
Friday 17 th Nov:	Children in Need Day – coin of their own
Friday 17 th Nov:	Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 24 th Nov:	Y2 Class Assembly
Friday 24 th Nov:	PTA Mufti for Chocolate/sweets/bottle
Sat 25 th Nov:	Lions Christmas Market – PTA stall
Friday 1 st Dec:	Y6 Class Assembly
Friday 1 st Dec:	PTA Mufti Day for cakes (xmas theme)
Friday 1 st Dec:	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR after school
Mon 4 th Dec:	PTA Elfridges gift sale
Friday 8 th Dec:	KS2 Christmas service at the church
Mon 11 th Dec:	KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 2.00pm
Tues 12 th Dec:	KS1 Production 'Born in a Barn' 9.15am
Wed 13 th Dec:	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 13 th Dec:	Christmas Dinner Day
Thurs 14 th Dec:	Panto in school! Cinderella
Friday 15 th Dec:	Break up for Christmas holiday 1.15pm 2024
Tues 2 nd Jan:	INSET Day
Mon 29 th Jan:	NSPCC SOSS Assemblies
Mon 5 th Feb:	NSPCC SOSS Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
Tues 6 th Feb:	Online Safety Day
Friday 9 th Feb:	Break up for half term
Monday 19 th Feb:	Children return to school
Tues 20 th Feb:	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thurs 22 nd Feb:	Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 1 st March:	Y2 'Nightwalk' 5 – 8pm
w/b 4 th March:	Book Week
Wed 6 th March:	Bounce for Books event
Thurs 7 th March:	World Book Day – dress as character
Fri 15 th March:	PTA Mufti for Chocolate Eggs
Mon 25 th March:	Class photographs
Wed 27 th March:	Easter Fun Day with Easter tea
Thurs 28 th March:	Wear a hat day (Brain tumour research)
Thurs 28 th March:	Break up for Easter Holidays 1.15pm
Mon 15 th April:	Children return to school
Mon 6 th May:	May Bank Holiday
Friday 24 th May:	Break up for half term
Monday 3 rd June:	INSET Day
Tues 4 th June:	Children return to school
8 th -9 th July:	Y4(Y5) Residential Bushcraft Experience
w/b 15 th July:	Y6 Residential Week
Tues 23 rd July:	Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm



St Peter's Church have now confirmed that our Harvest Festival Can take place on Friday 20th October at 9.30am. We hope to see you all there!



Tips for building independence in children

Our natural instinct is to protect our children and so it can be difficult as a parent to balance building independence with keeping our children safe. Bright Horizons have come up with some hot tips for parents:

- **Pick your battles.**
- **Offer choices.**
- **Provide flexibility within structure.**
- **Support growth.**
- **Encourage healthy risk.**
- **Embrace mistakes.**
- **Set up the environment for success.**

They say to think about the experience of parenting as slowly releasing responsibility over time. For more details of each hot tip visit:

<https://www.brighthorizons.co.uk/family-zone/family-resources/additional-resources/work-and-young-children/children-independence>

We have a Flu clinic here on **Tuesday 31st October**. Parents who wish their child to have this need to sign their child up for it on the following link:

<https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/winter-flu-vaccination-programme>