



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

7: May 2023

It has been another busy couple of weeks here at Cranford Park. Last week, our Year 6 children had their National SATs tests. You may have picked up from the press that these were considered to be some of the hardest SATs tests ever given to Year 6 children. They really have been a true test of resilience and courage. Many children across the country broke down, or gave up. Our children did incredibly well in dealing with them however, showing perseverance and focus throughout the week. No matter what the outcomes, they have all done well in my eyes and I was very proud of their positive attitudes. Year 2, Year 1 and Year 4 all have National assessments in the coming weeks and we wish them all the best with these.

Our uniform consultation has stirred up some strong feelings on both sides of the fence and I have had lots of comments coming in from pupils, from staff and from parents, all with legitimate and understandable views. Lots of people are very keen for a change or 'fresh start', but many parents are understandably worried about the cost of replacing jumpers. Please rest assured that we will always try to help out any families who are struggling with this and I will say again that there will be **absolutely no rush at all** to buy the new uniform. Even if we choose to keep the forest green colour, these will be produced with the new logo on and we are expecting that the new uniform will **filter through**. We are certainly not expecting everyone to rush out and buy it. So please don't worry about this. Everything except for the jumpers can be found in most supermarkets. In addition, we are currently working with an online uniform provider to give you another place to purchase all uniform, including the jumpers. These can be delivered to school for you too, so no postage to pay.

## Coronation Picnic

How lovely it was to see all our families having such a lovely time at our Coronation picnic! These are the sorts of events which bring the whole school community together. It was so nice to see parents and carers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and all the family playing games and enjoying their picnics. Thank you for everything you all did to help us get into the spirit of the occasion - dressing up and preparing such lovely picnics. Thank you to our PTA who worked really hard all day long preparing everything and then selling the goodies. We are so lucky to have such hardworking volunteers. Please do help them out at any events if you can.

Well done to all the children who made hats - they were fabulous! I couldn't decide one winner, so there were lots of winners! 😊



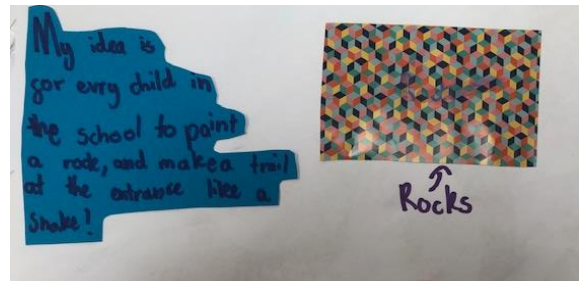
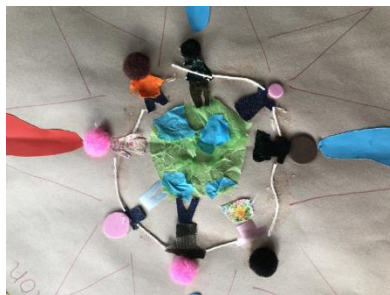
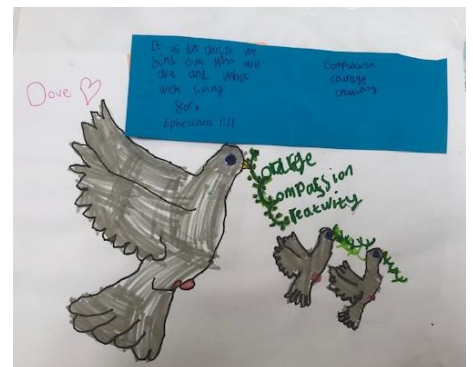
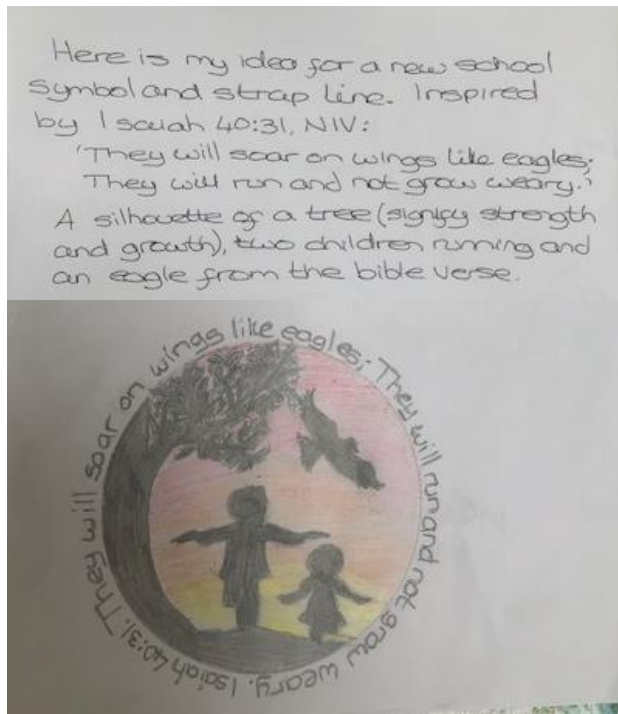
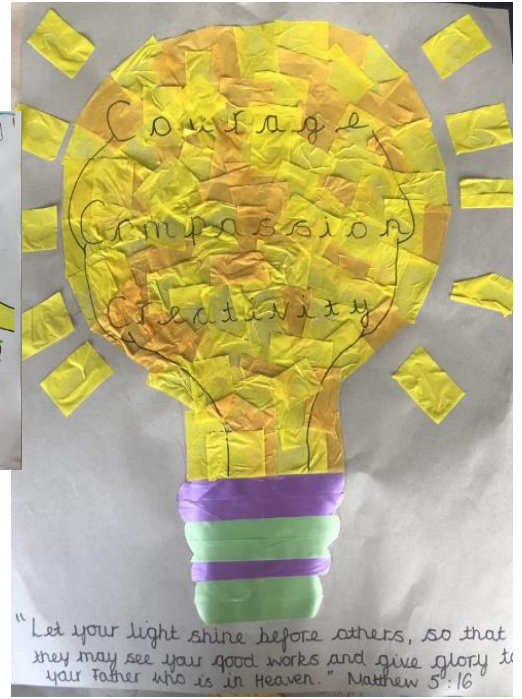
Our children sang the National Anthem beautifully and I was very proud of them all, as I hope you were. We are planning to have a similar picnic on our sports day, so let's hope we are as lucky with the weather on that day!

More photos of the event come later in the Newsletter. Our sincere thanks to the PTA for our wonderful 'Storytelling chair' which will fit beautifully in with our plans to extend and develop a Forest School area.



# Our Christian Vision

We asked our families to come up with ideas for our Christian vision, based on our new values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity and our ethos here at Cranford Park. We wanted this rooted in theology with a symbol or image we could use for our new school logo. We had a wonderful response and I am delighted to share some of the contributions with you here. Rather than picking just one idea, we have been able to incorporate *several* elements of these different designs! Our new logo is currently being drawn up and we will let you know very soon.





Our children visited their very own polling station at school last week as they voted for the colour uniform they would like!

Each child took a turn to

enter the voting booth, marked their ballot paper and popped it into the ballot box. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to talk with our children about 'democracy' and how each person in a democratic society has an equal vote. The results of all the uniform consultations will be presented to governors this week and we will be in touch shortly with our decision and/or next steps.

## Staff News

As some of our teachers have decided to reduce their teaching days next term, we have been recruiting new class teachers for September. The children play an important



part in the recruitment process, as the candidates have to teach a class as part of the interview. The children also get to interview the candidates, asking some challenging questions and also some just plain nosey ones! 😊

The two candidates chosen were clear favourites with the children and so I am delighted to welcome to the staff team Lydia Howard and Jennifer Astovasadourian. (Mrs Asto). Miss Howard,



originally from Wales, is currently finishing off her teacher training in Southampton. Mrs Asto comes to us as a highly experienced teacher and has had a wealth of experience in various settings. We welcome them both to our school. In more staff news, Mr Cooper will be changing his hours going forward to work during the school day. We are still trying to recruit a manager for our after school club, so please do let anybody know who is suitable and interested.

# Residentials

As you may know, our new curriculum includes plans for a 'residential' experience each summer for our children from Year 2 onwards. These are now being planned for this year, so watch out for details coming your way. The experiences are as follows:

Y2: Night Walk at the school

Y3: Sleepover at school

Y4: Bushcraft and Survival Experience in Blenheim Woods, Oxfordshire. (1-2 nights)

Y5: To be decided – looking for 3 nights.

Y6: (2024) A week long adventurous activities residential in Avon Tyrrell, New Forest.

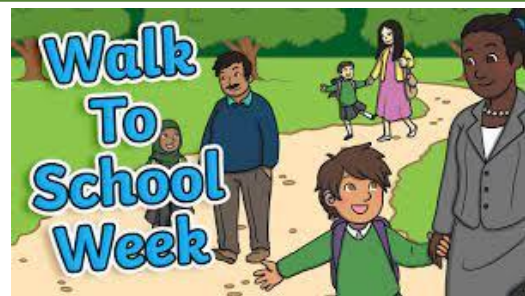
These are the exciting and memorable experiences that build stamina, resilience,



confidence and self-esteem and which children will remember forever.



We don't want **any** child to miss out on any of these experiences, so please do come and speak to me in the strictest confidence if you need any support to help your child attend these visits. Equally, if you think your company might be willing to sponsor one of our children to attend, please do let me have the contact details so that I can contact them directly. Many thanks for your support with this.



This week is 'Walk to School' week! For those who live too far away to walk, consider a 'Park and Stride' by parking further away from the school and walking in. Some classes will be using the week as an opportunity to gather information for their data handling studies.

## Can you help us?

We are looking for some volunteers to help us remove the rest of the bushes behind the Reception class gate.



A new fence goes in at half term which will extend the reception outdoor area to encompass their mud kitchen and some natural terrain. We are keen to remove the remaining plant life from the area by the fence. Perhaps you have a power tool that can do the job super fast? Perhaps you have somewhere you can take the greenery for us afterwards?

If you think you might be able to help us at some point, either during the day, in the evening, or at the weekend, please do get in touch.

## Shhhh...don't tell the Headteacher!

**Friends of Cranford Park PTA**

# BREAK the RULES DAY

**Rules to be broken include:**

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only
9. Don't wear a hat in the classroom
10. Don't swap playgrounds at playtime

**When?**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break. Money to be given to your class teacher in the morning.

Parentkind Member Association

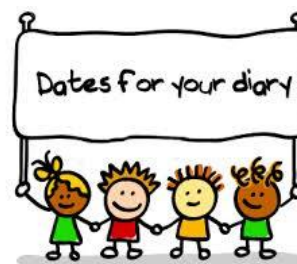
You should by now have received the flyer with details of the PTA Break the rules day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May!** Please let the office know if you haven't had this.

## PUPIL APPEAL

Isabella in Year 6 has presented an assembly to the school about the 'Make a Wish' foundation, a charity close to her heart. She is organising some events for her guide badge, including a mufti day on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. This is one of those occasions where we



would like the children to bring any coin of their **own** to donate to the charity. Children who do not have pocket money might like to earn a coin by doing a job around the house.



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

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> May: 3.15pm – PTA Summer Fair Planning Meeting – all are welcome!
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> May: Y1 (Earle) Class Assembly
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: PTA Event – Break the Rules Day!
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Cake Sale after school
- w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Science Week – more details to follow
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Year R Cake Sale after school
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Isabella's MUFTI day for your own coin**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for Half-term
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June: Children return to school
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June: YR visit to Wellington Country Park**
- Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June: Induction Evening for New Parents
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup> June: MUFTI DAY – Sweets for summer fair
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: FOCP 'Freezy Fridays' begin
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June: Arts Week
- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> June: Father's Day Shopping PTA Event
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 (Drake) Class Assembly
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Arts Festival – afternoon event
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June: Mufti Day – bottles for Summer Fair
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 2 Night Walk 6.30pm – 10pm**
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 'Sleepover' 6.30pm to 8.00am**
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June.**
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June: Sustainability Fair on Village Green
- Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Induction 1
- Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June: SUMMER FAIR 3.15pm to 6.30pm
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Induction 2
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June: YR Class Assembly
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June: Hart District Athletics Event
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July: New Reception Induction 3
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day – picnic and pm for parents
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day – Yateley
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day – Yateley & Frogmore
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School 'Move Up' Day
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July: PTA DISCO
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July: 'Around the World' Day
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July: Reserve Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4 and Year 5 Residential**
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July: Term ends at 1.15pm

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