



# Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Let  
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shine

Welcome back to the final stint in the year and I do hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. We are delighted to welcome some new families to Cranford Park and we look forward to getting to know you all over the next few weeks through our induction period. We still have spaces for September, so if you know anybody looking for a school, please do point them in our direction!



I was horrified recently by the following statistics given at an information briefing I was at about the dangers of smartphones:

- 25% of 5 to 7-year olds own their own smartphone.
- 29 hours is the average time that 12-year olds are on their smartphone each week.

I also heard about the *many* issues children were having as a result of smartphones, from them seeing *truly horrific* content to them having difficulties with social skills, eyesight etc. I heard stories of parents with really strict parental controls coming unstuck when children's friends downloaded and sent them videos to watch. Children also miss out on their play and outdoor experiences when glued to a phone of course.

More interestingly, in a survey carried out, 67% of 16 to 18 year olds say that smartphones were **harmful** to them when they were children and are *now feeling cross* with their adults about the loss of their childhood. I bet that's not what they thought at the time though! Another example of us parents *trying* to do the right thing.

There is a huge move at the moment to ban smartphones from children because of these dangers. I know some children need a phone for safety, if they are travelling alone for example, but it doesn't have to be smart to be safe!



We are trying to organise a talk about this issue for our parents. In the meantime, if you would like to know more about it, to get support, to sign the parent pact, or join the group, please go to:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>  
or contact [clare@smartphonefreechildhood.com](mailto:clare@smartphonefreechildhood.com)

## NEW STAFF



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Sarah Horsgood, who will be joining us in September when our lovely Mrs Wheeler retires. Mrs Horsgood is an

experienced LSA currently working at Westfields and has also had experience of being a Nursery manager, so we are sure she will be a valuable addition to our team.

## Scouts



Hampshire

We recently had an assembly from the Scouts where we learned all about the fun they have! Lucinda Seward, who delivered it for us, is happy for you to contact her with any questions on Tel: 0773 1997374



## Summer Arts Festival

We hope the weather will improve in time for our Summer Arts Festival on the afternoon of **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. For those new to us, this is an outdoor event where we invite families to sit on the grassed area and watch children perform on the KS1 playground. We have dance, music and drama for you, as well as a chance to buy a piece of your child's art work! Please do come along.

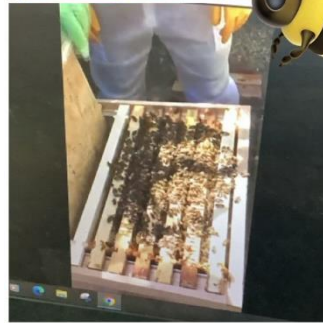
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# Bug Ball

Our Reception class had a wonderful 'Bug Ball Day' recently with lots of fun activities, including examining an abandoned beehive, a 'collaboration' caterpillar game and picking worms out of jelly mud with tweezers! They also learned how to 'be' bees, flying to a flower to collect nectar with a pipette and pollen dust, before shaking pollen onto another flower. There was also a sticky spider web in the woods to navigate. Eek!



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# Letting their Light Shine



## Another Choir Triumph!

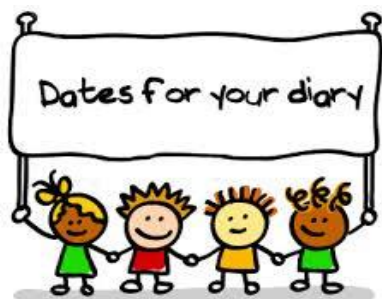


On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, some of our KS2 choir performed in a concert at St Peter's Church alongside Oasis Community Choir and Sarah-Jane Butler, a former pupil of Cranford Park! The concert was well attended, the choirs sang beautifully together and we received much praise from the audience. As well as performing, Oasis Community Choir chose Cranford Park to be the charitable cause for audience donations. The concert raised an amazing £591.60 for our school! A huge thank you and well done to all those involved, including the staff who also gave up their Sunday to attend.



Congratulations to Miss Portch and her son Lewis, who participated in the 'Pretty Mudder' for Cancer Research - a 5km run through a mud obstacle course! If you would like to donate, please speak to Miss Portch directly, thank you.

*Please do let us know about anything your children have done to let their light shine!*



### New and changed dates are given in bold

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Week  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Fathers' Day Shopping  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June: Safety Day  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: Rotary Kids Out Event – by invitation  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Swimming  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Intake Induction 2

### Wed 11<sup>th</sup> June: Year 6 road safety online workshop

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 Class Worship 8.50am – parents  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June: 'Freezy Friday' sale  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> June: St Peter's Church Event at school  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June: P.T.A. Meeting 3.30pm – all welcome  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June: 1.30pm Summer Arts Festival – parents  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Swimming  
 Thur 19<sup>th</sup> June: KS2 Athletics Event – cross school  
 Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Intake Induction 3  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y3 visit to Butser Ancient Farm  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Leavers' Service, Winchester  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June: 'Freezy Friday' sale  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 Swimming  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: Y2 Class Worship 8.50am – parents  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Mufti Day for £1 donation  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June: PTA Summer Fair 3.30pm  
 Mon 30<sup>th</sup> July: Y5/6 evening performance of 'Aladdin Trouble' at Yateley school theatre  
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 Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July: Y5 Swimming  
 Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 transition day to Yateley  
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 Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Moving Up Day – new classes info. out  
 Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Barnados School Readiness workshop for prospective parents.  
 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July: 'Freezy Friday' sale  
 w/b 7<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Residential Week  
 w/b 7<sup>th</sup> July: Local History Week – YR to Y5  
 Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July: Y5 Swimming  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July: Y1 Class Worship 8.50am – parents  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July: SEN Parent Meetings Y1, Y2 & Y3  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July: Magic Show Assembly  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> July: Display of Work Evening 3.30pm to 5pm  
 Tues 15<sup>th</sup> July: SEN Parent Meetings Y4, Y5, Y6  
 Tues 15<sup>th</sup> July: P.T.A. Meeting 3.30pm – all welcome  
 Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July: SPORTS DAY – parents from noon – date change due to clash with transition  
 Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July: Reserve Sports Day in case of rain!  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July: 'Freezy Friday' sale  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July: Sponsored Colour Run Day!  
 Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Service – parents – 9.30am  
 Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm  
**NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2025-26**  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept: INSET Day  
 Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept: Children return to school  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: PTA AGM – all welcome to attend  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: 3.30pm and 4.00pm: Y1 – Y6 'Meet the teacher' meetings for parents**  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Sept: 2.30pm and 3.30pm: YR parent meeting: Reading and Writing**  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Sept: PTA 'Cranka Bar' Event  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: PTA Meeting  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Break up for half term holiday  
 Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: Children return to school  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Break up for xmas hols 1.15pm  
**2026**  
 Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: INSET Day  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: Children return to school  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Break up for half term holiday  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb: Children return to school  
 Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Mar: Break up for Easter 1.15pm  
 Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school  
 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May: Y5 residential to Runways End  
 Wed 20<sup>th</sup> May: Break up for half term 1.15pm  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May: INSET DAY  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May: INSET DAY  
 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June: INSET DAY  
 Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June: Children return to school  
 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June 26: Y4 residential to Minstead  
 w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Jul 2026: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July 26: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm

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