



Cranford Park C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER

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Let
your
light
shine

It has been a long week here at Cranford Park and we are battling lots of bugs at the moment. Thank you for your generous donations of tissues which are in constant use! We seem to have avoided the snow so far, but it is very cold, so please do ensure your child has a warm coat. We were delighted with the outcome of our recent SIAMS inspection and we look forward to sharing the report with you once this is released. Until it is quality assured, it all needs to remain confidential.

Our parent questionnaire at the end of last term has now been analysed and all of your comments noted. Thank you to all those who responded. It was lovely to see that 100% of respondents said their child is happy at school and 100% said their child feels safe. 100% felt their child did well at school and all but one parent felt that there was a good range of subjects available here and that the behaviour is good.

The weakest responses were around letting you know what your child will be learning (5 parents disagreed that we make them aware what their child is learning) and then letting you know how your child is doing (9 parents disagreed that we let you know how your child is doing.) Obviously, we will continue to send out topic webs, our full curriculum is on our website and we will have our parents' evenings and reports, but we will be thinking as a school about how we might further improve our practice in these areas. I will be chatting to those particular parents about what further information they would like to receive, but if anybody has any thoughts or ideas about what might be helpful to keep you informed about your child's learning, please do let me know, as we are always keen to hear your ideas.



Nativity!

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing their Nativity 'Hey Ewe!' on:

Wednesday 11th Dec at 1.45pm

Thursday 12th Dec at 9.30am on

Unlike some other schools, we will not be charging for 'tickets' but will be appreciative of any contributions on the day. We will also be selling refreshments before and after the show, which is expected to last about half an hour. Parents will be able to take their children home early after the afternoon show, although we will need to get them changed in their classrooms first.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Childcare
Choices

Supporting families
with childcare costs

childcarechoices.gov.uk



HM Government

Did you know you could get **financial support** for children to attend our wraparound care?

If you are a **working parent** earning the equivalent of at least **16 hours per week at the National minimum wage** then you could be eligible. You can earn up to **£100,000** per year and **still** be eligible. Eligibility is calculated on an individual basis rather than by household so if you have a partner who lives with you, they must **also** earn between these two amounts, unless they are claiming certain benefits such as carer's allowance or incapacity benefit, among others.

For more information visit:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Please **ask us if you require any support** to access the funding. Contact the office team for more details about spaces in our breakfast club from 7.45am and after school club until 6pm.

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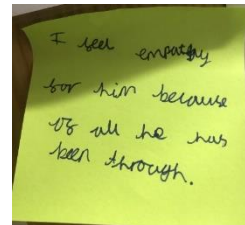
Remembrance 2024



At the end of the service, Miss Portch and I had the privilege of thanking the two veterans, over 100 years old, for their service and Miss Portch wrapped one of them in

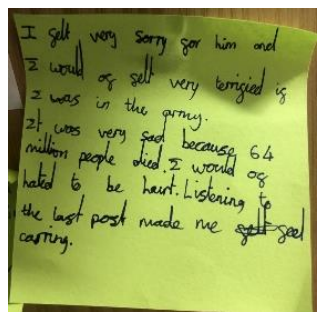
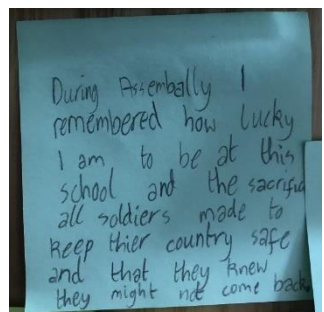
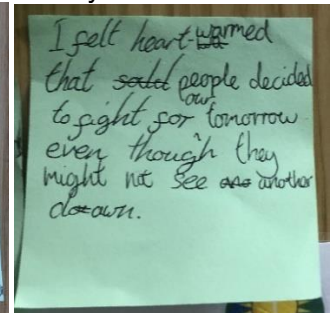
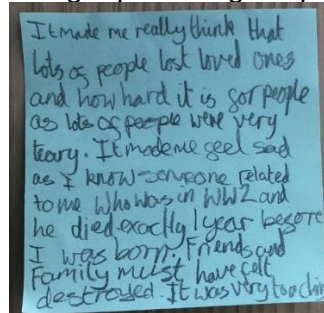
Mrs Healy's scarf to keep him warm!

On the Monday morning, we held our own remembrance worship. We were delighted to welcome in one of our service families to join us. Ian shared with us his emotional personal experiences and both staff and children were extremely moved by his recollections and by the military wives' song which Sarah took part in creating. It really brought home to us the sacrifice that military personnel make on our behalf through the life changing experiences that they have.



Children are always invited to share their spiritual responses or 'moving' moments to things they do in school with me by putting a post-it onto my door and I was inundated

with their thoughts after the worship. A very thought-provoking couple of days.



We had wonderful remembrance celebrations this year which were really moving. A group of our pupils from Reception to Year 6 and their families gave up their time on Sunday 10th November to represent the school in the Yateley memorial service and parade. Pupils presented crosses and a wreath as the names of lost soldiers were read



out. Our pupils were a real credit to us, mature and confident. I was very proud of them all.



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Christmas is coming!

On Friday 29th November, we are having our **Christmas Fair**. Thank you for all your hamper contributions – they are looking amazing! We will be auctioning these off at the fair. On that day, we will also be having a Christmas ‘pause’ day here and our children will be decorating the school for Christmas! If you can help in any way, please get in touch!

Year 5 and Preschool Space Activity



Our Year 5 children recently enjoyed supporting the Yateley Preschool children to understand the movement of the planets by moving around ‘the sun’ on our playground! They then enjoyed a trip to the wonderful ‘space’ atmosphere created by preschool staff. We look forward to more joint events with our onsite preschool!



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Year 4 Rosetta Stone



Linked to this term’s topic of Ancient Egypt, Year 4 learnt about The Rosetta Stone and how it helped scholars to read Hieroglyphics. They then created their own Rosetta Stone with all their names in Ancient Egyptian text.



COMMUNITY KINDNESS

As you may know by now, we were saddened to have our Reception and Forest school

reading tents vandalised and items inside destroyed recently. I ask myself what sort of person would rip children’s toys apart? But the response of the community to our plight has been absolutely amazing! One of our teachers asked on Facebook if anyone had any replacement cuddly toys and before we knew it, we were in receipt of all kinds of generous donations, from beanbags and toys to money and other donations. We are very grateful to all those who donated, including those from the local community. Thank you!

Letting their Light Shine!

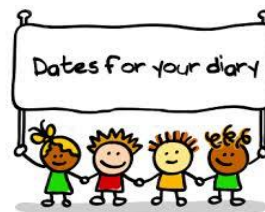
Congratulations to our resident pianist Rupert who achieved a distinction in his grade 3 piano recently. Very well done to him!





It is lovely to see some of the Family Learning coming in! Please let us know if you did not receive your sheet of ideas for Family Learning

activities. This is the optional part of our homework, with reading and maths facts being the compulsory part! Many thanks for your support with these important basic skills. Please do send in anything topic connected that you do at home so that we can share this in school and inspire others!



New and changed dates are given in bold

- Fri 29th Nov: School 'DECS Day' – details to follow
- Fri 29th Nov: Cake donations for Christmas Fair please!
- Fri 29th Nov: P.T.A. Christmas Fair
- Sat 30th Nov: Yateley Lions Christmas Fair
- Thurs 5th Dec: Y5 visit to Winchester Science Museum
- Thurs 5th Dec: EMTAS Coffee Morning – by invitation
- Fri 6th Dec: Y4 Cake Sale after school
- Sun 8th Dec: Christingle Service Yateley Manor 10am**
- Mon 9th Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Mon 9th Dec: KS1 to St Peter's Church - Home Alone
- Tues 10th Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Tues 10th Dec: KS1 Dress Rehearsal to school**
- Tues 10th Dec: P.T.A. Meeting 3.15pm in hall
- Wed 11th Dec: KS1 Christmas Nativity 1.45pm**
- Thurs 12th Dec: Y6 WW2 Day**
- Thurs 12th Dec: KS1 Christmas Nativity 9.30am**
- Thurs 12th Dec: Wraparound Christmas Party** details to follow
- Fri 13th Dec: Y6 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 13th Dec: YR and Y1 Cake Sale after school
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 18th Dec: Pantomime visiting school!
- Thurs 19th Dec: KS2 Xmas Service at the church 1.30pm
- Fri 20th Dec: MUFTI Day for Foodbank donation
- Fri 20th Dec: Break up for Xmas holiday at 1.15pm
- Mon 6th Jan: INSET DAY
- Tues 7th Jan: Children return to school from 8.30am
- Mon 13th Jan: Choir to sing at St Peter's – Home Alone
- Fri 17th Jan: Y2 Class Worship** 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 17th Jan: World Culture Day – please speak to Miss Portch if you can teach us about another culture
- Wed 22nd Jan: Y5/Y6 Cross Country Event
- Tues 28th Jan: EMTAS Coffee Meet 2.30pm – by invitation
- Fri 31st Jan: PTA Ballsy BINGO 7 – 9pm
- Tues 4th Feb: Y5/6 Choir to Young Voices at the O2
- Fri 7th Feb: Save the date for PTA kids event
- Tues 11th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 14th Feb: Break up for half term
- Mon 24th Feb: Children return to school
- w/b 3rd March: Book Week
- Tues 4th Mar: Bounce for Books sponsored event
- Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day – Dress up day
- w/b 10th Mar: STEM Week
- Wed 19th Mar: 8.30am EMTAS Meet Up – by invitation
- Wed 2nd April: EASTER FUN DAY
- Fri 4th April: 9.30am Easter Service at St Peter's
- Fri 4th April: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
- Tues 22nd April: Children return to school
- Tues 22nd April: Y4 Residential Visit to Minstead



PARKING

Please note the signs asking you not to park in particular places between 8am and 9.30am and again between 2.30pm and 4pm. This is to keep that part of the road clear for safe crossing. Please be respectful and considerate to other

drivers, to our neighbours and to the school staff trying to keep your children safe. We are grateful to all those who model respect and compassion!

There are lots of different notes on the guitar and it's really fun to strum!

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Pick to play the keyboard – it's fun to play different pieces

Did you know that pupils can learn to play the guitar or keyboard at Cranford Park Primary School and that learning a musical instrument:

- Helps learn new skills in lots of other subjects as well as music
- Is good for listening, visual and auditory memory skills
- IS FUN, gives you the chance to play with other instrumentalists and make life-long friends too!

Learning to play an instrument in a small group can be lots of fun! Instrument Hire is often a great way to start learning an instrument and you can hire one through Hampshire Music Service – you get the correct sized instrument of a great quality with everything you need to get started and can usually change sizes as and when they are required as your child grows! Approximately £40 per term. Check this out for more information – [How instrument hire works - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusicshub.org.uk\)](http://How instrument hire works - Hampshire Music Education Hub (hantsmusicshub.org.uk))

Practice helps you to keep getting better. I really like how it sounds in the end.

It's good..... you should give it a try!

I like the pieces we play. They sound really nice.

Children work towards stickers, merits and certificates in the lessons and are provided with a Music Tutor Book and Practice Diary. These are all included in costs of the lessons.

Want to know more about having keyboard or guitar lessons at Cranford Park Primary School?

..... contact the school office adminoffice@cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk or call 01252 870536 for more information about lesson costs and how to sign up!

Childhood is a journey, not a race.

Allow your child to have time to explore, to play, and to learn.

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