



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Let
your
light
shine



Welcome back to the spring term! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

The weather is quite grotty at the moment, so please make sure your child has a coat, with sleeves, in school, as we do not let them go outside without a coat in this weather.



It has been lovely to welcome Miss Portch back to school this week following her absence. We are keen to ensure we do not overwhelm her with her many roles, so will be phasing her back over the next few weeks. She will not be meeting with parents for the next couple of weeks, so please be patient as she gets her head back in the game! In the meantime, if there is anything I can help you with, I would be happy to support however I can.

One in, one out, and we are very sad that our lovely Mrs Smith, who works in the school office, has been signed off for a few weeks since she broke her finger in the Christmas holidays and has been advised not to use it for a while. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, we are lucky to have Mrs Garner filling in. Some of you may remember that she worked in the school office before, so can keep everything running smoothly until Mrs Smith returns.

The teachers have been updating their class website pages and have included the spring term **topic webs** and **family learning ideas** for your information. Please do take a look:

<https://www.cranfordparkprimary.co.uk/class-pages>

Brenda's
SCHOOL | WORK | CLUB UNIFORM

You now have the option of buying our logo uniform from Brenda's in Camberley as well as from MAPAC, our online supplier. Having a supplier with a shop floor might make it easier for you if you need uniform in a hurry, or are not sure what sizes to buy. Logo jumpers are available off the shelf instore or via their web order service. Web orders received before 3pm are sent out for next working day delivery or can be collected in store usually within 2 hours.

Brenda's Schoolwear | 130 Frimley Road | Camberley | Surrey | GU15 2QN T: 01276 818424

Letting his Light Shine!



Well done to our lovely Hector, who had a good end to the last term - he received his 25m unaided swimming badge and also was awarded his purple stripe belt in Mixed Martial Arts!

Governors



FANCY BEING A SCHOOL GOVERNOR?

We currently have vacancies on our governing body! If you would like to make more of a contribution to the school, have some time to spare and have experience or skills which may be helpful (business, financial, legal, etc.) then please do get in touch to find out more about it.

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

A team of year 3 and 4 children attended a Winter Olympic event at Calthorpe Park this week. They took part in a variety of Olympic events and had a great time trying them out. They tried skiing, curling, ice hockey, ice skating and many more. Well done to Maria, Jessie, Presley, Lola, Ethan, Ralph, Orrin, Brody and Albie. You have let your light shine!



This term's University of Cranford Park is underway, with a range of new faculties for the children to choose from! This term's faculties are:

Faculty of Life Skills

Grow smarter, live brighter, join the life skills adventure!

Faculty of Languages (Spanish)

Say 'hola' to adventure - learn Spanish and make new friends!

Faculty of Decorative Arts (calligraphy)

Write like a wizard - make every letter shine!

Faculty of Art and Design (step-by-step drawing)

Easy steps, awesome art, let's draw together!

Faculty of Tabletop Arts (card games)

Think fast, play smart - the ultimate card challenge!

Faculty of Communication (sign language)

Silent but powerful - become a sign language star!

Faculty of Computing

Future programmers changing the world!

Faculty of Oracy (debate)

Argue like a pro - fun battles of ideas



In the Faculty of Life Skills, pupils learnt the important skill of sewing a button on, building independence, fine motor skills and perseverance. Older children supported younger ones beautifully, showing patience and teamwork.



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A message from the Children's Commissioner

I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#).

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

The last time I published a guide like this... it was to help parents and carers navigate difficult conversations about sexual harassment online. This guide is different in scope, in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools...and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible...Children are clear that they value firm, informed and protective boundaries when adults have concerns about the content they are accessing online.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you.

As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

The charity **Spotlight** would like to be able to support families with 'discounted activities and days out for all' through their gold membership programme.

Discounted Family Fun upto half price off

		
Paddle Boarding (£6.50)	Donutting £6.50	
Ninja Warrior £8	Glo Golf £5	
Ice Skating £6.50	Bowling £4.50	
Laser Tag £5	Flip Out £6.50	
Soft Play £3.50		

Days Out including Chessington, Legoland and more

Gold membership is £7.50 per person per year which gives you access to a year's timetable of activities at upto 50% off and then our charity funds the difference.
email activities@spotlightuk.org

SCARLETT'S SMILES

		
Paddle Boarding (£5)	Donutting £6.50	
Ninja Warrior £6.50	Glo Golf £5	
Ice Skating £6.50	Bowling £3	
Laser Tag £5	Flip Out £6.50	
Soft Play from £1.50	Climbing £5.50	

Discounted Family Fun upto half price off

Discounted days out including Chessington, Legoland and more

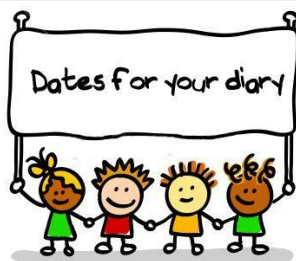
Scarlett's Smiles membership is £5 per person per year which gives you access to a year's timetable of activities at upto 50% off and then our charity funds the difference.
email: jess@spotlightuk.org

Gold membership is £7.50 per person per year and this gives activities at up to 50% off. Again, the gold membership is for ALL families. To register please visit:

<https://book.spotlightuk.org/auth/professional-signup>



It's not too late to sign up for the PTA quiz night on Friday 23rd January for an evening of fun, laughter, and great company, featuring thought-provoking questions! The cost is £5 per person to be paid online (Friends of Cranford Park, 30-90-89, 29709568, ref PTA Quiz). Doors to the main hall open at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. To enter a quiz team email cranfordparkpta@yahoo.com by 5pm on Wednesday 21st January.



New events or changes will be given in bold

Thurs 22nd Jan: Year 4 cake sale and sweetie tombola
 Fri 23rd Jan: Year 1 rescheduled 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
 Thurs 5th Feb: Year 5 Cake Sale
 Fri 6th Feb: PTA Mufti Day for Easter Eggs
 Fri 6th Feb: Safer Internet Day
 Fri 6th Feb: Year 5 Class Assembly
 Wed 11th Feb: Parents' Consultation Evening
 12th/13th Feb: Y5 Bikeability
 Thurs 12th Feb: Year 3 cake sale
 Fri 13th Feb: Year 3 Class Assembly
 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
 Wed 25th Feb: GRT Coffee Morning with EMTAS
 Thurs 26th Feb: Year 6 Cake Sale
 Fri 27th Feb: Year 6 Class Assembly
 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
 Tues 10th Mar: PTA Meeting after school
 Thurs 12th Mar: Year 4 Cake Sale
 Friday 13th Mar: Year 4 Class Assembly
 w/b 16th March: STEM WEEK
 Thurs 19th Mar: Y5 to Wellington Chemistry Spectacular

Thurs 19th Mar: Year 1 Cake Sale
 Fri 20th March: Year 1 Class Assembly
 Fri 20th March: Y2 Nightwalk 6-8pm
 Fri 20th March: Comic Relief – details to follow
 Tues 24th March: 9.30am Whole School Easter Service at St Peter's Church
 Wed 25th March: Easter fun day with Easter tea P.T.A. tea and tombola
 Wed 25th March: PTA Mufti Day for bottles
 Thurs 26th Mar: Year 2 Cake Sale
 Fri 27th March: Year 2 Class Assembly
 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
 Thurs 11th June: GRT coffee morning (EMTAS) – 8.30am
 Fri 12th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 16th June: PTA Fathers' Day Sale
 Fri 19th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Wed 24th June: Y6 Leavers' Service Winchester Cathedral
 Fri 26th June: PTA Mufti day £1
 Fri 26th June: PTA Summer Fair after school
 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

Teaching a child to shut down their emotions does not make them calm. It makes them numb. Calmness is a skill that develops after a child has learned to feel their emotions, not ignore them.

Inspired by Eli Harwood



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