



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Let
your
light
shine

Our Year 6 children did us proud as tour guides in the recent prospective parents open morning. If you know anybody looking for a school place, either for reception next year, or for an in-year transfer, please do ask them to get in touch.

Please save magazines



A reminder to 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!



Our head boys and head girls will be selling second hand uniform in the hall every Friday afternoon. Pop along to pick up a uniform bargain!



TOP TIPS FOR KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN!

Follow the link for advice from the Child Accident Prevention Trust.

[How to keep children safe this Halloween | 12 top tips](#)

RAISING TOUGH GRATEFUL KIDS

Being a parent of this challenging generation is one of the toughest jobs you will ever do. *Swimcore* give advice for raising tough, grateful kids in a world of plenty! Take a look at some of their advice below:

Proven Ways to Toughen Kids

1. Change your parenting style:

You love your kid, but the first thing is you need to do is toughen up as a parent.

2. Set age-appropriate limits and rules for your child.

You are the parent. You have the right and the responsibility to take charge and make rules. That's why setting limits and saying an occasional no is good for the children. If you think they will think you're a monster for saying no, you're wrong.

3. Define the areas where your child has a choice:

Use a firm but polite attitude towards the child to implement rules. Ensure these decisions are not open to negotiation. Do not give your child a choice when there is none. Meanwhile, develop your child's decision-making power, asking their opinion on which cereal to eat, which book to read, etc.

4. Don't be afraid of them crying:

It's normal for the kids to cry. Understand the difference between crying for needs or wishes.

Needs are relief from pain, hunger, and fear, requiring immediate response. Other than these times, crying is harmless and a normal response to frustration. Never punish your child for crying or name-call. You must take care of their feelings but not give in to the crying.

5. Be firm when your child throws a tantrum:

It's common for kids to throw temper tantrums. They might stomp, shout, cry, or even hold their breath to make you say "yes." It's like a big show to get their way. However, as a parent and adult, you need to understand that if they're not in danger and just making a scene, it's okay to let them be.

6. Teach your child to cope with boredom.

It's reasonable to expect your child will entertain themselves during your busy moments. Asking them to "find something to do" can be beneficial. Embracing boredom leads to imaginative play, reflective thinking, and creative daydreaming.

7. Help your child learn to wait.

Stop feeling guilty if you don't immediately pay attention to the child. If there are moments when you need to ask your child to wait, like during personal conversations in person or on the phone, it's okay. Occasional waits contribute to enhancing emotional resilience.

8. Be the role model for your child.

Most important of all, raise your child to respect others around him. Avoid bad mouthing anyone when they're around.

The Bottom Line:

Enjoy your time with them and help them become the best version that makes you proud. Hold yourself firm and instill the values of compassion, respect and understanding in your next generation. Remember you parents are the ones who are going to make all the difference.

Compassion

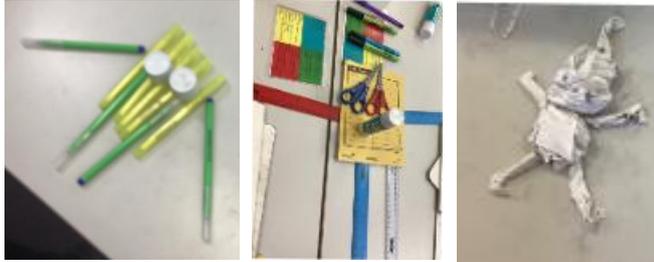
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University Spotlight

In the **Faculty of Knowledge**, the children have been exploring different quiz games, including 1% Club, Catchphrase, Are you Smarter than a 10-Year-old and Task Master. This week, one of the Task Master challenges was to create a cartoon character from objects on the table (they were not allowed to draw anything).



Sponge Bob Homer Simpson A Teletubby



They were also challenged to create a 30 second slo -mo movie! Lots of fun was had by all and Miss Singer was very impressed with the ingenuity!



In the **Faculty of Japan**, it was food tasting week! The children had



ramen noodles, tempura vegetables, seaweed and chocolate poke sticks, all washed down with a nice cup

of green tea! Our class fund helps us to do these fun things, so **thank you** for your contributions!



As a school, we work with a charity called **Spotlight UK**, a registered charity who work across Hampshire and Berkshire supporting over 3000 children and families every year, with an aim to create positive new memories and bring a bit of hope and happiness to children who may be vulnerable in some way. They do this by providing low-cost activities and trips out as well as other things. Some of you may have had Christmas gifts from them for example. More information can be found on their website: <https://spotlightuk.org/what-we-do/>.

Their free support for children who meet the criteria includes:

- Emergency clothes and toys for families with low income or fleeing domestic abuse.
- Mental health care packs which include toys, cuddly toy, arts and craft bits.
- Free activities like swimming, bowling, trampolining, and more to boost confidence.

Criteria for the Ray of Hope and a link to register are on the flyer below.



Scarlett's Smiles
SPOTLIGHT UK
Creating positive memories

MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

Discounted days out to Merlin Theme Parks to make special memories

Mental healthcare "Pick Me Up" packs

Free and low cost activities including bowling, laser tag, swimming, ninja warrior and fun days out

Peer and parenting support

£5 per person per year.
Register Here →

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SCARLETT'S SMILES

- Young carers – to give respite from their daily 'duties'
- Children who have a terminal illness or long-term medical condition, or their siblings or parents do
- Children experiencing loss or separation
- Children in care
- Children affected by domestic abuse
- Armed forces families with a parent serving abroad
- FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN

Visit our website: www.spotlightuk.org
Get in touch: 07804 880072 | scarlettsmiles@spotlightuk.org

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Letting their Light Shine!



Here is Ralph, who won 'player of the match.' Ralph only started playing for Yateley United Titans in the summer and this was only the third match he'd played. Although the team lost 5-1, Ralph showed a fantastic growth mindset! He kept trying, kept the teams' spirits up by dancing in the breaks, showed compassion to his teammates when they got injured and scored the goal! We are all very proud of him!



Congratulations to Jessie who recently participated in her first international dance competition at Disneyland Paris! She had an incredible experience, not only competing but also performing in the Disneyland pre-parade — a truly magical moment for her and her family, creating memories they will cherish forever. The team even took home the silver medal!



Dear Zoo



Year R have been busy having a *roaring* good time exploring their, "Dear Zoo, On Safari" topic! They've been retelling the story,

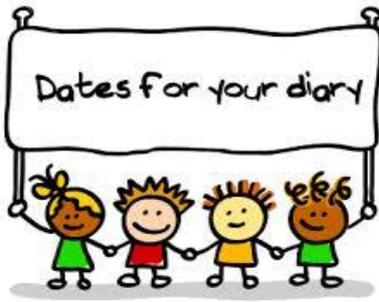
role-playing in their zoo shop, learning all about safari animals and their habitats, building and designing their own zoo enclosures, creating dot paintings and cutting colourful lion manes, ordering animals and feeding them the correct amount of food!



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New events will be given in bold

Tues 14th Oct: NHS Assembly – ‘Horrid Hands’
 Tues 14th Oct: PTA Meeting after school
 Wed 15th Oct: Parents’ Consultation Evening
Thurs 16th Oct: 4–5.30 squash event by invitation
 Fri 17th Oct: Year 5 class assembly
 Fri 17th Oct: Year 5 cake sale
Tues 21st Oct: Young leader training - by invitation
 Tues 21st Oct: PTA Xmas Fair Meeting after school
 Wed 22nd Oct: Nasal Flu Immunisations
 Wed 22nd Oct: Parents’ Consultation Evening
 Thurs 23rd Oct: Harvest Festival at St Peter’s Church
Please bring a food donation
Thurs 23rd Oct: YR/6 height/weight measure – see letter
 Fri 24th Oct: PTA Mufti Day – wrapped sweets
Fri 24th Oct: Pause Day “Gratitude” – parents in for craft activity from 1.30pm
 Fri 24th Oct: Y4 donut sale after school - £1 each
 Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half term holiday
 Mon 3rd Nov: Children return to school
Wed 5th Nov: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 7th Nov: Year 2 class assembly
 Fri 7th Nov: Year 2 cake sale
 Fri 7th Nov: Open Evening for Prospective Parents
Sun 9th Nov: Remembrance Parade in Yateley – all welcome
 w/b 10th Nov: Anti-bullying week
 Mon 10th Nov: Odd sock day – wear crazy odd socks!
 Tues 11th Nov: PTA Meeting after school
Wed 12th Nov: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 14th Nov: Year R cake sale
 Mon 17th Nov: PTA Raffle goes live
 Mon 18th Nov: Happy school bags clothing collection
Wed 19th Nov: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 21st Nov: Year 1 class assembly
 Fri 21st Nov: Year 1 cake sale
 Fri 21st Nov: Children in Need Mufti Day – Spots
Wed 26th Nov: Y5 Swimming
 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
 Cranford Park choir singing
 PTA Elfridges sale in school
 Tues 2nd Dec: PTA meeting after school
Wed 3rd Dec: Y5 Swimming
 Fri 5th Dec: Year 6 class assembly
 Fri 5th Dec: Year 6 cake sale
 Sun 7th Dec: Christingle at Yateley Manor School – our choir singing, all welcome
 Tues 9th Dec: PTA meeting after school
Wed 10th Dec: Y5 Swimming
 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
Fri 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day
 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
Wed 25th Feb: Wellington ‘Escape Room’ for Y5
 w/b 2nd March: BOOK WEEK
 Tues 3rd March: Bounce for Books
Wed 4th March: Wellington ‘Escape Room’ for Y5
 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: STEM WEEK
Thurs 19th Mar: Y5 to Wellington Chemistry Spectacular
Fri 20th March: Y2 Nightwalk 6-8pm
Fri 20th March: Comic Relief – details to follow
 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
Wed 22nd April: 3-4pm Yr 5 to Wellington for low ropes
 Fri 24th April: PTA ‘Dare to be different’ day
 Fri 24th April: Happy School Bags clothing collection
Wed 29th April: 3-4pm Y5 to Wellington for paddling
 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
Fri 15th May: Y3 Sleepover 6pm to 7.30am
 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