



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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your
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shine

Welcome back to the new school year to you all and a very warm welcome especially to all our new families!

The end of last term was fun and sporty with our sports day and colour run, so I have included a few pictures which didn't make it to the last newsletter.

We are very frustrated at not being able to share our Ofsted report with you yet. As of me writing this, we still haven't received the draft report, so it will be a little while yet 😞 But we will share with you as soon as we can.

COLOUR RUN FUN!



Our colour run was an enormous success. I don't know who enjoyed it more - the parents and children running, or those throwing paint and squirting them with water! My thanks to all who joined in the fun. We will definitely do this again next year!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 29th September at 7pm

Parenting in the digital world

Last year, the school organised for the stay safe initiative to deliver a workshop for our parents to help them keep their children safe online. Unfortunately, only one of our parents turned up so it had to be cancelled. This meeting has now been rescheduled and I would really like all our parents to attend if possible.

Being a parent in today's digital age can feel overwhelming, trying to keep up with the constant evolution of games, apps and social media platforms and parents are quite often rightly worried about online-bullying, grooming and what their children are sharing and seeing online. During this 90min session, Richard from The Stay Safe Initiative CIC will be helping you to understand your child's digital lives a bit more. Even parents of younger children may want to know more in order to keep their children safe in the future. In this meeting we will be exploring what they are doing online, understanding the risks, and providing straight forward help and advice to keep everyone at home safe. An invitation has been sent out.

Attendees will NOT need to speak or have their cameras turned on, should they wish not to. This has been designed purely to provide you with as much information as possible, to allow you to make informed decisions and choices about your children's digital lives. Please note that due to the nature of certain risks the online world holds for children, this presentation is **NOT for the eyes and ears of children and young people**. I really hope to see you there.

WELCOME TO A NEW TEACHER



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Christina Cooper to the staff. Mrs Cooper is a qualified teacher with eight years of experience teaching in Essex. Now relocating to our local area, we are pleased to have employed Mrs Cooper to cover classes for a variety of reasons, so all of the children will benefit from her passion for teaching at some point!

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SPORTS DAY FUN!



Congratulations to the **blue team** who won the day by just **one point** knocking previous champions the green team off the top of the winners board!

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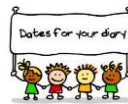
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Welcome Service for Reception

We are pleased to announce a new event which we hope will become a tradition at the school! Our new **welcome service** for reception children will be their introduction to St Peter's Church. We invite them and their families to come along to the church on **Thursday 25th September at 1.30pm**. The children will be brought to the church by their Year 6 buddies, who will present a welcome alongside Reverend Tim Storey. Our new children will then be presented with a book as a gift from the church. Parents and families



are then welcome to stay and have tea and cakes and can then choose to take their children straight home, or have them returned to school for collection at the normal time.



- Tues 9th Sept: PTA AGM – all welcome to attend
 Wed 10th Sept: 3.30pm and 4.00pm: Y1 – Y6 'Meet the teacher' meetings for parents
 Wed 10th Sept: 2.30pm and 3.30pm: YR parent meeting: Reading and Writing
Fri 12th Sept: Roald Dahl Day – details to follow
 Fri 12th Sept: PTA 'Cranka Bar' Event
 Tues 16th Sept: PTA Meeting 3.30pm
Thurs 18th Sept: School Photographs – individual/sibling
Fri 19th Sept: Jeans for Genes – see article
Thurs 25th Sept: Welcome Service for new Reception at St Peter's Church 1.30pm
Fri 26th Sept: McMillan coffee morning for families 8.30am to 9.30am– cakes also welcome!
Mon 29th Sept: 7pm Online Meeting – Parents in the Digital World – please try to attend!
Thurs 9th Oct: Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Tues 14th Oct: NHS Assembly – 'Horrid Hands'
Wed 15th Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening
Wed 22nd Oct: Nasal Flu Immunisations – details follow
Wed 22nd Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening
Thurs 23rd Oct: Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church
Fri 24th Oct: PTA Mufti Day – bring a bottle
 Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half term holiday
 Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school
Fri 7th Nov: Open Evening for Prospective Parents
Fri 21st Nov: Children in Need Mufti Day
Thurs 27th Nov: Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Fri 28th Nov: Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5pm
Sat 29th Nov: Lions Christmas Market 3.30 – 6.30pm
Mon 15th Dec: KS1 performance
Tues 16th Dec: KS1 performance
Wed 17th Dec: PTA Mufti Day for wrapped sweets
 Fri 19th Dec: Break up for xmas hols 1.15pm
 Mon 5th Jan 2026: INSET Day
 Tues 6th Jan: Children return to school
Fri 30th Jan: PTA Discos
Wed 4th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 6th Feb: PTA Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
Wed 11th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening
Thurs 12th Feb: Y5 Bikeability
Fri 13th Feb: Y5 Bikeability
 Fri 13th Feb: Break up for half term holiday
 Mon 23rd Feb: Children return to school
Mon 23rd Feb: Choir to Young Voices at the O2
w/b 2nd March: BOOK WEEK
Thur 5th March: World Book Day – Dress up day
Mon 9th March: PTA Mothers' Day Sale
w/b 16th March: SCIENCE WEEK
Tues 24th March: Easter Service at St Peter's Church
Wed 25th March: Easter fun day with Easter tea
Wed 25th March: PTA Mufti Day for bottles
 Fri 27th Mar: Break up for Easter 1.15pm
 Mon 13th April: Children return to school
Fri 24th April: PTA 'Dare to be different' day
Thurs 7th May: Photographer – classes and leavers
Fri 8th May: PTA Mufti Day for sweets
Fri 8th May: PTA Popcorn Party
w/b 11th May: Y6 SATs testing week
 11th to 13th May: Y5 residential to Runways End
 Wed 20th May: Break up for half term 1.15pm
 21st & 22nd May: INSET DAYS
 Mon 1st June: INSET DAY
 Tues 2nd June: Children return to school
 9th/10th June 26: Y4 residential to Minstead
Mon 15th June: PTA Fathers' Day Sale
Fri 26th June: PTA Mufti day and Summer Fair
 w/b 6th Jul 2026: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
 Wed 22nd July 26: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES.**



On **Friday 19th September** we will be participating in the Jeans for genes day, helping to fund vital research and support services for affected families. Children can choose to wear jeans to school (school uniform on top) in exchange for a donation to the charity.

For parents new to us, please note that whenever we raise money for charities outside of school, such as this one, or children in need or NSPCC, we ask the children to bring **a coin of their own** to donate. This could be any coin from their money box, pocket money, or money earned while doing jobs for you around the house. In this way, we hope to teach our children the meaning of charity and also the value of money. I know as

a parent that it is all too easy for children to just keep asking their parents for money as if we have an endless supply! Parents can, of course, add a donation of their own for these days if they wish.



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