



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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your
light
shine

We enjoyed a wonderful book week recently, with a wide range of fun activities for the children designed to enhance their reading for pleasure. Children thoroughly enjoyed their



bouncing for books and every single child in the school managed 100 bounces this year! Fantastic! Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsor forms and money. Please do get

this in to us as soon as possible, as Mrs Russell is desperate to start buying new books for our library! Thank you for your support with this.



Year R enjoyed reading for pleasure with their buddies before playing 'Guess Who?' by looking at pictures of the teachers' bedside tables.



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The classes held a competition to 'Create a World' in their library corner. It was a tough contest, but the eventual winners were Year 3 for their lovely 'Enchanted Forest',



Year 4 for their spectacular 'Under the Sea' complete with mermaid seating and Year



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The weather was kind to us too as the spring sunshine started to peek through! It was lovely to see a variety of book characters spread about the school grounds enjoying a peaceful read!



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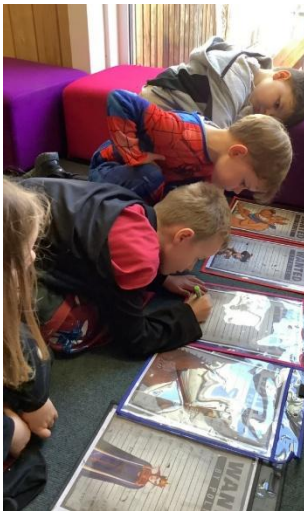
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BOOK THIEF



Children became detectives when a crime was committed at Cranford Park! Someone stole books from our library! The area was taped off and left us with 6 suspects and a list of clues. We needed to solve the mystery and find out who the thief was. We worked together using the clues to narrow down our suspects. Soon enough we were left with just



two - The Big Bad Wolf and The Gruffalo. Our final clue stated "Someone with purple prickles was seen fleeing the scene" Bingo! We had our thief. That naughty Gruffalo!



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Thank you to those who entered our 'Read your way to Calm' Photo Competition for this year's book week. Our winner was this picture of Noah and Bonnie settling down for a snugly read together. Congratulations to all those who entered as it was lovely to see all your photographs and ideas. Well done!



A visit from
Yateley School
to talk about bullying!



We were delighted to welcome some of the students from Yateley School and Sixth Form last week. They came to deliver an 'anti-bullying' message, reminding the children that bullying is the repeated acts of unkindness which are intended to hurt another, physically or emotionally. They explained to us how important it is to watch out for each other, to step in when we see unkindness and to be kind with our words and actions. They explained the different sorts of bullying and we were reminded that even our faces can be unkind, so we must always be careful not to pull faces at others, even accidentally. Our children demonstrated their "Stop!" hand action to the visitors and we thought about how we could show courage by sticking up for others, or asking an adult for help, if we see anything unkind in our community.

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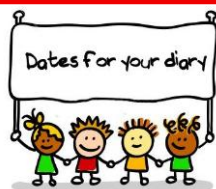


It's tempting to think that life is all about staying focused on our goals, but sometimes we need to make space for the unexpected. If we try to plan every step, we may miss out on the next adventure!

Serendipity is about being open to new possibilities and welcoming the opportunities that come our way. How can we create space to daydream, to enjoy the twists and turns of life and to embrace new discoveries? How can we create a community where adults and children are open and where serendipitous discoveries take place? As Twiggy once said, "I've always loved life and I've never known what's ahead. I love not knowing what might be around the corner. I love serendipity."



Some of our children recently approached a lady when they were coming in to school and initiated a conversation about something she had. Luckily she was a kind lady. But please remind your children not to speak to strangers, particularly when they don't have an adult with them. Let's keep them safe!



New events or changes are given in bold

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
 PTA Meeting after school
 Tues 21st April: 3-4pm Yr 5 to Wellington for low ropes
 Wed 22nd April: PTA 'Dare to be different' day
 Fri 24th April: Happy School Bags clothing collection
 Fri 24th April: 3-4pm Y5 to Wellington for paddling
 Wed 29th April: YR trip to Wellington Country Park
 Thurs 30th April: Pause Day – Prayer activities
 Thurs 30th April: Lions May Fair, Yateley
 Mon 4th May: Photographer – classes and leavers
 Thurs 7th May: PTA Mufti Day for sweets
 Fri 8th May: PTA Popcorn Party
 Fri 8th May: Y6 SATs testing week
 w/b 11th May: Y5 residential to Runways End
 11th to 13th May: Y3 Sleepover 6pm to 7.30am
 Fri 15th May: PTA Meeting after school
 Tues 19th May: Break up for half term 1.15pm
 Wed 20th May: INSET DAYS
 21st & 22nd May: INSET DAY
 Mon 1st June: Children return to school
 Tues 2nd June: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 5th June: PTA Meeting after school
 Tues 9th June: Y4 residential to Minstead
 9th/10th June: GRT coffee morning (EMTAS) – 8.30am
 Thurs 11th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Fri 12th June: PTA Fathers' Day Sale
 Tues 16th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Fri 19th June: Y6 Leavers' Service Winchester Cathedral
 Wed 24th June: PTA Mufti day £1
 Fri 26th June: PTA Summer Fair after school
 Fri 26th June: Inter-school athletics events, Aldershot
 Tues 30th June: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
 Wed 1st July: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
 Thurs 2nd July: Whole school 'move up' day
 Thurs 2nd July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 3rd July: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
 w/b 6th Jul: Frogmore transition days
 8th & 9th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 10th July: PTA Meeting
 Tues 14th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 17th July: PTA Mufti day for £1
 Friday 17th July: Y6 Leavers' Party
 Fri 17th July: PTA Colour Run event
 Tues 21st July: 9.30am Y6 Leavers' Service St Peter's
 Wed 22nd July: Break up for summer hols 1.15pm
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 Tues 1st Sept: INSET DAY
 Wed 2nd Sept: Children return to school
 Wed 2nd Sept: Individual Photographs
 Thurs 24th Sept: Break up for half term
 Thurs 24th Sept: Children return to school
 Fri 23rd Oct: Family trip to Camberley Theatre Panto
 Mon 2nd Nov: Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
 Thurs 10th Dec: INSET Day
 Fri 18th Dec: Children return to school
 Mon 4th Jan: Break up for half term
 Tues 5th Jan: Children return to school
 Fri 12th Feb: Break up for half term
 Fri 12th Feb: Children return to school
 Mon 22nd Feb: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
 Thurs 25th Mar: Children return to school
 Mon 12th April: Y4 Residential Visit 2027
 19th – 20th April: Bank Holiday
 Mon 3rd May: Break up for half term at 1.15pm
 Tues 25th May: INSET
 Wed 26th May: INSET
 Thurs 27th May: INSET
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 Fri 28th May: Children return to school
 Mon 7th June: Y6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell 2027
 12th – 17th July: Break up for summer holidays 1.15pm
 Wed 22nd July:

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