



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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light
shine

My congratulations to our Year 6 children for the resilience and determination they showed during their SATs tests this week. Whatever the outcome, we are **very proud** of all those children who did their best. Our Year 5 children have also been showing resilience in their residential and non-residential challenges this week. Please do **follow us on Instagram** and Facebook to see a range of photos of your children. There are some really lovely photos and it would be great to get more 'likes.'



SWEETS POLICY

For your information, our policy on sweets given out at school is to tell the child to show their parents before eating them. You can then decide whether you want your child to eat them. Therefore, they will generally be given out just before home-time. This includes the new Mars reading rewards for 200 reads at home.

TISSUES APPEAL

With the finer weather has come a spate of hay fever sneezes! But we are down to our last few



boxes of tissues! If you could find it in your heart to throw a box or two in with your shopping this week, we would be **very grateful**. Please bring

them to the school office. Thank you!

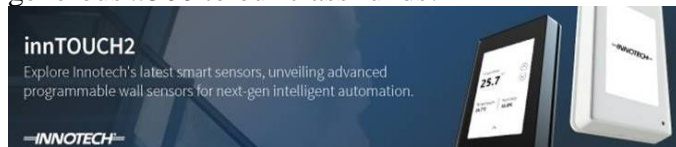


Sadly, we say **farewell and thank you** to one of our highly valued governors at the end of this term. Joining us as a co-opted governor in September

2021, Mrs Louise Harris has been an absolutely superb governor for us; active, knowledgeable and positive. She will be greatly missed and we thank her for all she has done for the school.

THANK YOU!

Our sincere thanks to Kevin Taylor, grandfather of Louie in Year four and director of **Innotech Europe Ltd.** for their donation to the school, which is greatly appreciated! Innotech Europe Ltd are a local company and have donated a very generous £500 to our class funds!



We have been very moved by the response to our class fund appeal, with many parents reaching out to companies and grandparents on our behalf. If you know a company who could donate, please do ask them to get in touch. We would be happy to advertise donating companies in our newsletter!

THANK YOU!

Our playground has huge new basketball posts! An enormous **thank you to Mr Sharman** for putting them together for us! We are very grateful for the support of our parents and lucky you are such a talented bunch! 😊



We welcome Eve Smith to the school office. Please bear with her while she gets used to her new role! Many thanks.

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YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL

Our year 5 children are having a wonderful time on their residential visit!



As well as the fun activities, they are all enjoying the very yummy food!



...AND NOT!

Our non-residential year 5 children were also trying not to get wet with their waterproof shelter project! In the afternoon, they baked shortbread biscuits!



Letting Their Light Shine!



Amelia, Ava, Alexa and Violet recently took part in the Frogmore Dance School bi-annual dance show. For some of the girls this was their first time on stage and they came off excited for the next one! Lots of happy, proud tears shed by parents seeing them all dance so beautifully. Well done to them all for letting their light shine! 😊



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University Spotlight



In the Faculty of Economics the children have been very busy over the last few weeks. Their company 'Stressbusters' are proud to present their final products which will be sold next week (from 20th May).

Order forms will be coming to classes this week.



These are all products chosen by, designed by and made by the children! Move over Bill Gates! Please do support the children to make a profit by buying their stress balls and their beautiful stylish necklaces!



In the Faculty of Engineering the children have absolutely loved solving the challenges set to them with a variety of construction equipment, such as Lego or K-nex. They needed to create a structure



that could support 5 gems, that had an opening and closing mechanism and that was a minimum of 20cm in length.

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After-School Club

Our after-school club children have been having a wonderful time engaged in a range of activities!



Prices start at £10 for a session until 5pm which includes a light meal, homework done and all activities! Bargain! Once you are enrolled, you can choose available sessions.



Please contact the school office for more details!

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We have been invited to participate in the UK's biggest reading for pleasure programme for primary children, [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

It's delivered via public libraries. Children can sign up for free at their local library or online and last year, in Hampshire, over 8.5 thousand children joined the Challenge!

How it works:

- Children sign up through their local library and receive a collector's poster.
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives.
- Library staff and volunteers help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free themed activities in the library.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal. You could **organise a special assembly to present the certificates** in the new term.

We will be hosting a special assembly to tell the children all about it later in the term and you can look out for the posters around school. More information will also be coming soon in a letter from Mrs Asto.

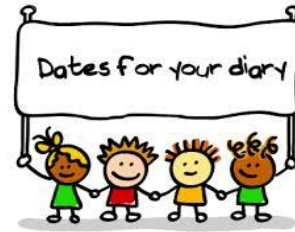


Combining **FREE** access to books at local libraries with creative activities to take part in during the summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to support your child's learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

ATTENDANCE FOCUS

As you may know, the government are currently focusing heavily on school attendance. You may have heard the radio campaign? The link between attendance and attainment, wider development and wellbeing is clear, not least of all in the exam results children achieve. If they are not in school, they develop 'gaps' in their concepts which make future learning more difficult for them.

The expectation is that all children should be in school and all children should aim for attendance above 95%. Any child with attendance below 90% is deemed to be a **persistent absentee**. We will be contacting these families soon to discuss the attendance of the children and to see if we can work together to improve attendance. Please remember that holidays and days out cannot be authorised and will therefore be unauthorised absences, subject to a fine. This is actioned by Hampshire County Council and sadly we do not get the money! Please support us to improve our school attendance by having your child here every day.



New and changed dates are given in bold

- Fri 17th May: PTA Mufti Day for sweets
- Fri 17th May: Year 3 Cake Sale
- w/b 20th May: Walk to school week
- Wed 22nd May: Y5 swimming
- Thurs 23rd May: Break the rules day! (shhhh!)
- Fri 24th May: Year 5 class assembly
- Fri 24th May: Year 6 Cake Sale
- Friday 24th May: Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June: INSET Day
- Tues 4th June: Children return to school
- Tues 4th June: Y4 govt multiplication checks begin
- Tues 4th June: 5.30pm New Intake Induction Evening
- Wed 5th June: Yr1 and Yr2 trip to Marwell Zoo
- Wed 5th June: YR trip to Wellington Park**
- Wed 5th June: Y6 Virtual Road Safety Workshop**
- Wed 5th June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 5th June: Lions Club presenting books to school
- Wed 5th June: Healthy Eating Workshops for KS2
- Thurs 6th June: 3.15pm – Potted Christianity Workshop
- Fri 7th June: Y3 Residential Sleepover
- Fri 7th June: PTA Freezy Fridays begin!
- w/b 10th June: Y1 Govt Phonics screening checks
- Mon 10th June: New intake induction session 1
- Mon 10th June: Fathers' Day Shopping
- Wed 12th June: Y5 swimming
- Thurs 13th June: 8.30am Coffee morning for GRT parents**
- Fri 14th June: PTA Mufti Day for bottle tombola
- Mon 17th June: District Sports
- Tues 18th June: Year 5 Road Safety Workshop**
- Tues 18th June: Year 6 Digital workshop - Wellbeing**
- Wed 19th June: Y6 to Winchester Leavers' Service
- Wed 19th June: Y5 swimming
- Wed 19th June: Kids Out event – by invitation
- Wed 19th June: New intake induction session 2
- Thurs 20th June: Y5 to Wellington College challenge day**
- Fri 21st June: Year 3 class assembly
- Fri 21st June: Summer Fair 3.30pm
- Mon 24th June: New intake induction session 3
- Tues 25th June: Summer Arts Festival 1.30pm**
- Fri 28th June: Sports Day (parents picnic and afternoon)
- Wed 3rd July: Y6 Yateley Transition Day**
- Thurs 4th July: Moving up day
- Fri 5th July: Year 2 class assembly
- 8th-9th July: Y4 Residential Bushcraft Experience
- Mon 8th July: Year 6 performance dress rehearsal**
- Tues 9th July: Year 6 performance – details to follow**
- Wed 10th July: Year 6 performance – details to follow**
- Wed 10th July: Basketball workshops - cancelled**
- Thurs 11th July: 3.30 - 5pm Display of Work Evening
- w/b 15th July: Y6 Residential Week
- Fri 19th July: Year 4 class assembly
- Mon 22nd July: **1 pm** Y6 Leavers' Service at the church
- Tues 23rd July: Break up for summer holiday 1.15pm
- Tues 3rd Sept: INSET DAY**
- Wed 4th Sept: Children return to school**
- Wed 11th Sept: 'Meet the Teacher' parents' evening**
- Tues 24th Sept: Yateley School Taster Day (Y6 2024-25)**
- Wed 25th Sept: Yateley School Open Evening**
- Mon 7th Oct: Y6 Bikeability Week**
- Fri 25th Oct: Y6 Space Workshop**
- Thurs 19th Dec: KS2 Christmas Service at the church**
- Fri 20th Dec: Break up for Xmas holiday at 1.15pm**