



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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As always, we have been keeping busy here at Cranford Park planning lots of fun events for the children! I do hope you have received the letter about our 'World Culture Day.' Whatever the culture you can offer, please do try to contribute if you can to help us celebrate diversity - gather together your extended family to support you. Just ask if you would like to know more about it.

I have also been talking to the P.T.A. about planning something nice for the 80th anniversary of VE day. We are thinking a picnic lunch with games for the family, similar to our coronation event for those who were with us in the summer of 2023. We will also lay on some other refreshments and activities. We will get further details to you as soon as we can, but the event will take place on **Friday 9th May** from lunchtime in case you need to book it off!



Our children had enormous fun bouncing for books last week and every single child did 100 bounces this year! They were fantastic and helped each other brilliantly. Please do collect as many sponsors as you can - every single penny of the money raised will be spent on reading books and library books for our children.



Easy Fundraising on Easyfundraising!

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Did you know that Friends of Cranford Park - Yateley are registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you

can raise FREE donations for us *every time you shop online*. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at **no extra cost to yourself!**



and 8,000+ online retailers...

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's

completely FREE and only takes a moment. We have 180 children yet only 37 people have so far signed up to support us, so please do register! Thank you so much!

Please follow the link below to get started!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/focpyateley/>

Calling all Young Carers

Thank you to those who have identified their children as young carers. We have recorded this on our school system. We believe there are many more in the school, particularly those with siblings with a disability, so please do look at the criteria and do please ask if you are not sure. If you've lost the letter about this, please ask in the school office.

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Our children really enjoyed British Science week and particularly enjoyed their visit from Professor Electron, who taught our children about conduction. Children pretended to be the wires passing the electricity until the power reached the torch and it turned on.



Our Year 2 children were also testing how best to wash their hands to make sure there were no germs left! The children used glitter to show the germs, then tested 3 bowls of water (cold, cold with soap and warm with soap) to see which got rid of the glitter best. The warm water with soap worked best for them!



Children also used a balloon to create friction and a positive charge. They explored positive and negative charges on magnets and saw what happens when different ends are matched. Children

enjoyed practising what they had learnt by making their own circuits to make a light bulb light up, a buzzer sound and a fan whirl around!



Our thanks to the PTA for funding the workshops and to all those who have supported the class funds this term, which helped teachers to liven up the week with additional resources. We all had an absolutely amazing time, thank you! 😊

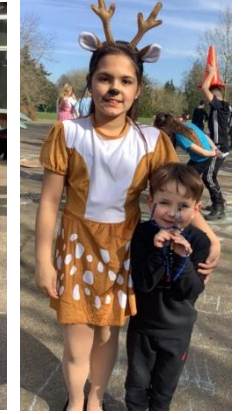
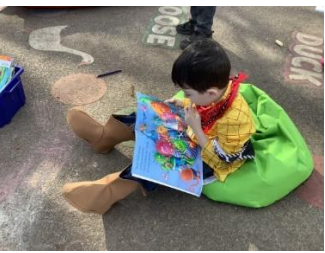
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BOOK WEEK 2025

It seems ages since our book week now, but we all had a lovely time engaged in our 'reading for pleasure' activities on the theme of sustainability. As has become the tradition, the classes decorated their doors with their chosen book cover, so do please pop in and have a look if you haven't already.



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University Spotlight

The children have been enjoying this half-term's faculties which include the faculty of Welsh, the faculty of literature, the faculty of physical development and the faculty of musical theatre!

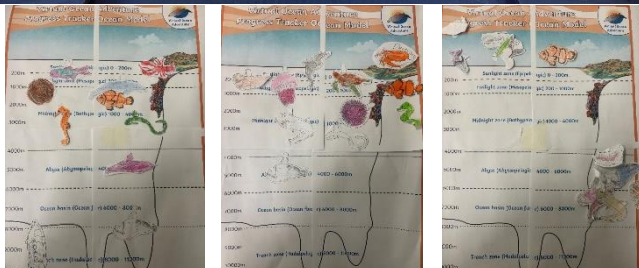


In the faculty of **logical and lateral thinking**, the children tried their hand at solving rebus puzzles! One representative from each team had to come and look at the puzzle before drawing it down for the rest of

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their team so they could solve it! Can you solve these ones? Our faculty did!

In the faculty of **zoology and oceanography** the children created their own coral reef and looked at the layers of the ocean!



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Year 2 Night Walk!



Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed their night walk on Friday evening, following activities and hot dogs.



Making 's'mores' was definitely a firm favourite!



My sincere thanks to our head boy and head girl who came along to support the children. My thanks also to all those staff who gave up their evenings to help out. Without them we would not be able to make these lovely things happen.!



EASTER EVENTS

As some of you will know, one of our traditions now at Cranford Park is our **Easter Fun Day** which takes place this year on **Wednesday 2nd April**. Our children will spend the morning engaged in fun activities including making cakes with school leaders, egg hunting with the P.T.A. and a range of craft activities in their classrooms. Parents are welcome to come into school in the morning to help out with the craft activities – please speak directly to your class teacher for timings. In the afternoon, parents are invited in for our **Easter Tea**, where the PTA will serve refreshments and will have some other activities for you. During the afternoon, each class will come in to the hall to sing a song for you. In order to avoid overcrowding, we will be inviting **KS1 parents to come at 2pm and KS2 parents at 2.30pm**. Of course, if you have children in both key stages, you can stay for the duration! You will be able to pick your child up early after they have sung from the office if you choose, but we would ask you not to bring school aged children back into the hall until **all** the singing is finished (probably at about 2.50pm), so that our KS2 parents can also fit comfortably and enjoy the event. The PTA are putting on a number of fun activities for you all to enjoy.

If you can't make it to the Easter Tea, there will be another opportunity to see the children perform their songs in our Easter Service at St Peter's church on the last day of term at 9.30am.



Hopefully you have seen this week's 'Wake Up Wednesday' e-safety advice for parents. One of our parents was very interested in the idea of 'unrealistic expectations' and sent me the following idea to share:

(Child) loves a certain you-tuber and I started to notice her unrealistic expectations of life. I limited her time and had lots of chats about how they can edit out the non-glamorous and fun bits etc.

Anyway fast forward... it wasn't really working that way so I decided to demonstrate this to her. We went to London one day and the weather wasn't great, the kids were arguing at points, you know a normal family day out but I decided to start making little 'vlog' style videos and piece them together. Now because I only thought of this in London we didn't have a beginning so when we got home we jumped into bed and pretended it was morning and by this point the kids were pretending to vlog anyway so it worked well and they made an 'introduction' to our day as if it were the beginning of the day.

When they slept I pieced it together and popped it in an order that worked and showed them it the next day.....

They loved it but when I asked them did it look like we had fun, did it look like there were any arguments, was that intro done at the beginning of our day in PJ's (no we were still in our daytime clothes about to have dinner) etc etc the answer was no and their little faces realising that this is how you can make things appear was priceless.

The reason I thought I'd share is because perhaps you could do this in a different way. If it's just not a great day, film those bits for outtakes and then film other bits when everything looks perfect. Edit it to make a perfect looking video, smiles, laughs etc and then have the actual footage at the end.

This makes the point well that you can always make something look perfect even when it isn't!

THANK YOU!

A thank you from the PTA for your generosity. We received 118 eggs and £15 for the mufti day on Friday. The £15 will buy even more eggs for the chocolate tombola at the Easter Fun Day!



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Message from St Peter's Church...

On Mothering Sunday (30th) there will be a special service in Church at 10 o'clock, with small bunches of daffodils for children to offer to those who care for them. We're also going to take the opportunity to present an Open the Book story and hope to have some volunteer actors in the congregation!



February Attendance

| Year | Present |
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| 6 | 96.4% |
| 5 | 92.8% |
| 4 | 93% |
| 3 | 96% |
| 2 | 92.1% |
| 1 | 91.5% |
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Congratulations to Year 6 who have the strongest attendance yet again but also to Year 3 who came a **very** close second with an impressive 96% attendance. Well done to all those who kept their attendance above 96.5%



New and changed dates are given in bold

Mon 24th March: PTA Mothers' Day Shopping Event
 Tues 25th March: Y4 and Y6 History Workshops
 Thurs 27th Mar: 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 **KS1 2pm KS2 2.30pm**
 9.30am Easter Service at St Peter's
 Fri 4th April: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
 Fri 4th April: Children return to school
 Tues 22nd April: Y4 Residential Visit to Minstead
 Tues 22nd April: **CANCELLED** Y5 Swimming– date change
 Wed 23rd April: **PTA 'Bend the Rules' day**
Fri 25th April: YR trip to Wellington Country Park
Tues 29th April: 3.30pm PTA Meeting – all welcome
Wed 30th April: CANCELLED - Y5 Swimming
 Wed 30th April: Y5 to Wellington – low ropes – 3-4pm
 Fri 2nd May: Y4 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
 Fri 2nd May: World Culture Day
Mon 5th May: PTA stall at the Yateley May Fair
Wed 7th May: CANCELLED -Y5 Swimming
 Wed 7th May: Y5 to Wellington – paddling – 3-4pm
 Thurs 8th May: Class Photographs
 Thurs 8th May: GRT parents - Meeting EMTAS **2.30pm**
Fri 9th May: 80th VE Day Celebration with parents
Mon 12th May: Y6 SATs Testing Week
 12th – 14th May: Y5 Residential to Runways End
 Fri 16th May: YR Class Worship 8.50am – parents
Sun 18th May: Choir singing at Fundraising Concert at St Peter's – all welcome
Mon 19th May: Workshop for parents – supporting good mental health – managing anxiety. CANCELLED -Y5 Swimming
Wed 21st May: MUFTI Day for sweets for summer fair
Thurs 22nd May: Think Safe Event for Year 6 (morning)
 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: Y4 Multiplication Tables Checks – 2 wks
 Tues 3rd June: Children return to school
Wed 4th June: Y5 Swimming – start of 6wks swimming
 Thurs 5th June: World Environment Day
 Fri 6th June: Y5 Class Worship 8.50am - parents
 Fri 6th June: Y3 SLEEPOVER
Mon 9th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
 Wed 11th June: Rotary Kids Out Event – by invitation
 Wed 11th June: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 13th June: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
Sat 14th June: St Peter's Church Event at school
Wed 18th June: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 20th June: Y6 Leavers' Service, Winchester
Wed 25th June: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 27th June: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
Fri 27th June: Mufti Day for Cakes/Donation
Fri 27th June: PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm
Tues 1st July: Y5/6 Performance (tbc)
Wed 2nd July: Y5 Swimming
Wed 2nd July: Y5/6 Performance (tbc)
Thurs 3rd July: SPORTS DAY – parents from noon
 w/b 7th July: Y6 Residential Week
Wed 9th July: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 11th July: Y1 Class Worship 8.50am – parents
Wed 16th July: Safety Day
 Mon 21st July: Sponsored Colour Run Day!
 Tues 22nd July: Y6 Leavers' Service - parents
 Tues 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm




Free* Courses for Parents this Summer Term

| Course | Location | Date | Time |
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| Positive Parenting | Online | Tuesdays 22 April - 20 May | 7:30pm - 9pm |
| Emergency First Aid | Alton Library | Saturday 26 April | 9:45am - 4:45pm |
| Emergency First Aid | Tadley Library | Saturday 3 May | 9:45am - 4:45pm |
| Emergency First Aid | Basingstoke Discovery Centre | Saturday 10 May | 9:45am - 4:45pm |
| Raising Resilient Children | Online | Mondays 2 - 30 June | 7:30pm - 9pm |
| Emergency First Aid | Andover Library | Wednesday 11 June | 9:45am - 4:30pm |
| Introduction to Paediatric First Aid | Online | Tuesdays 17 June - 8 July | 6:30pm - 9:15pm |
| Emergency Paediatric First Aid | Bridgemary Library | Friday 20 June | 9:15am - 4:30pm |
| Emergency First Aid | Waterlooville Library | Saturday 28 June | 9:45am - 4:45pm |

*Free tuition, some courses may have a certification or materials fee





Well done to Hannah who raised £1449 for the Little Princess Trust with her hair donation.



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