



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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We have started the term well with the children enjoying their new topics. All of the topic webs will soon be available on our website, as we are planning to launch a **new website** this week which has class pages built into it. Please do take a look and let us know if there is anything not on there that you would like information about. I will also be contacting a few parents to talk about our communication of curriculum and progress information, following our 2024 parent questionnaire. Please do catch me, email, or give me a call if you have any ideas about how we can improve our provision in this area. Our next parents' evenings are scheduled for 12th and 13th February, but as always, if you have **any** concerns or queries please do not wait, just get in touch and we will be happy to help.



All classes from Year One upwards should be receiving a **weekly 'digit' game**, which enables you to practise the Maths skills learned in class in a fun way. The games, which are based on games you may know, such as 'four in a row', use dice, counters and/or number cards, so that every game is different each time it's played. You may have the resources you need at home, but if not, you can purchase a special Dig1t resource pack from the school office. Priced at just £5 these contain all the resources you need to play any of the games, along with a booklet with more ideas for games to play, available on request.



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Apologies for the last-minute change to our menu this term, but we realised the caterers were serving 'egg fried rice.' You may recall that we have children in school with serious allergies to eggs and nuts. These can be life threatening and so we ask you to please not send any eggs or nut products into school. This includes sandwich fillings such as egg mayonnaise and Nutella, snack bars with nuts in and scotch eggs as well as any actual eggs or nuts. If you are not sure, please ask in the office. Many thanks for your support to keep all of our children safe.

Sustainability

We now have a Sustainability Policy and action plan, which are available to see on our school website. Over the coming months, we will be focusing on various actions to reduce our carbon footprint. This will include adaptations to our curriculum to ensure we are fully informing our children about the risks to our planet and what they can do to help.



You may be hearing from our Eco-Council, or our J.R.S.O.s (Junior Road Safety Officers) who will now be on duty with the staff in the mornings and afternoons, encouraging parents to park further away from the school and walk in to collect their children, in order to reduce the air pollution around the school. I am sure you will all treat them with the utmost kindness and

respect. Watch out also for our sustainability communications and if you have any other ideas for our eco-council, please do let us know!

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University Spotlight

We are delighted to have started our spring term faculties at the University of Cranford Park. This term, children can select from:

- Faculty of Animation - with a focus on stop/start animation
- Faculty of Zoology - with a focus on ocean life
- Faculty of Art History – with a focus on different Historical Art across the generations
- Faculty of Communication – continuing our teaching of British Sign Language
- Faculty of Calligraphy - learning the art of calligraphy
- Faculty of Musical theatre - drama and singing
- Faculty of Crafting – with a focus on origami

If you can run a faculty for us on a Friday afternoon, please let us know!

Join us for the Bingo Night!



Friends of Cranford Park PTA
Charity number: 1207283

Proudly present...

BINGO! Soft drinks and snacks available to buy
BYO Alcohol No nuts please

Friday 31st January, 2025
Cranford Park School hall
7pm - 9pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm
Eyes down at 7 pm

Only £6 entry per person
£6 to double up
£2.50 Bonus round
£1 Dabbers

Please contact
cranfordparkpta@yahoo.com



STEP UP TO SERVE YOUR CLASS!

Will you be attending your child's class assembly?
Could you arrive a bit early to help set up and serve

refreshments for the parents? The PTA will let you have all the equipment you need and we can supply the basic produce. A donation bowl will be on the table to cover costs. **Please let us know** if you can!

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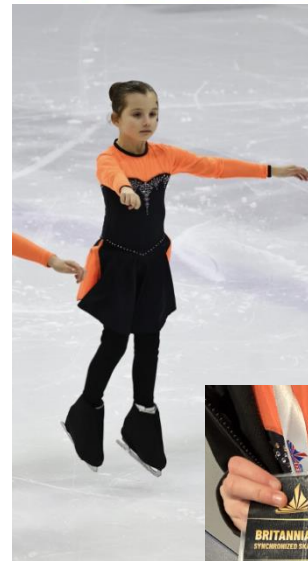
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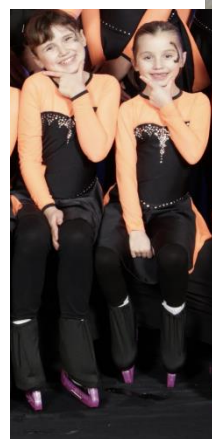
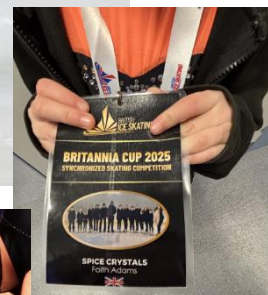


Before Christmas, Alexa and Violet both took their Bronze medal Freestyle dance exam. They recently received their results and we were delighted to hear that they both got Honours, the highest grade available! Well done to them both!



Faith also let her light shine when she participated in the Britannia cup synchronised skating event in Nottingham. Participating with the Spice Crystals team, made up of people with

disabilities and their families, Faith won a silver medal in the competition, despite having only



been skating with the synchro team for about 8 months. If you would like to find out more, the competitions can be seen on you tube using the link below, with Faith's team on at 4hrs, 35mins and 45 seconds!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=0dglf6Dvjak>

Attendance

LATENESS AND TIME OFF DURING TERM TIME

A reminder that we **cannot** authorise days off unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. For example, we could do one day for a close family wedding or funeral. We **cannot** authorise holidays, birthdays, or treats. We **cannot** authorise children being tired, upset, or not wanting to get out of bed. In addition, if a child arrives at school **after the register has closed**, they are recorded as **not being there for the whole of that morning!** All these are recorded as **unauthorised absences** and we are required by the government and Hampshire local authority to process **fin**es for any child who has five days of unauthorised absence. Even if you are just late ten times, you could get a fine. We don't receive the money for these fines and we get no pleasure from having to complete all the paperwork for them, we just **have to follow the guidance**, so **please avoid taking any time off** school or being late. We are currently working with our families of **persistent absentees** (less than 90% attendance) to help them improve so we can avoid the fines. If you have been asked to attend a meeting and haven't yet attended, please get in touch as we will otherwise have to process the fine. Please speak to me if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or lateness as we **want to help**. But we are **required to follow the guidance!** A reminder of the government's new direction to schools can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

I have also attached a summary of this below:

PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

1 FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£60 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days
Reduced to £30 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

2 SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£60 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after **19th August 2024**.

3 THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.



Our Reception children have been enjoying the new 'Funky Fingers' activities that Mrs Garrett has been sending home and

we have loved seeing the pictures coming in, so thought we would share some with you!



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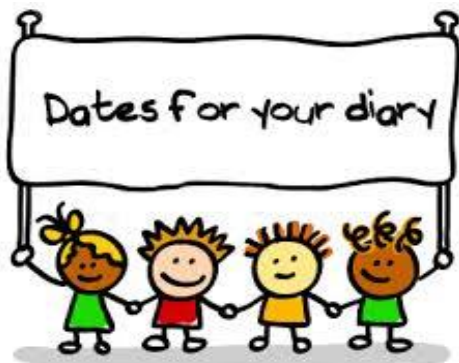


I am always in awe of anyone who can run for more than five minutes! Our cross-country team were amazing in their recent competition. They gave it their all and kept going, even when it was tricky, showing resilience and perseverance. There were over 110 children

competing from local schools and we did very well.



A huge well done to Lottie (8th), Dexter (13th), Talia (22nd), Reuben (34th) and Fraser (40th). We are very proud of you all for representing our school so well.



New and changed dates are given in bold

- Tues 28th Jan: GRT Coffee Meet 2.30pm – by invitation
- Fri 31st Jan: YR Class Worship 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 31st Jan: Year R Cake Sale after school
- Fri 31st Jan: PTA Ballys BINGO 6.30pm – 9pm
- Tues 4th Feb: Y5/6 Choir to Young Voices at the O2
- Fri 7th Feb: Year 6 Cake Sale after school
- Fri 7th Feb: PTA Popcorn Party (Film Night)
- Mon 10th Feb: Choir to Home Alone St Peter's
- Tues 11th Feb: Safer Internet Day
- Tues 11th Feb: Y5 Pop-Up Pizzeria (parent event)
- Wed 12th Feb: Parents' Evening – progress reviews
- Thurs 13th Feb: Parents' Evening – progress reviews
- Fri 14th Feb: Y6 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Fri 14th Feb: PAUSE DAY – Theme – Love
- Fri 14th Feb: PTA Mufti Day for bottles for May Fair
- Fri 14th Feb: Break up for half term
- Mon 24th Feb: Children return to school
- Fri 28th Feb: Y5 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 28th Feb: Y5 Cake Sale after school
- w/b 3rd March: Book Week
- Tues 4th Mar: Bounce for Books sponsored event
- Thurs 6th Mar: World Book Day – Dress up day
- Fri 7th March: Year 1 Cake Sale after school
- w/b 10th Mar: STEM Week
- Wed 12th March: Y1 Y5 Fire Safety Workshops - **cancelled**
- Fri 14th March: Y4 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 14th March: Y4 Cake Sale after school
- Wed 19th Mar: 8.30am GRT Meet Up – by invitation
- Thurs 20th Mar: Wellington Chemistry Event tbc
- Fri 21st March: PTA Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
- Fri 21st March: Y2 Nightwalk
- Mon 24th March: PTA Mothers' Day Shopping Event
- Tues 25th March: Y4 and Y6 History Workshops
- Thurs 27th Mar: A Walk through Easter Workshops Y2 am and Y4 pm**
- Fri 28th March: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Fri 28th March: Y2 and Y3 Cake Sale after school
- Wed 2nd April: MUFTI Day for bottles for summer fair**
- Wed 2nd April: EASTER FUN DAY with Easter tea for parents
- 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
- Wed 23rd April: Y5 Swimming
- Wed 30th April: Y5 Swimming
- Fri 2nd May: Y4 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Wed 7th May: Y5 Swimming
- 12th – 14th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
- Fri 16th May: YR Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Wed 21st May: Y5 Swimming
- Thurs 22nd May: MUFTI Day for sweets for summer fair**
- Thurs 22nd May: School breaks up for half term 1.15pm
- Fri 23rd May: INSET DAY
- w/b 26th May: HALF TERM BREAK
- Mon 2nd June: INSET DAY
- Tues 3rd June: Children return to school
- Wed 4th June: Y5 Swimming
- Fri 6th June: Y5 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Fri 6th June: Y3 SLEEPOVER
- Wed 11th June: Y5 Swimming
- Fri 13th June: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- Fri 20th June: Y6 Leavers' Service, Winchester
- Fri 27th June: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
- w/b 7th July: Y6 Residential Week
- Fri 11th July: Y1 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
- Mon 21st July: Sponsored Colour Run Day!**
- Tues 22nd July: Y6 Leavers' Service - parents
- Tues 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm – apologies wrong date was given previously**