



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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Let
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light
Shine

Welcome back to the summer term! It has been lovely to have the sun shining and see the children enjoying the outdoors. We have lots of fun activities planned this term to bring joy and memorable moments to the school community. Thank you to those who have contributed to the class funds...they are still running very low as we have had lots of additional activities and more still to come! Please do help us however you can, thank you.



Can you help?



Some of you may remember that last year, we celebrated the cultural diversity in our school with a wonderful 'Around the World' experience for the children. This would not have been possible without our wonderful community!

Children sampled foods and learned about a variety of cultural traditions, language and life. It was such a fantastic event that we want to do it again this year! It will take place on **Friday 19th June**, so please do speak to Miss Portch if you think you might be able to run a stall for us this year!



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Letting their Light Shine!



Congratulations to all the staff and children who took part in the fund-raising concert last Sunday. One participant told us, "The children oozed confidence and enthusiasm and the concert was a privilege to be a part of." Our thanks to Fizzy Flutes, the adult singers and all those who helped to arrange the concert. My thanks also to our wonderful choir and all those families who came along to support them. I am also very grateful to the staff who gave up their Sunday to come along...without their goodwill we would not be able to offer these wonderful experiences to our children.



MiniBeasts in Action



Yr R had a wonderful time this week exploring *why mini-beasts are helpful to us*. They created their own wormeries— learning that worms help keep soil healthy by breaking down plants and letting air and water reach roots.

We were grateful to welcome two visitors, including a beekeeper who showed the children the equipment they use. They learnt that bees are essential for pollination—helping plants grow and food to be produced.



They also met some giant Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches! The children discovered how they use their antennae to explore and even shed their skin as they grow. It was a fantastic week of hands-on learning and discovery! 🦗



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Viking Raiders!

Parents who joined us were treated to a fantastic show, full of energy, humour, and impressive acting skills.

Alongside their theatrical achievements, the children embraced the Viking spirit by designing and creating their own shields, showcasing their artistic talents and attention to detail. Dressed in a range of imaginative Viking costumes, Year 4 fully immersed themselves in the experience, making the day both fun and memorable. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to build confidence, work together, and step back in time to the world of the Vikings.



Year 4 had an unforgettable Viking Day, packed with creativity, teamwork, and a touch of drama!



A highlight of the day was an exciting "Play in a Day" workshop, where pupils were challenged to learn and perform a Viking-themed play in a completely unique way. Instead of using scripts, the children listened carefully as they were told their lines and actions, relying on their memory, focus, and collaboration to bring the story to life.



Their hard work truly paid off, as they delivered confident, expressive performances that impressed everyone in the audience.



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Road Safety



Year One pupils took part in a workshop where they learned the road safety rhyme "Stop, Look, Listen, Think."



The session helped them understand the dangers around roads and how to keep themselves safe.



Through simple explanations and activities, the children practised using the rhyme to remember the important steps to follow before crossing, building their confidence and awareness in a clear and engaging way.



University Spotlight

This term's faculty choices include:

- Faculty of Campanology
- Faculty of Tudor Dramatic Arts
- Faculty of Athletics
- Faculty of Origami
- Faculty of Espionage
- Faculty of Strategic Play
- Faculty of World festivals



In the Faculty of Origami, the children learnt the basics of origami, including its meaning, origin and simple folds. They then applied their skills and practised their accuracy in creating paper hats!

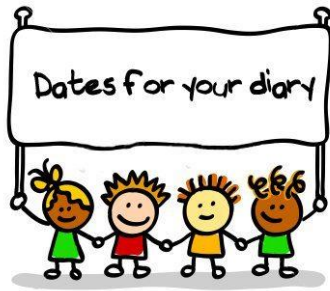


If you have a special skill or interest and would be able to run a Faculty for us on a Friday afternoon, please do get in touch! From mechanics to model making, hair and beauty to horticulture, philosophy to photography, disco dancing to decorating – we are interested in anything which will enhance our children's education!

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New events or changes are given in bold

Tues 28th April: 3.15pm Y5 Runways End Parent Meeting
 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
Tues 5th May: Happy School Bags clothing collection
Tues 5th May: 3.15pm Y4 Minstead Parent Meeting
 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
Thurs 14th May: Y1 Victorian Day
 Fri 15th May: YR Brilliant Bug Ball
 Fri 15th May: Y3 Sleepover 6pm to 7.30am
 Tues 19th May: PTA Meeting after school
 Wed 20th May: Year 5 Class Assembly
 Wed 20th May: Break up for half term 1.15pm
 21st & 22nd May: INSET DAYS
 Mon 1st June: INSET DAY
 June: GRT History Month
 Tues 2nd June: Children return to school
 Friday 5th June: Freezy Friday sale
Mon 8th June: Y1 & Y2 trip to Wisley Gardens
 Tues 9th June: PTA Meeting after school
 Tues 9th June: 3.15pm Y6 Residential Parents' Meeting
 9th/10th June: Y4 residential to Minstead
9th to 12th June: Phonics Screening (Y1 & some Y2)
Tues 9th June: New Parents Induction Evening 5pm
 Wed 10th June: Rotary Children's Event – by invitation
 Wed 10th June: Y3 swimming
 Thurs 11th June: GRT coffee morning (EMTAS) – 8.30am
Fri 12th June: Year 1 Class Assembly
 Fri 12th June: Freezy Friday sale
Mon 15th June: Induction 1 for new intake
 Tues 16th June: PTA Fathers' Day Sale
 Wed 17th June: Year 3 Swimming
 Fri 19th June: Year 4 Class Assembly
Fri 19th June: Around the World Diversity Celebration
 Fri 19th June: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 23rd June: Inter-school athletics events, Aldershot
 Wed 24th June: Y6 Leavers' Service Winchester Cathedral
 Wed 24th June: Year 3 Swimming
Thurs 25th June: Induction 2 for new intake
 Fri 26th June: PTA Mufti day for £1 donation
 Fri 26th June: PTA Summer Fair after school
 w/b 29th June: Y5/Y6 performance week – dates t.b.c.
Mon 29th June: iRock performance assembly
Tues 30th June: Induction 3 for new intake
 Wed 1st July: Year 3 Swimming
 Wed 1st July: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
 Thurs 2nd July: Yateley Secondary Induction Session
 Thurs 2nd July: Whole school 'move up' day
Thurs 2nd July: Induction 4 for new intake
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 Fri 3rd July: Year 3 Class Assembly
 Friday 3rd July: Freezy Friday sale
 w/b 6th Jul: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
 8th & 9th July: Frogmore transition days

8th July: Year 3 Swimming
 Fri 10th July: Year 2 Class Assembly
 Friday 10th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Tues 14th July: 'Gypsy Stepping' workshops
 Tues 14th July: PTA Meeting
 Wed 15th July: SPORTS DAY
 Thurs 16th July: Reserve Sports Day
 Friday 17th July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 17th July: PTA Mufti day for £1
 Fri 17th July: **Display of Work from 3.15pm**
 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
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 Tues 1st Sept: INSET DAY
 Wed 2nd Sept: Children return to school
 Thurs 24th Sept: Individual Photographs
 Fri 23rd Oct: Break up for half term
 Mon 2nd Nov: Children return to school
 Thurs 10th Dec: Family trip to Camberley Theatre Panto
 Fri 18th Dec: Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
 Mon 4th Jan: INSET Day
 Tues 5th Jan: Children return to school
 Fri 12th Feb: Break up for half term
 Mon 22nd Feb: Children return to school
 Thurs 25th Mar: Break up for Easter at 1.15pm
 Mon 12th April: Children return to school
 19th – 20th April: Y4 Residential Visit 2027
 Mon 3rd May: Bank Holiday
 Tues 25th May: Break up for half term at 1.15pm
 Wed 26th May: INSET
 Thurs 27th May: INSET
 Fri 28th May: INSET
 Mon 7th June: Children return to school
 12th – 17th July: Y6 Residential to Avon Tyrrell 2027
 Wed 22nd July: Break up for summer holidays 1.15pm

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