



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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your  
light  
shine

We have enjoyed settling in to our new year groups and planning fun experiences for the children. I am absolutely delighted that our children are becoming increasingly socially active, taking on responsibilities, supporting each other and suggesting ideas for school improvement. It is lovely to see them all working together, encouraging each other to show our school values and asking if they can take on even more leadership roles!



I was incredibly proud of our year 6 children who gave fabulous speeches to the school about why they should

be the next school leaders. They were articulate, confident and the quality of their speeches was absolutely superb.

We then saw democracy in action as the whole school voted for their choice of leaders, each having two votes. The vote was very split, with everyone who put themselves forward receiving some of the votes. My congratulations to all who stood. The results were as follows:

Head boy and girl: Joe and Liza  
Deputy head boy and girl: Fraser and Hannah

Red team: James W and Isabella  
Blue team: Arthur and Sophia  
Green team: Luke and Talia  
Yellow team: Thomas and Rae

We are now looking for other children to take on the roles of librarians, JRSOs (Junior Road Safety Officers) and Play Leaders!



You should now have received your photograph proofs. Please return orders by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October** to take advantage of the free postage!

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## FRIENDS OF CRANFORD PARK PTA

CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL?  
Do you have a skill or are you someone who likes to help?

# DIY DAY

SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER  
9am to 1pm

Please do come along on **Saturday this week** to help out for a while if you can! We would be so grateful for any help you can give, from painting and sweeping to weeding and fixing. I hope to see you there!



## Please follow us!

Thanks to one of our parents, we have regular posts on **Instagram** but our following is still small! We would love more followers and likes, so please do follow us! Just search for Cranford Park



## SOFT TOY APPEAL

The P.T.A. are currently looking for donations of **SOFT TOYS**. Do you have any you can spare?

Please pop them into the purple bin inside the office reception area.

## ...and a website?

The P.T.A. are also hoping to set up a website. Do you have the skills to help with this? Please email the school office if you can help.

# ECO CODING



Years 1-5 really enjoyed learning about recycling and the importance of looking after the planet through coding! We had a special guest robot visit to say hi

during the workshops. We learned that we need to break instructions down into small steps and if we leave out even one step, the code will need debugging.



## Year One Explorers!



Our Year One children recently enjoyed a walk to Yateley green as part of their geography studies. They explored the human and physical features they could see.

There was also time to test out the play equipment in the playground! Our thanks to those who came along to help out!



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## REMINDERS...

Some reminders please about things which we do not allow in school. This is to keep our children safe. Thank you for your support with this...



A reminder also that we should not be seeing **any** electric scooters **at all** as it is against the law. Privately-owned electric scooters are not permitted to be used in public places - these are restricted to private land only.

For more information see:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

# Harvest PARTY

BOUNCY CASTLE-FOOD-CRAFTS-CHILL ZONE-SWEET TREATS

**SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER**  
**4:30 - 6:30PM**

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, YATELEY**

FREE OF CHARGE - FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!  
DONATIONS WELCOME

Free tickets are available from Wayfinders, Who Let the Dads Out, or scan the QR code to send us an email!

For more info, please call 01252 912761



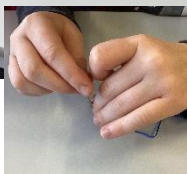
Did you know that our school is in a pre-paid area for the emotional health resources hub: [inourplace](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/solihullapproach)? This means you can access a range of NHS resources and online support to better understand children's emotional health, brain development and wellbeing – all for free. For more information on the Solihull Approach/InOurPlace and how you can sign up for free access, please visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/solihullapproach>



It is wonderful to have the **University of Cranford Park** up and running again! The children are enjoying our new faculties including the **Faculty of Fashion!** Here the children are exploring using a needle and thread and practised two different stitches

- running stitch and over stitch. The older children were very helpful with the younger children and they all worked hard together to practise the skills! These skills are fundamental to their final project - a personalised fabric headband!



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**TOP TIPS FOR ASTHMA**  
TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR CHILD'S ASTHMA

Asthma is the most common chronic condition that children in the UK suffer from, but it is usually easy to control. Follow these six steps to help keep your child well.

- 1 Make sure they take their preventer inhaler every day even if they feel well
- 2 Have a yearly asthma review with your GP or practice nurse
- 3 Get an asthma action plan for your child from your GP
- 4 Book your child in for their annual flu vaccine
- 5 Understand your child's asthma triggers
- 6 Make sure that your child is taking their inhalers correctly

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Mrs Smith recently attended some excellent training on dealing with Asthma and picked up the following leaflets which may be of use to you:

**TOP TIPS FOR DAMP & MOULD**  
IN YOUR HOME FROM ASTHMA AND LUNG UK

REDUCE DAMP	TREAT MOULD
Open windows and doors so air can move around. Be careful on high pollen or high pollution days if these are triggers	1 Clean off mould using a mould spray e.g. containing bleach or white vinegar if bleach triggers your asthma
Try to avoid drying clothes indoors. If you have nowhere else to dry them, open a window if you can	2 Leave to dry overnight and then spray the area with an anti fungal wash following the manufacturers instructions
Use extractor fans in the kitchen and bathroom. Open a window when cooking or after a shower or bath	3 Wipe off the condensation on your windows each morning
Close the door of the room you are in if you are cooking or showering to prevent condensation in other rooms	4 Redecorate using mould-resistant paint
Try to keep your home at a good background temperature so it never gets too cold. At least 15 degrees in all rooms	5 Remove the cause of the damp

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## Community Awards



It is always lovely to hear about our children letting their light shine in the local community, so I was delighted to receive an email from a lady whose mum is a resident at the Willow Gardens Care Home in Yateley. She let me know that two of our boys had been

entertaining the residents and staff by playing on the piano. She wrote, "I just wanted to say that they were a real credit to your school and it was lovely to see them playing and making the residents so happy." Rupert and Thomas in year 6 have been going into the home once a month to play a piano concert for the residents. Rupert's mum told me, "I'm so proud of them, as it's now so popular the place is packed out at every event! But they've grown in confidence performing to an audience which is fab." These boys have truly let their light shine, by using their creative gifts to make the world a happier place. Well done to them both! The boys will be the first recipients of our new 'Community Award' which will be given to those who contribute significantly to the community over a period of time. If you would like to nominate somebody for an award, please let me know! 😊

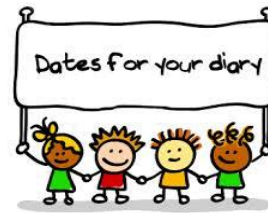


We hope you will join us at our Harvest Festival on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am at St Peter's Church. All children will be involved. Each class will be singing a song and there will be a few readings in between. We expect it to last no more than an hour. We ask each child to bring an item of food to school that day to donate to the Yateley Community Pantry. The children take their item to the church to add to the display. Pasta, pasta sauces, tinned and packet foods are easier to transport. Please check the sell by date before donating. Thank you.

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New and changed dates are given in bold

- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Yr 5/6 Cross Country event at Calthorpe
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: EMTAS coffee morning – by invitation
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Yateley School Open Morning
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: Year 4 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct: British Legion Poppy Wall Making**
- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTA Help Out Day 9am to 1pm**
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 Bikeability Week
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct: Open Morning 9.30am: prospective parents
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: IROCK assembly 10am**
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: JRSO Training
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 singing & baking at St Peter's church
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTA meeting 3.15pm in the hall
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTA Disco**
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y5 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening – details to follow (not Y3)
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening – details to follow
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Harvest Festival 9.30am St Peter's
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Parents' Evening – Y3
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: PTA MUFTI Day for screw top bottles.
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct: Break up for Half Term Holiday 3.15pm
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Children return to school from 8.30am
- w/b 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: P.T.A. Meeting 3.15pm in hall
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov: Open Morning 9.30am: prospective parents
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y1 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov: BAG2SCHOOL Clothes Donation**
- w/b 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: P.T.A. Raffle goes live!**
- w/b 18<sup>th</sup> Nov: Flu jabs
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: School 'DECS Day' – details to follow
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: P.T.A. Christmas Fair
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: Yateley Lions Christmas Fair
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: World Culture Day – details to follow
- Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: EMTAS Coffee Morning – by invitation
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS1 to St Peter's Church - Home Alone
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: P.T.A. Elfridges Sale
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: P.T.A. Meeting 3.15pm in hall
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y6 class assembly 8.50am parents welcome
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: Pantomime visiting school!
- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: KS2 Xmas Service at the church 1.30pm
- 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

### BACK TO UNIVERSITY – CAN YOU HELP?

**Do you have a special skill that you could share? Can you spare an hour each week on a Friday afternoon?**

We are looking for volunteers to enhance our **University of Cranford Park** offer. Perhaps you can teach children about a car engine? Or can teach crafts such as papermaking and decoupage? Maybe you can share your work skills? Or a hobby that you have? Please contact me if you can help!

