



Cranford Park C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER

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shine

We had a great time at the Popcorn Party this week. The children chose from two films and enjoyed watching while munching on their popcorn and hotdogs! My thanks to all the staff who stayed on a Friday night to help out!



PARENT BEHAVIOUR PLEA

A reminder that as parents and carers, you are role models for our young, impressionable minds. Please **think** about your behaviour when around children, be they yours or others. Please refrain from swearing, being rude or aggressive to other parents, or smoking/vaping around the premises. Your wonderful children should not be exposed to those things yet. Let's work together to let them be children for a while longer **please!** Thank you for your support with this.

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Sad Farewells

We are very sad to report that we are going to be saying goodbye to Miss Strudwick at the end of this school year. We have loved having her on the team and will miss her hugely. But Miss Strudwick moved away from her home area to take this role and has understandably been missing her family dreadfully. She has decided the time has come for her to move back home to the Surbiton area and find employment there.

Miss Nowell (not me!) is also leaving us at the end of this year to continue her own journey in teaching at a school in Woking with a class of her own. She has been teaching across the school this year, particularly in year 3 and year 1 and I know she will be greatly missed by staff and children alike.

We do, of course, wish them both all the very best of luck for the future.

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We recently held interviews for our September vacancies. We were stunned to receive well over sixty applications for the posts! Aided by our wonderful pupils, we shortlisted and interviewed ten teachers

and have appointed three. Two of the strongest candidates were Miss Phoebe Wicking and Miss Georgia Mead, who have been training here in our school this year and so are known to us. They are already familiar with the pedagogy and approaches we favour, so will be a superb addition to the teaching team and are very popular choices with the children!



We are also delighted to welcome Miss Thea Jennings to the team. While not as well known to us yet, she was a popular choice with the children she taught and those who interviewed her on the 'pupil panel' during interview. She comes to us with strong musical

expertise and we are excited to see what she will bring to the school. Those of you hot on the maths may be wondering about the additional teacher. We have decided to take Mrs Russell out of class next year so that she can support our three new teachers as they start their careers. This will add hugely to the capacity of the school to deliver high quality teaching and learning across the school as they draw on her expertise.



We were also looking for an LSA to join us here at Cranford Park and have appointed two. We welcome Bethan Lipscombe and Myah Freeman to the team,

both of whom will join us in a part time capacity. As a musician and maths tutor, Myah comes with a wealth of expertise and will be teaching children throughout the school.



Letting their Light Shine!



Congratulations to Alexa and Violet in year 5 took part in 2 dance shows with their dance company - Frogmore Dance School - at The Princes Hall in Aldershot. They have worked really hard in preparation for the show for the past few

months. They each did so well and danced beautifully. Violet also won the Frogmore dance School Junior Tap Award which was presented at the end of the show.

They also performed at the May Fayre! Well done to both. We are all so proud of them!



Pippa in Year 1 also took part in the dance show at The Princes Hall in Aldershot. She performed twice and I was delighted to hear that she used the school values of creativity and courage as she was extremely nervous! She also showed compassion as she was so kind to the tiny dancers backstage.

Her family – and we - are extremely proud of her! Well done to all the girls!

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Pause for Prayer



On Thursday 30th April, our pause day here at Cranford Park focused on prayer, both in our culture but also other cultures. We were very grateful to the amazing team from St Peter's Church who came in to set up exciting prayer

workshops for the children, showing them all the different ways we could pray and bringing the day to life, thank you! Children all visited the workshops but continued their activities and learning throughout the day.



In the forest school, year 5 had a go at, the Japanese Shinto religion's practise of 'Shinrin-yoku' (Forest Bathing.) The practice involves

slowing down in nature and using all our senses to connect with trees, listen to birds and to feel the ground beneath our feet.

March Attendance

Thank you to all those who work so hard to keep your children's attendance high. Our attendance is improving, but still not meeting government targets and some of our families have now received fines from the local authority. Please do ask if you need support with attendance.

Congratulations to our Year 2 class who have the highest attendance for February! Keep up the good work!

Year 2	97.4%
Year 6	94.6%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 1	93.3%
Year R	92.8%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 3	92.5%



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Year 5 Adventures!



Year 5 have been off to Wellington College to try out their facilities! Firstly, they went to explore the low ropes course. Everyone joined in with everything!



Mrs Rees was very proud of the children for how encouraging they all were to their classmates. While a little challenging at times, the activities were great fun.



The following week, they were back to Wellington College again to have a go at canoeing this time. The sun shone for them as they

set out on the canoes. They practised all rowing at the same time, going forwards and backwards, and turning corners. Well done to year five, who had a wonderful time and developed their resilience too. A huge thank you to all the parents who offered lifts and drove the children there.



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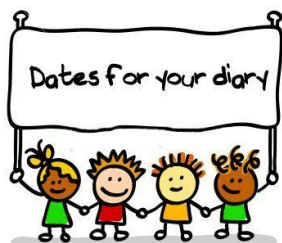
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New events or changes are given in bold

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
w/b 2nd June: Gvmt Multiplication Tables Checks Y4
 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
Mon 29th June: Afternoon dress rehearsal Y5/6
Mon 29th June: The Lion King Y5/6 Production 6pm
Tues 30th June: The Lion King Y5/6 Production 6pm
 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
 Barnados workshop for parents
 Year 3 Class Assembly
 Fri 3rd July: Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 3rd July: Y6 residential to Avon Tyrrell
 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
 Freezy Friday sale
 Friday 10th July: 'Gypsy Stepping' workshops
Tues 14th July: Summer Arts Festival 1.30pm
 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: Cross-school STEM Event for girls at Charles Kingsley School - by invitation
 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 Day
 Thurs 27th May: INSET Day
 Fri 28th May: INSET Day
 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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