

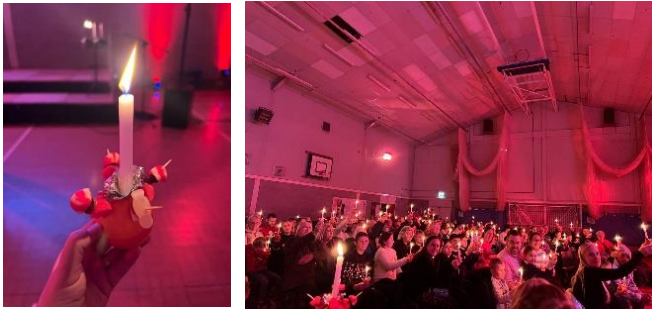


# Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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light  
shine

You will no doubt have seen by now our wonderful SIAMS inspection report. I am so proud of our wonderful children, staff and whole school community. We have truly let our light shine!



It was lovely to see so many of our children attending the family Christingle Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to all the staff and families who went along to represent our school.



## Entertaining the Elderly



Years R, 1 and 2 children recently performed their nativity for the 'Home Alone' group at St Peter's church. These are people who live alone and so

don't have much company. Our



children charmed them with their wonderful performance and they thoroughly enjoyed the show.



### USED POSTAGE STAMP APPEAL

In aid of the charity Sands (Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity)



We are collecting used postage stamps for the Yateley Lions. Please do ask all your friends and relatives to collect. We will

have a box in our front office. Many thanks!

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**JOY!**



Our Choir brought joy to the residents of Willow Gardens when they went along to sing Christmas songs! The residents thoroughly enjoyed singing along and eating the mince pies we had taken along to wish them a Merry Christmas.



**Oh no they didn't!**

Our children had a wonderful time at the pantomime this week and enjoyed helping Jack find Blossom



the cow, get the key from his wicked stepmother and find all the treasure!

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**WE WILL iROCK YOU!**



It was lovely to see our iRock bands performing in their first show recently! Considering the children have only been learning a few weeks, they did brilliantly well and inspired lots of other children to want to learn! Well done to them all! If you would like your child to join one of the iRock bands, please go to [irockschool.com](http://irockschool.com) to enrol.



**FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE!**



Well done to our Reception and Key Stage One children for their fabulous performance of 'Hey Ewe!' which was much enjoyed by all!





# University Spotlight



Our British Sign Language faculty have been learning the useful skill of signing BSL. It was lovely to see the children using this in our Christmas performance to sign to the hymn 'Silent Night.'



If you have a skill or interest to offer and can spare some time on a Friday afternoon to

come into school, please do let us know, as we are keen to offer as many different faculties as possible to broaden our children's interests!

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# World War 2 Day

Our Year 6 children looked fabulous when they came dressed for a day during WWII recently! Sophia, Luke and Isabelle report below...



In year 6 we have had a day dedicated to our history topic. Our year 6 topic was WW2 and we had a fantastic day! The activities included: WW2 related crafts such as making different types of planes out of card, painting silhouette art which involved WW2 scenes. And We also made cipher wheels for Morse code baked rock cakes and carrot cookies for our ration

café because they were a common "tasty" treat while rationing. We even did lots of roleplay! We had many options of what to be, including: land girls, evacuees, English soldiers, French soldiers, air raid wardens and camo soldiers. Here are some quotes from some year sixes of what they have thought:



Felicity: "I think it was fun because we did role play and made yummy rock cakes for the ration café."

Luke: "it was so fun because we made tasty treats!"

Isabelle: "I liked it because the role play was very realistic."

SOPHIA: "it was great role playing! It was very interesting to act in the place and eye-opening!"

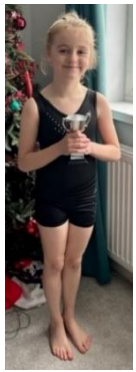
DEXTER: "when we made planes, it was really fun because we got to test them out and I



enjoyed the silhouette painting as it was freeing." Therefore, WW2 day was amazing and we hope everyone will enjoy their topic days as much as we did!



## Letting their Light Shine!



Our children have been letting their light shine all over the community recently and it is so wonderful to see them all succeeding! Congratulations to Chloe who was awarded 'gymnast of the month' and has also passed her grade 1 musical theatre singing with a merit 😊

Evie and Chloe let their lights shine when they took part in a "Rapunzel" play recently! They first joined their theatre group called 'Make believe' together just last September and have grown in confidence since then. They both had lines in the play to learn as well as songs and dances to do. Despite being really nervous, the girls showed resilience and courage in performing. I am told they had great big grins on their faces the whole way through which is lovely!



Clarke had a whole week of letting his light shine! First, he was awarded his first ever badges at Beavers: a space badge for identifying planets through a telescope, a money skills badge for



saving up his Skittles instead of eating them and earning interest on them (more skittles!) and his communicator badge for learning his mum's mobile phone number

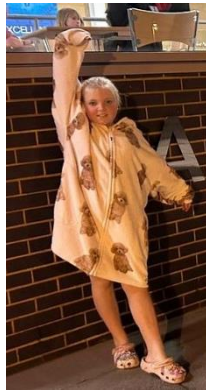
by heart. Then he achieved his yellow belt at Karate!



Reuben had a great weekend at football, scoring goals and being awarded the 'man of the match' trophy! Inayah performed in her first synchro/artistic

swimming show for her club the 'Rushmoor

Artistic Swimming Club.' A huge well done to all our shining lights!

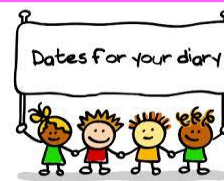


## Sad Farewell

We are very sad indeed to announce that our lovely Mrs Garden will be moving on to pastures new from January. Mrs Garden has worked at the school in a number of roles for six years and always immerses herself fully into the life of the school, but she has now been offered an opportunity elsewhere which she has said she can't refuse. We do, of course, congratulate Mrs Garden on



her promotion and wish her all the very best as she goes off to share her skills with others in need. As a staff, we will miss her, but console ourselves with the fact that we will still see her as a parent, a member of the PTA committee and at our staff socials no doubt!



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

- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: MUFTI Day for Foodbank donation
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break up for Xmas holiday at 1.15pm
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: **INSET DAY**
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan: Children return to school from 8.30am
- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: Choir to sing at St Peter's – Home Alone
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan: World Culture Day – please speak to Miss Portch if you can teach us about another culture
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Y5/Y6 Cross Country Event
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan: EMTAS Coffee Meet 2.30pm – by invitation
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan: PTA Ballsy BINGO 7 – 9pm
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: Y5/6 Choir to Young Voices at the O2
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Save the date for PTA kids event
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb: Break up for half term
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school
- w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Book Week
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Mar: Bounce for Books sponsored event
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Mar: World Book Day – Dress up day
- w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Mar: STEM Week
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar: 8.30am EMTAS Meet Up – by invitation
- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April: **EASTER FUN DAY**
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April: 9.30am Easter Service at St Peter's
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Children return to school
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Y4 Residential Visit to Minstead



## Supporting Bereavement

Children often grieve in different ways to adults. The following link takes you to a video which offers support for parents who may be supporting 4-11 year olds when someone dies:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2XyHfUa3xE&t=2s>

**PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 25**

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