



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

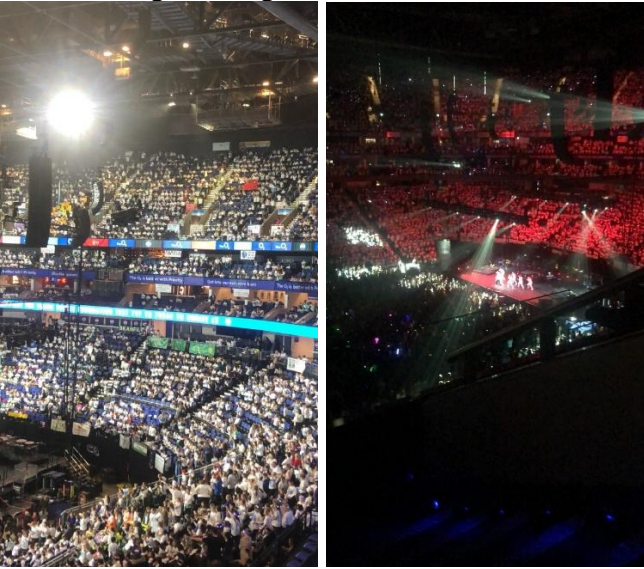
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Welcome back to the second part of the Spring term! It feels like we have been back for several weeks already!



I recently had the privilege of accompanying our Young Voices choir to the O2 arena in London, where they performed with over eight thousand other children to give us a highly entertaining evening.



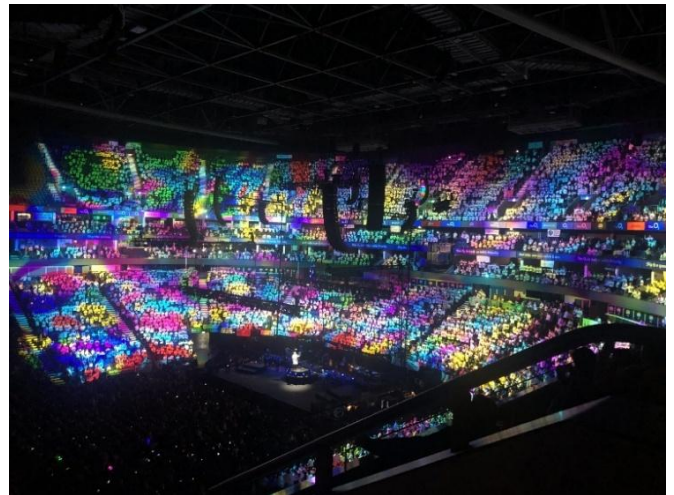
Children, staff and families had a wonderful time, thoroughly enjoying the experience.

I have shared some of the parent feedback we received after the event below:

I just wanted to express my thanks to you and your amazing team who arranged the most incredible day at young voices for the kids and us parents. Special thanks to Miss Lucas and Miss Howard for all the hard work and dedication they put into the choir. Absolute legends! I loved watching Miss Lucas rocking it on stage!! It really was an amazing day and the kids and I were honoured to be a part of it. Such precious memories made of yet another wonderful experience of their time at Cranford. We're so grateful.



Inayah had a fabulous experience and I appreciated the organisation that went into organising the coach for the mums which allowed us to enjoy the day and the evening without the travel issues. A huge thank you to Miss Howard and Miss Lucas for helping Inayah rehearse and get ready for the O2 performance - what committed and inspiring teachers the students are lucky to have. Please pass on my sincere thanks to all staff who made the trip happen and for students and parents to have such an enjoyable experience.



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SQUASH TASTER

Here at Cranford Park, we are always keen to give our children new experiences, including introducing them to new sports and hobbies. Year 5 and 6 were very lucky to have a taster session in squash. After throwing the ball at the net for a while, they then learnt how to use the racket properly. By the end of the session, they could have a rally with a partner and great fun was had by all. If anyone would like to take up the sport, our visitors are running a club on a Sunday at Aldershot Garrison Sports Centre.



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Staff News



I am delighted to share with you the wonderful news that our lovely Miss Howard got engaged in the half term break after a romantic proposal in Paris. ♥♥

Not unexpectedly, the happy couple have decided to relocate

back to Wales, where they can afford a lovely first home together and have the support of Miss Howard's family as they start a family of her own. We all adore Miss Howard and will be very sorry when the time comes for her to leave us, but of course we wish the happy couple all the very best of luck. Miss Howard will remain with us until the end of this academic year.



Children and Phone Safety - NSPCC

Children with phones is a hot topic everywhere at the moment! The NSPCC's guidance on children, mobile phones and online safety is a useful resource which supports families to manage the risks.

The guide offers balanced, practical advice on readiness, boundary-setting, parental controls, and ongoing conversations about safe and responsible use.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>



Year 5 recently took part in an escape room at school, run by students from Wellington College. The children were given some really challenging puzzles which made everyone think hard, but luckily everybody escaped!



iPad Appeal



Sadly we have had no response at all to our iPad appeal so are putting it out there again. Please do ask at your place of work if they would be willing to

sponsor the school for an iPad costing **£389**. As we said previously, our iPads are quite old and now need replacing. Please do help if you can!



*A reminder that children should not be bringing **eggs** or **nuts** into school in any form, including scotch eggs, egg sandwiches, or any nut products, nutella, cereal*

bars with nuts, etc. Some of our children have life threatening allergies, so it is essential that all parents respect this to keep our children safe. Thank you.

NO EGGS

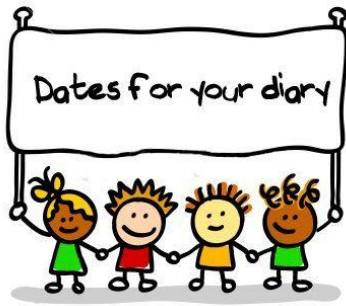


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New events or changes are given in bold

- w/b 2nd March: BOOK WEEK
- Mon 2nd March: Bring a book to swap in your class
- Tues 3rd March: Bounce for Books
- Tues 3rd March: Reading Café for KS2 families 2.30pm
- Wed 4th March: Reading Café for KS1 families 2.30pm
- 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
- Wed 11th March: Y4 Vikings 'Play in a Day' theatre
- Wed 11th March: Y1 'Eyes open stay safe' Workshop
- Thurs 12th Mar: Year 4 Cake Sale
- Friday 13th Mar: Year 4 Class Assembly
- w/b 16th March: STEM WEEK
- Tues 17th Mar: Forensic Science Workshops
- Wed 18th March: KS1 Indian Dance Workshops
- Thurs 19th Mar: Virtual Reality workshops
- Thurs 19th Mar: Y2 & Y4 'Walk through Easter' St Peter's
- 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
- Mon 23rd March: iRock assembly – parents welcome
- 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 for May Fair
- Thurs 26th Mar: Y5 trip to Winchester Science Centre
- Thurs 26th Mar: Year 6 to 'Think Safe' event
- 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
- Thurs 16th April: Y1 Drama workshop – Road Safety**
- Thurs 16th April: Y4 workshop– Anglo Saxons & Vikings with 2.45pm performance for parents.**
- Sun 19th April: Fundraising music concert at St Peter's – school choir performing – all welcome**
- 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
- Thurs 30th April: YR trip to Wellington Country Park**
- Thurs 30th April: Pause Day – Prayer activities**
- 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
- Tues 30th June: Inter-school athletics events, Aldershot
- Wed 1st July: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
- Thurs 2nd July: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
- Thurs 2nd July: Whole school 'move up' day
- Friday 3rd July: Freezy Friday sale
- w/b 6th Jul: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
- 8th & 9th July: Frogmore transition days
- 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: 9.30am Y6 Leavers' Service St Peter's
- Wed 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm
- Thurs 24th Sept: Individual Photographs
- 12th – 17th July: Y6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell
- 19th – 20th April: Y4 Residential Visit



We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing.

George Bernard Shaw



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