



20: February 2024

We had a wonderful time at our recent NSPCC Number Day! It started with a great assembly led by our Year 1 children telling us all about the charity. Children then enjoyed a day of escape room challenges, puzzles, trails, games and other activities! My thanks to Miss Singer for organising the day so effectively. In the words of our children:

*On Friday 2nd, the children of Cranford Park competed in a number of competitions for prizes! Four escape rooms, four grand prizes, hundreds of kids competing. If they entered the numbers to the pad correctly they would get to escape and win. The questions were almost impossible to answer but we did it! Aleks*

*We had to escape from the forest and work out the code for the keypad. My team won - which means team points! There were 10 clues and I guessed three of them right. It was 40 minutes long and extremely hard! George*

*I loved the escape room! It was so fun! I think one of the reasons I loved it so much is because maths is my favourite subject and I love escape rooms so it was perfect 😊 Hannah*

*The escape room was fun because you had to work out problems that were so hard. I know we were growing our brains! Talia*

I have posted some photos below, but for many more, please visit our social media sites. We now have [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts for the school. We currently have 72 followers on Facebook, 66 on Instagram and 22 on X (Twitter). Why not follow and like us?

### Letting their light shine!



It is lovely to see our children showing courageous advocacy by championing their causes. Lottie and Liza are letting their light shine by supporting a charity close to their hearts! The girls will be holding a special assembly on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and will then hold a **mufti day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Children can wear as much orange or blue as they like in exchange for a coin from their own moneybox. The girls are also holding a 'hat design' competition. Children can enter a design for a 50p donation to the charity. Well done girls!



### Royal Connections!



You may recall that our Reception class were making new necklaces for the queen when the queen lost hers! Eleanor was adamant that she wanted to give the necklace that she had made in class to the Queen! When her family had a day out to Windsor Castle, Eleanor took her necklace along in an envelope on which she had written 'Queen'. They passed the envelope to a member of staff thinking that would be the end of it. Imagine their

surprise when they received a letter from the queen thanking her! Well done Eleanor! It's good to have friends in high places! 😊





# Number Day 2024



Puzzling the escape room challenges!



Fabulous costumes! Well done to you all!



Our older children enjoyed planning activities for the younger year groups...



Parents joining in the fun!



Year 5 children lending their fingers to younger children to help with the counting!





# Community Links



A group of our Year 3 children have been going each week to the Willow Gardens care home to read to the residents. This is a mutually beneficial activity – the children get to practise their reading and the residents have their day brightened by being read to!



Please do let me know if you have any ideas about how we can further promote our links in the community!



**Our Reception class cake sale raised £145 for the class! Thank you for all your donations! Watch out for the dates in the calendar for your class turn!**

# THANK YOU!



A HUGE thank you to our parent **Mr Sharman** who very kindly came in to put the basketball nets together for us! You're a hero! 😊

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY



A reminder that we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor! Please do come forward if you would like to know more.



## WORLD THINKING DAY Feb.22

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February is World Thinking Day/Founders Day! To help all of our Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows and Beavers to celebrate, we are allowing and encouraging children to wear their scouting uniforms to school on that day!



## Got an idea?



We are always keen to hear new ideas! If you have an idea, a resource, or would like to help us in any way, please do get in touch!

Sadly, the school and preschool have been the victims of vandalism lately. If you live near the school, please keep an eye out for us! Try to get footage of the culprits and report anything you see to the police. Thanks



# Reception Castle Day Fun!

Year R had a fantastic fun filled Castle Day! They started with a delicious banquet, played lots of castle related team games, made wands and even found some of the queen's treasure! For more details and photos, see our social media sites!



## Find the Majesty's Treasure

The queen has lost some of her royal treasure, she thinks the pirates have taken it!

The queen says if we find one piece of gold, we can keep one each.



## Royal Ball Freeze Dance

Show off your best dance moves, be sure to freeze once the music stops?

Who will be the last royal dancing?



## Wizard/Fairy Godmother Wands

- Choose a pipe-cleaner and thread on beads to create the magic.



The king has lost his crown, can we pin it back on for him?

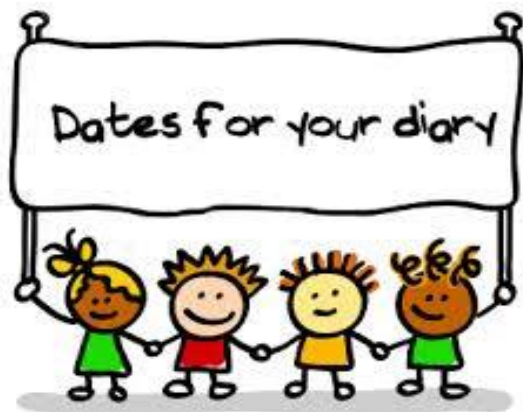


Using a hoop and a javelin, how far can you throw the 'lance' through the hoop. Who's goes the furthest?



Teachers use their Class Fund to pay for these sorts of activities, so please do contribute if you can!





**New and changed dates are given in bold**

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb: NSPCC SOSS Workshops Y2, Y5, Y6
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: Online Safety Day
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 2 Pirate Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year R Class Assembly
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y5 Tudor Dancing – parents at 3pm**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 3 Cake Sale
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb: Break up for half term
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school
- Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Harry's Hat Assembly**
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: Parents' Consultation – Years 2 to 6
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Parents' Consultation – Year R and Y1
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Thinking Day – wear scouting uniforms**
- Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb: Parents' Consultation – all classes
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Harry's Hat Mufti Day – orange and blue**
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Year 6 Class Assembly**
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Year 4 Cake Sale
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March: Year 5 Cake Sale
- Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March: Year 4 Class Assembly**
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> March: Visiting Author**
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March: Selected girls to Chelsea stadium**
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 Cake Sale
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 Class Assembly**
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: Year 1 Cake Sale
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March: PTA Mufti for Chocolate Eggs
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> March: Y2 + Y4 'Walk through Easter' St Peter's
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Skipping Workshops**
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Year 3 Class Assembly**
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Year 6 Cake Sale
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March: Class photographs
- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Fun Day with Easter tea for parents
- 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
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April: Year 3 trip to Milestones Museum
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 to Wellington College
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April: Y5 to Wellington College
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April: PTA Mufti Day for bottles (Lions fair)
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May: Y5 swimming
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: May Bank Holiday
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: Lions May Fair
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 swimming
- 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
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Mufti Day for sweets
- w/b 20<sup>th</sup> May: Walk to school week
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Y5 swimming

- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Break the rules day! (shhhh!)
- 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
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June: Y4 govt multiplication checks begin
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June: Lions Club presenting books to school
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Residential Sleepover
- w/b 10<sup>th</sup> June: Y1 Govt Phonics screening checks
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 swimming
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Mufti Day for bottle tombola
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June: District Sports
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 to Winchester Leavers' Service
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June: Kids Out event – by invitation**
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y5/Y6 group to Wellington- by invitation
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June: Summer Fair
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (parents in afternoon)
- 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July: Y4 Residential Bushcraft Experience
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July: Basketball workshops
- w/b 15<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Residential Week
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm



## BUILDING RESILLIENCE



**Have a fantastic half-term break!**