



## NEWSLETTER

21: March 2024

We are looking forward to our book week this week! I have heard that there have been some messages sent out with the wrong dates on and that this has caused confusion, for which I apologise. We believe an older version of the letter was used. To clarify, the details you need to know are as follows:

**On Tuesday** we would like all children to bring a favourite book to school to be able to share with a friend.

**On Wednesday** parents/family members can **come in to school from 2pm** for some 'World Book Day Challenges.'

You can **come in anytime** during the week to **read your favourite story** to a class or a group.

**Wednesday morning** is our '**Bounce for Books**' event. We would be grateful for some parents to count bounces – please contact me if you can help.

**Thursday is a book swap day** – bring a book from home to swap with somebody else in the class.

Our dress up day has been moved to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. This was due to the difficulty of doing PE in costumes!

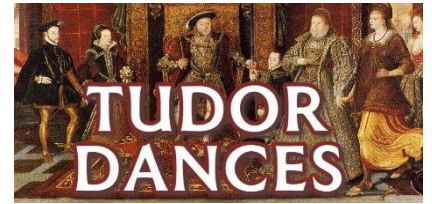
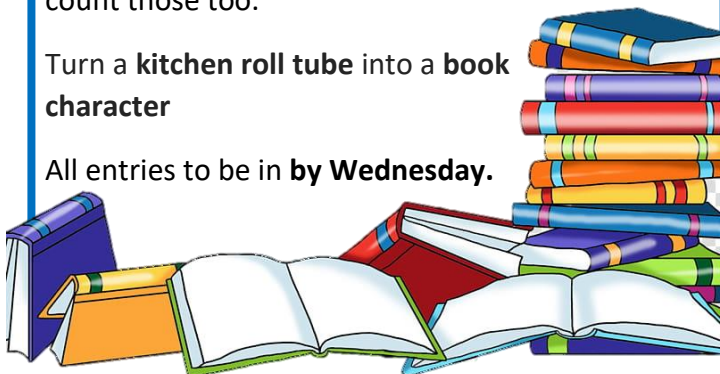
On **Friday** we will also have visiting author/illustrator Simon Murray.

The competitions this year are:

A photo showing '**Reading to an unusual audience**'  
If you have done an unusual place, this was last year's theme, but please don't worry as we will count those too.

Turn a **kitchen roll tube** into a **book character**

All entries to be in **by Wednesday**.



At the end of last term, our Year five parents were invited in to see



their children 'Tudor dancing' and some even joined in the fun when the children taught them the dances! Impressive moves from our children *and* their parents – well done to them all!

## Welcome New Governors!

I would like to welcome two new governors to our school board. Mrs Sandra Aktas works at Wellington College as Head of French, so comes with a wealth of educational knowledge and expertise. Mrs Claire Storey will be known to many of you already as the wife of Rev Tim Storey at St Peter's Church. Claire has already made a significant contribution to our meetings. We are delighted to have them both. We are still eager to appoint another parent governor so please do speak to me if you would like to know more. We are particularly keen to recruit governors with skills in business or finance. We ask governors to attend school for four days in the year and to attend a further five evening meetings from 6pm to 8pm. If you think you could spare us some time, please do get in touch.



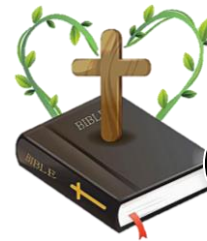
## Staffing Changes

I am very sad indeed to have to tell you that Mrs Gill and Mrs Richards are leaving the Cranford Park team at Easter. Both are moving on for very good reasons. Mrs Richards is going to focus on her own family for a while and Mrs Gill is leaving education and going back into the grown up world where people can take holidays during term time! She already has lots of wonderful trips planned. I am sure they will both stay in touch and of course we wish them all the very best for the future. Mrs Marx will be covering Mrs Richards' days in year 3 for the summer term.



We welcome to the staff Mrs Victoria Wilcox as School Business Manager and will be recruiting a further member of office staff soon. Mrs Gill has worked for the school for a great many years, having left

once before and then come back. We would therefore like to give her a goodbye send-off befitting of her long service. We will be holding a 'goodbye' tea for her and any parents, pupils, staff and governors who would like to attend on the afternoon of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March straight after school, as many of you will be in that day anyway for our Easter Tea. If you would like to make a contribution for a gift for Mrs Gill, please speak to Mrs Wilcox in the school office. Many thanks.



## Potted Christianity

Join us on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm for coffee, cake and Potted Christianity! Staff and governors will also be attending and we would like to see as many of our school community as possible.

Please do come and join us! See the leaflet for more details.



**Bag 2 school** will be collecting from Cranford Park School on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. We get money for the weight of any clothing collected, so please do bring any unwanted clothes in for us! Perhaps ask your friends, neighbours and relatives too? The more the better! Many thanks.

## P.E. Kit Reminder



A reminder that children should be wearing black shorts or joggers, a team-coloured T-shirt and a **school jumper** on P.E. days. This should be an ordinary school jumper with Cranford Park logo and can be the usual uniform jumper, or the P.E. purple hoodie with logo, which should not be worn on non-P.E. days. No other jumpers or hoodies should be worn. Thank you for your support in helping your children to look smart at school.

## Class Funds

Some of our class funds are completely empty, while others have only had one or two contributions. Please do support your class with funds so that the teachers can offer extra fun experiences to their children. We suggest a donation of £10 per child per term, but we are grateful for whatever you can give. Thank you!







# UNIVERSITY OF CRANFORD PARK

Our 'University' has started well and the children are really enjoying learning things outside of the primary curriculum!

In the Faculty of Sports, children played giant darts and other games.



In the Faculty of Engineering, children saw a short film sharing an overview of 'Engineering' and the different sectors/ industries where you can learn to be an engineer. They then explored with



construction kit before being posed a 'problem' to think about. What structure could they create to rescue their 'Playmobil Casualties' from hitting the ground? The faculty of Construction have been designing and making



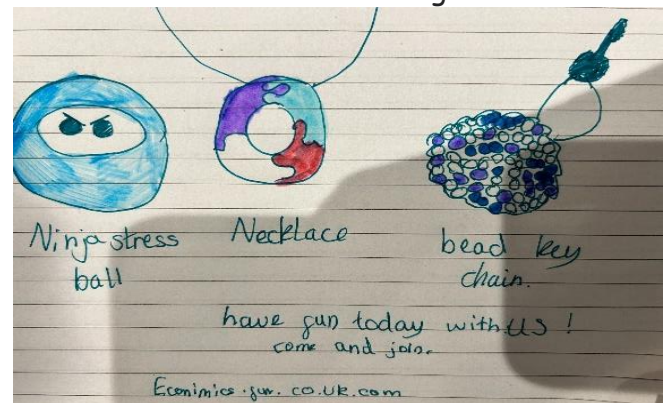
bird boxes, showing fantastic measuring and sawing skills!



In the Faculty of Horticulture, children surveyed the site and made a plan for their sensory flower bed. They are going to plant around our friendship bench with lots of sensory plants to make it a lovely place to sit!



In the Faculty of Economics children had a brilliant first session and were really engaged. They came up with a company name, a logo and decided on the products that they want to make and sell. They created a poster to find out which was the more popular product and have gone on this week to making the most popular choice! Watch out for their fabulous stress balls which will be selling soon!



For more photos, 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!



Lottie and Liza have raised £250.20 for their chosen charity! They have really shown courageous advocacy and have let their light shine! Last week Dexter spoke to us about the plight of the homeless, a cause close to his heart.



## COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Many families are worried about the cost-of-living increases and how these impact on managing day to day life, and there is now lots of information available online to support you, typically covering:

- Fuel and Energy
- Food, Foodbanks and essentials
- Help with money, bills and debt, finding work
- Staying well and resilient
- Warm and welcome spaces
- Housing needs and homelessness

Local information especially is being added to all the time so please see the links below.

<https://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/housing-benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-help/>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/mentalwellbeinghampshire/moneyanddebt>

<https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

## Food and welfare provisions in Hart

Hart Foodbank helps people that are in crisis within the boundaries of Hart. There are four foodbanks across the district where clients can collect food parcels. Hart Foodbank can also supply hygiene products and cleaning items for the home. These foodbanks are situated in: Darby Green, Fleet, Odiham and Hook.

Please note that people cannot directly self-referral to the Hart Foodbank. Ideally, they will have been referred to Hart Foodbank by an agency such as a Housing Association, Citizens Advice, Job Centre Plus, local schools, GP Surgeries, or social prescribers etc.

The **Community Pantry at Yateley Industries** provide support to members. People can register and pay £5 per shop to receive at least £15 worth of fresh, frozen, and general foods. Tel 01252 872337 or email [Jeanp@yateleyindustries.net](mailto:Jeanp@yateleyindustries.net)

Fleet Phoenix: The Fleet Phoenix food store offers food & hygiene parcels to those families most in need. If you need help or would like to make a professional referral, please email: [info@fleetphoenix.co.uk](mailto:info@fleetphoenix.co.uk) or call: 01252 812308 for more information. They also supply school uniform to families in need Services | Fleet Phoenix

## Hampshire Libraries are Warm & Welcome

Farnborough Library is pleased to be able to offer free vouchers to customers for a hot drink and snack at the OFLAC cafe at Farnborough Library. Please visit the enquiry desk where you can ask for a voucher for the cafe. There are a limited number of vouchers available.

Aldershot Library has a weekly 'soup & oatcake' event to offer customers a weekly hot lunch for FREE every Wednesday. Visit Aldershot library between 12pm and 1.30pm every Wednesday to take advantage of this offer which runs until March 2024.

## SAFER INTERNET INFORMATION

To further support Safer Internet Day, the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROUCU) will be running a parent webinar explaining Cyber Choices and the risks to young people of committing computer misuse offences. As you may be aware, this risk is now a Safeguarding risk, named within KCSiE, so to try and further raise awareness of this, they would like to reach out and explain to parents and carers just how young people can cross the line into cyber crime.

The session introduces you to the [Cyber Choices programme](#), led by the National Crime Agency, and delivered locally by SEROUCU. Cyber Choices is a programme that supports those people at risk of committing computer misuse offences, such as hacking. These risks are far more real than most people recognise, with around 1 in 4 young people admitting to committing low-harm cybercrimes, perhaps without even realising what they were doing was illegal.

Ideally **suited to parents/carers of children in Year 3 (age 7) and above**, the session will help parents and carers to understand:

- what computer misuse is
- what the risks to young people are
- recognise some of the indicators that young people may be involved in committing cybercrimes
- how the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.

## Available webinar dates and to book your place:

### 4 March, 11am -

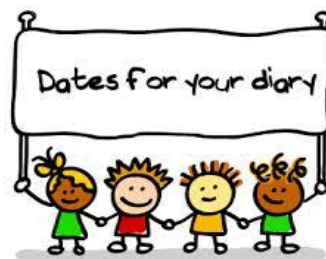
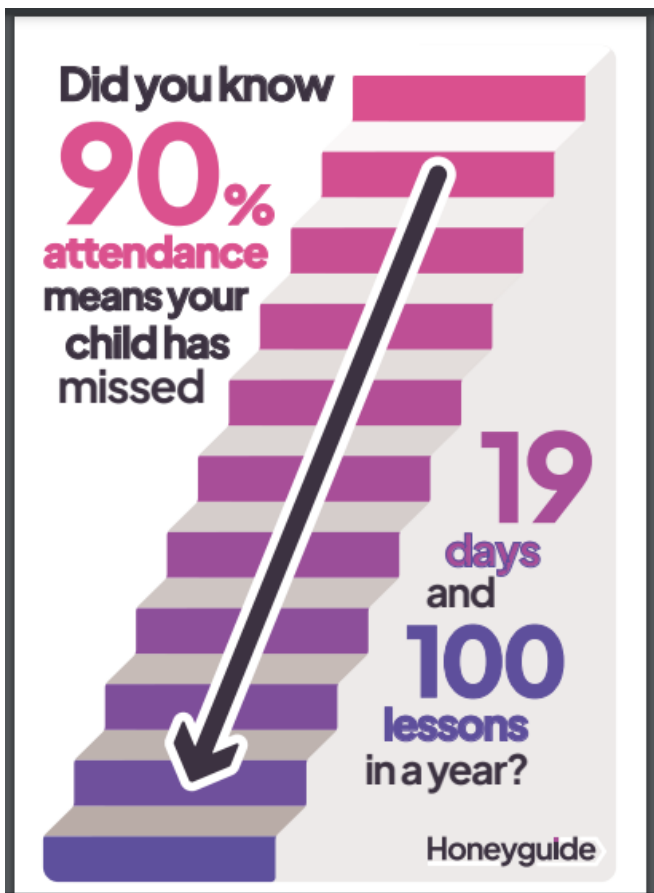
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### 4 March, 8pm -

Registration: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2ROjhhKsSKueNgILJ7ISfQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2ROjhhKsSKueNgILJ7ISfQ)

If you have any queries, please contact the SEROUCU Cyber Choices team [cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk](mailto:cyberchoices@serocu.police.uk)





New and changed dates are given in bold

- 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 – NOT dressing up**
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March: Dressing up as a book 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: Bag 2 School Clothing Collection**
- 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

