



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Our very first 'Welcome Service' for our new Reception families took place on Thursday 25th September. Families were welcomed by St Peter's Church before our Year 6 'buddies' entertained them with songs and introductions.



Our reception children were presented with a book of Bible Stories from the church and then sang to their audience for the first time. We hope to continue this tradition going forward, starting and ending our time at the school with a service in the church. One parent wrote:

A very sweet introduction for reception into the church it will definitely make for the most adorable transitioning/ journey pictures from year R - 6

Please save magazines

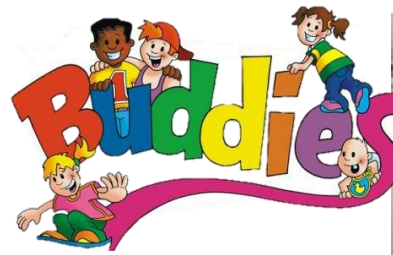


Please save any old magazines for us ready for our **Pause Day** on **Friday 24th October** when we will be thinking about **gratitude**. Parents/carers (or other relatives if you are not available to join us) are invited into school at **1.30pm** to participate in a joint craft project with their child(ren). Come and join in the fun before heading off for the half term break!



D.I.Y. DAY

Do you have any skills you can help us out with? We particularly need anybody with carpentry skills, anyone handy with a screwdriver, or anybody who can do a bit of weeding or jet-washing for us! Gather the grandparents, uncles and aunts, next door neighbours and anybody marginally useful and please join us for the PTA DIY day on **Saturday 4th October** from **9am** until 1pm. Hope to see you all there! 😊



Year R have been enjoying spending time with their Year 6 buddies!



They have shared books, read together and had lots of fun – they're already really looking



forward to their next 'Buddy Wednesday!'



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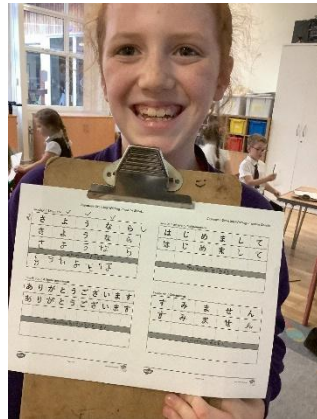


towers, bridges and other structures. They have realised they need good teamwork skills to create the best constructions!



In the **Faculty of Japan**, the children have learnt where in the world Japan is. They have looked at its famous landmarks, its religion, festivals and ceremonies, the cuisine, currency and so much more. They have also learnt about different types of

Japanese art. They focused on the art of Calligraphy and Manga. The children produced some fantastic Manga art!



In the **Faculty of Engineering** the children have been using their engineering skills to solve problems involving



Watch this space for more news of the exciting new faculties in our very own University of Cranford Park!

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We are looking forward to our **Harvest Festival** on **Thursday 23rd October** at **9.30am**.

As in previous years, we will be supporting the Yateley Industries **Community Pantry**. We would therefore like each child to bring a donation of food to school that day. We are told that **tinned or packet foods** are particularly useful, as they are always short of those! Children should bring their donations into class on the day of the Harvest Festival and we will collect them up to display at the church. Thank you!



This autumn, families are invited to take part in **Cycle Together Eastleigh** - an initiative offering free cycling activities across the borough.

Organised by Eastleigh Borough Council in partnership with Sustrans and supported by Hampshire County Council's **Life's Better By Bike** campaign, CycleTogether Eastleigh aims to make cycling accessible, safe and fun for everyone. Activities include:

- Bike safety checks
- Guided rides
- Skills and confidence sessions
- Trailer trials

You can book a free place at **CycleTogether Eastleigh events** (www.eventbrite.com/cc/cycletogether-eastleigh-workshops-and-rides-3539489) and enjoy a great opportunity to get active and explore the area by bike.



Anger Management in Children NSPCC

Every year many thousands of children are referred to Childline for anger issues. Anger management in children is one of the top mental health concerns in childcare. Anger and the ability to control it are key skills of adulthood. Violent thoughts frequently bubble underneath human interactions. Anger is the quickest way for those thoughts to become reality. For this reason it is tightly regulated in our society. Children must learn to overcome anger so that they do not fall a foul of strict controls on violent conduct. However, this is difficult for children to learn to manage since anger is remarkably powerful. Yet as parents and teachers there is no choice but to teach them to reign these emotions in. This can be hard knowledge to impart, but the **NSPCC** has produced helpful resources to aid you in that vital mission. If interested, please follow the link below:

[Anger management in children: how parents can help | NSPCC](#)



Meet Cranford Parks new Eco and Action Council for the Environment committee, otherwise known as ACE! The council have been busy and have already put in place a system to monitor each class's electricity usage and have even done a litter pick in the school grounds!



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Our lovely Hector is at it again with his community service! We are really proud of him for having started a small local community project called **The Coat Fairy**. If anyone is struggling this winter and would like a free coat for their child, please get in touch and Hector will source a good quality pre-loved one and deliver it with a small toy in the pocket! Please find the contact details below:



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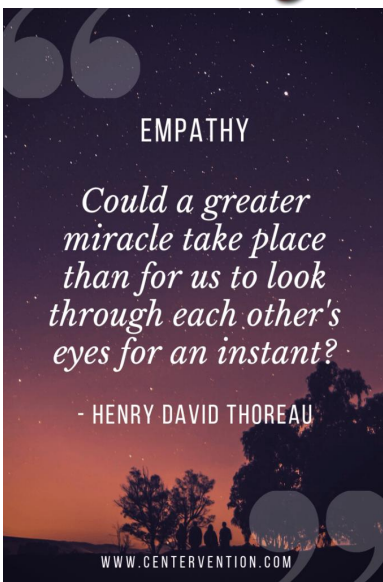
Know anybody due to start school next year, or somebody looking for an in-year transfer?

We have spaces in many of our year groups so please let your friends and neighbours know about us! Pop into the office if you would like a flyer to give to them.



We are enjoying the myHappymind resources in school and are thinking that we might extend our use of this programme to cover our relationships education and PSHE. But not many of our parents have accessed the resources in the 'my Happy mind Parent App' so far, so a reminder if you haven't already got it set up...

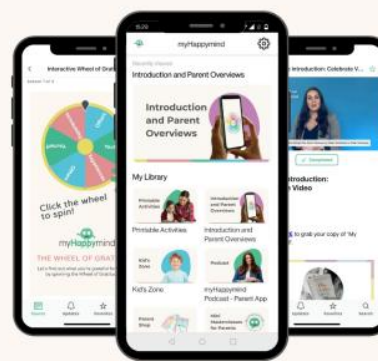
Teaching Empathy



This term we have been talking to the children about **empathy**...the idea of walking in another's shoes. It is easy to criticise or complain about other people, but less easy to see the world

through their eyes. We have encouraged the children to see other perspectives and try to understand how others feel. We will continue this theme throughout the term and hope you will support this with your conversations at home.

Download your FREE myHappymind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.



myHappymind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappymind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



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Parenting in the Digital World Meeting

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Thanks a lot, it was really great to listen to you, you provide very good tips

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Thank you, it's been really helpful.

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Thank you - very informative and useful information to take away and use in school and with my own children. Thanks

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As a parent who is quite tech savvy and feels they are pretty clued up with regards to his childrens safety online, there was a lot I will be taking away from this webinar, particularly the "wear it on a t-shirt" tip which I will be sure to use for my own benefit as well as my childs. Thanks Richard. Very insightful and appreciate your time this evening.

Thank you to all those who joined us for this meeting – it was great to see so many there. Below are the links shared by Richard to the parents' resource pack and a feedback form for any who attended.

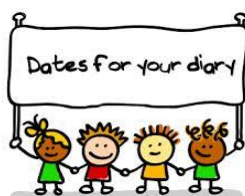
Parents resource pack.

<https://thestaysafeinitiative.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Parents Online Safety Advice Sheet.pdf>

Parents / staff feedback form.

<https://forms.gle/5E3fqvdUeX7TTiuQ9>

Please get in touch with me directly if you would like a link to the recorded meeting.



New events will be given in bold

Fri 3rd Oct: Year 4 class assembly
 Fri 3rd Oct: Year 4 cake sale
Sat 4th Oct: PTA DIY Day with pizza
 Thurs 9th Oct: Open Morning for Prospective Parents
 Fri 10th Oct: Year 3 cake sale
 Tues 14th Oct: NHS Assembly – 'Horrid Hands'
 Tues 14th Oct: PTA Meeting after school
 Wed 15th Oct: Parents' Consultation Evening
 Fri 17th Oct: Year 5 class assembly
 Fri 17th Oct: Year 5 cake sale
 Tues 21st Oct: PTA Xmas Fair Meeting after school
 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 – wrapped sweets
 Fri 24th Oct: Donut sale after school - £1 each
 Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half term holiday
 Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school
 Fri 7th Nov: Year 2 class assembly
 Fri 7th Nov: Year 2 cake sale
 Fri 7th Nov: Open Evening for Prospective Parents
 w/b 10th Nov: Anti-bullying week
 Mon 10th Nov: Odd sock day – wear crazy odd socks!
 Tues 11th Nov: PTA Meeting after school
 Fri 14th Nov: Year R cake sale
 Mon 17th Nov: PTA Raffle goes live
 Mon 18th Nov: Happy school bags clothing collection
 Fri 21st Nov: Year 1 class assembly
 Fri 21st Nov: Year 1 cake sale
 Fri 21st Nov: Children in Need Mufti Day - Spots
 Thurs 27th Nov: Open Morning for Prospective Parents
 Fri 28th Nov: PTA Mufti Day for screw top wine
 Fri 28th Nov: Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5pm
 Sat 29th Nov: Lions Christmas Market 3.30 – 6.30pm

Tues 2nd Dec: PTA Elfridges sale in school
 Fri 5th Dec: Year 6 class assembly
 Fri 5th Dec: Year 6 cake sale
 Tues 9th Dec: PTA meeting after school
 Thurs 11th Dec: School trip to the pantomime
 Fri 12th Dec: Year 4 cake sale
 Fri 12th Dec: PTA Raffle Draw
 Mon 15th Dec: KS1 performance
 Tues 16th Dec: KS1 performance
Wed 17th Dec: Christmas dinner and jumper day
 Fri 19th Dec: PTA Mufti Day for bottles
 Fri 19th Dec: Break up for xmas hols 1.15pm
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 Mon 5th Jan: INSET Day
 Tues 6th Jan: Children return to school
 Tues 13th Jan: PTA Meeting after school
 Fri 16th Jan: PTA Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
 Fri 16th Jan: Year R class assembly
 Fri 23rd Jan: PTA Quiz Night
 Fri 30th Jan: PTA Discos
 Tues 3rd Feb: PTA Meeting after school
 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
 Tues 3rd March: Bounce for Books
 Thur 5th March: World Book Day – Dress up day
 Tues 10th Mar: PTA Mothers' Day Sale – date change
 Tues 10th Mar: PTA Meeting after school
 w/b 16th March: SCIENCE WEEK
Thurs 19th Mar: Y5 to Wellington Chemistry Spectacular
 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
 Tues 21st April: PTA Meeting after school
 Fri 24th April: PTA 'Dare to be different' day
 Fri 24th April: Happy School Bags clothing collection
 Mon 4th May: Lions May Fair, Yateley
 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
 Tues 19th May: PTA Meeting after school
 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
 Friday 5th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 9th June: PTA Meeting after school
 9th/10th June: Y4 residential to Minstead
 Fri 12th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 16th June: PTA Fathers' Day Sale
 Fri 19th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Fri 26th June: PTA Mufti day £1 and Summer Fair
 Friday 3rd July: Freezy Friday sale
 w/b 6th Jul: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
 Friday 10th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 14th July: PTA Meeting
 Friday 17th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 17th July: PTA Mufti day for £1
 Fri 17th July: Y6 Leavers' Party
 Tues 21st July: PTA Colour Run event
 Wed 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm

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