



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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14: October 2023

We made it through the first half term and what a lovely end to it with our Harvest celebration at the church. Thank you for all the gifts you sent which were gratefully received by Yateley Community Pantry. It's been a busy first half term for our Reception children who have been 'on safari' with their binoculars searching for everything from polar bears and tigers to snakes and rabbits!



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Join us for a Family Games Night on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November straight after school in the school hall! See the attached leaflet for more details.

### Could your company sponsor us?

Our thanks to Mark Clayton Window Cleaning for sponsoring the printing and delivery of our leaflet which you may have had one drop through your letterbox!



Most companies have an **advertising budget** and we can often access this, offering advertising and recognition in return for the purchase of items for school.



We are currently looking for a company to sponsor our new competition sports kit. For £1000, your company could have their name on our kit, giving them years of advertising when we participate in cross-school events.

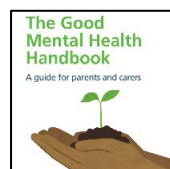
We are also looking for a company to sponsor some logos and window art for us – all price ranges are available and again, we can print the company name and logo on the art work, as well as distributing leaflets advertising your company to our families.



Please do get in touch if you can help us out!

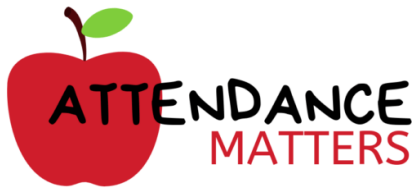


I love hearing examples of great parenting. I recently heard of a parent in our own school encouraging Christian values in her child. She told her child to "be kind" to a child that had said something unkind to them, "so that you make him happy." What a wonderful approach, demonstrating compassion and forgiveness. I am in awe and her child will most certainly grow up with a kind heart. Attached with this newsletter is a great guide for parents and carers to promote good mental health in their children.



They even made safari animal cupcakes, measuring ingredients and decorating their cakes to look like their chosen animals.

To see more photos of our children at work, find us on social media. We now have a [Facebook page](#), plus [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts for the school. Why not follow and like us!



At Cranford Park, we understand the importance of children attending school consistently and the impact it can have on their learning when they don't. Research has shown that of those pupils who miss between 10 and 15% of days in school, only 36% go on to achieve good GCSE grades, compared to 75% of pupils with over 95% attendance. Any child with attendance below 90% is regarded as being 'persistently absent' from school. At this level, there is an expectation that schools will take further action, which can include involving the legal team if attendance does not improve. While 90% may sound like a good attendance level it equates to a child missing 19 days of school – almost a full two weeks. Not only do children miss the learning while they are absent, they can struggle to catch up and keep up when they return.

Lateness can lead to a child being marked as absent too, so it is important that children arrive at school between 8.30am and 8.45am. Any child arriving after this time may be marked as 'late after the register has closed' – in effect this is then recorded as a half day absence.

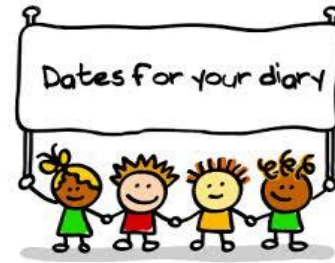
We have recently received a few forms requesting holidays. We are not allowed to authorise any holidays during term time and these are automatically recorded as unauthorised. If unauthorised absence goes over 10 sessions (5 school days), a penalty notice (fine) will be issued. The fine is issued to each parent (even in split families) and for each of the children in a family. A fine will also be issued where a parent has called a child in 'sick' but it becomes apparent that they have actually been on holiday. This also puts the child in an awkward position of having to 'fib' about where they have been. Our attendance policy is available on the website. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child(ren) attend school consistently – it really does matter.

Want some extra resources to support your child's learning? CGP Books offer a range of very reasonably priced resources. Take a look on their website at:  
<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books>



## Cake Sales!

Our cake and biscuit sales will start after half term on Fridays. Classes will take turns to sell cakes after school. We will start with an 'After School Club' sale on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Cakes will be 50p or £1.



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

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  
**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov: PTA Meeting after school – all welcome**  
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.  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: ASC Cake Sale – cakes 50p or £1**  
w/b 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Anti-bullying week – details to follow.  
**Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Family Maths Games in the Hall 3.15pm**  
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 mince pies & sweets**  
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  
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Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: INSET Day  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan: NSPCC SOSS Assemblies  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb: NSPCC Number Day – coin of their own**  
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  
**w/b 13<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs Testing week**  
**13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 Residential to Runways End**  
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  
**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Residential Sleepover**  
8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July: Y4 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