



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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light
shine



Our Christmas fair was a triumph and the school looked fantastic! My sincere thanks to all the staff and

parents who stayed late on Thursday evening to decorate the school, putting up all the lights and trees and preparing for the fair.



The children had a wonderful time making more decorations in our Christmas Pause Day and their hanging mobiles in the hall look great. The fair was enormous fun too and raised over a thousand pounds for the school, which we hope to spend on much needed resources including musical instruments, resources for science, maths equipment and items for

classrooms. Thank you for all your donations before and during the fair, which helped to make it a success. Mostly, thank you to the PTA for the enormous amount of work which went into the fair before, during and after the event!



Be Bright Be Seen



It's getting darker and it's your time to shine! Our JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) have been teaching us how to stay safe on the roads when it is dark. It is certainly worth investing in some fluorescent scarves and armbands for your children so that they can be easily seen. It is also important that you teach your child to cross the road safely, but also to behave safely around the roads. At this time of year this means wearing bright clothes, expecting the unexpected and Using the 'Stop, look listen think' routine. For more information and ideas go to:

www.think.gov.uk/education

Attendance

Our attendance for November took a hit with all the bugs going around! But well done to our Reception Class, who have knocked year 6 off the top of the chart with an impressive 96.4% attendance for November! They keep the attendance trophy for the next month.



Year R	96.4%
Year 1	84.2%
Year 2	88.2%
Year 3	94.6%
Year 4	89.7%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	95.3%

Well done to all who had 100% attendance in November. Remember if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they are classified by the local authority as a 'persistent absentee.' Please ask if you have any questions about this.

Compassion

Courage


Creativity



Help us celebrate the diversity in our school!

Online Parenting Courses

Hampshire are offering free online parenting courses which are a great way to get advice and learn new skills in the comfort and privacy of your own home and at times to suit you. All the courses are filled with helpful techniques and ideas that they are sure will help you become a confident and happy parent. Crucially, you can do the course whenever and wherever suits you and work through it at your own pace. The range of courses on offer include those below:

 Parents Together	 Let's Play	 Coping with teens
 New Baby in the Family	 Raising Confident Children	 Sibling arguments
 Co-parenting	 سولود جديد في ال	 اياتا تاسو په كورن

For more information follow the link below:
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

THOUGHTLESS PARKING



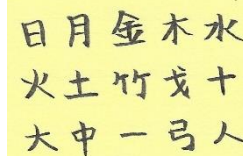
Once again, I have been dealing with complaints from neighbours about thoughtless parking. One neighbour sent me a picture of a car completely blocking their driveway with the following message:

Sorry to message again, but we keep getting parents blocking our driveway in the afternoon. I have attached a picture of Friday. My son finished his shift at work today and came home about 3.10 to find our driveway blocked. No one was in the car to ask them to move. This is getting worse and not fair. Please could you have another conversation with the parents about having respect for people that live round here and not blocking the drive way. Thank you,
PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR PATHS WHEN PARKING! THANK YOU!



Do you have links to another culture? Would you be willing to share it with us to help us celebrate the **diversity** of cultures in our school? We are planning an 'Around the world culture day' on **Friday 17th January** and need your help! Please get in touch if

you know anything about another culture!



We are looking for families to share. For example, you might share language, samples of food from your culture, traditional artefacts, costumes, music...we are interested in whatever you can offer! Please watch out for a letter from Miss Porth about this coming soon!



Letting her Light Shine!



Congratulations to Isla who has been doing gymnastics for six months now. She has learnt so much and it's a great exercise for her once a week! She was awarded star of the week recently and we are all very proud of her for showing commitment and improving so much.

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This is how we at Hampshire Parent Carer Network help to make Hampshire a better place for children with SEND and their families

About Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN)

See the leaflet sent out with this newsletter for full details

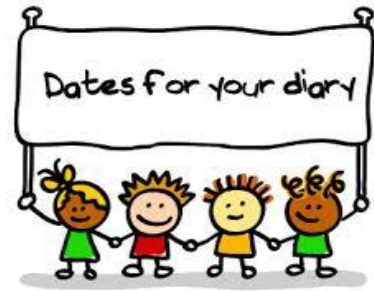
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The Faculty of Paeleontology have been enjoying learning about how paeleontologists work, while unearthing all sorts of prehistoric treasures!



New and changed dates are given in bold

- 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: KS2 choir to Willow Gardens care home**
- 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: Nursing team in Reception Class**
- Fri 13th Dec: YR and Y1 Cake Sale after school
- Mon 16th Dec: Performance from irock band 9am**
- Mon 16th Dec: SEND Parent Meetings Y2, Y3**
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Tues 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- Tues 17th Dec: SEND Parent Meetings Y4, 5, 6**
- Wed 18th Dec: Pantomime visiting school!
- Wed 18th Dec: SEND Parent Meetings YR**
- (Year 1 meetings by arrangement through week)**
- Thurs 19th Dec: **KS2 Xmas Service at the church 1.30pm**
- Thurs 19th Dec: PTA Christmas Glow Disco**
- 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 Porch 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

