



Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 4 – December 2018

Dear Parents

It's definitely starting to feel very festive in school with all the decorations up, cards being made and Christmas songs being sung.

Thank you very much to the PTA for providing the lovely tree for the hall.

Well done!

I would like to say a huge "Well done" to our choir who sang at the Yateley Christmas Market last weekend. In my opinion they were by far the best choir of the evening, but perhaps I'm biased? Thank you to Hannah Batley for continuing to run choir for us and for giving the children the fantastic opportunity to perform in public.

St Peter's Church Community Christingle – Sunday 16th December

The choir will also be singing as part of this service but all children and families are very welcome to attend. It really is a lovely community event and a great way to get in the Christmas mood. It is held in the Fyson Blum Hall at Yateley Manor School and starts at 10 am, lasting for about 1 hour, with coffee and mince pies afterwards. Please come along if you can.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Performances

You should already have received your tickets for these performances.

The dress rehearsal is on **Monday 10th December at 2 pm** – you should be coming to this if you are bringing younger children or babies along.

The main performances are on **Tuesday 11th December at 9.30 am** and **Wednesday 12th December at 2.00 pm**. **No young children should come to these performances.**

The PTA will be selling refreshments before or after all of the performances.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Service – at St Peter's Church

You do not need tickets for these performances.

The dress rehearsal is on **Friday 14th December at 2pm** – you should be coming to this if you are bringing younger children or babies along.

The actual Christmas Service on **Monday 18th December at 2 pm** at St Peter's Church. **No young children should come to this.**

Uniform

I know there has been some discussion recently about uniform so I would like to clarify our expectations before the Christmas services. Our Governing Body have recently reviewed these expectations and we all feel strongly that having the children looking smart and taking pride in their appearance and their uniform is very important.

All children should be wearing **charcoal grey** trousers, skirts or dresses. If your child currently wears black trousers please can you make sure that, when these need replacing, you do so with charcoal grey ones.

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 can either wear polo shirts, open collar blouses or full button up shirts. They do not need to wear a tie but may do so if they wish to.

Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 should be wearing proper shirts or blouses. Ties should be worn by all children who are wearing shirts (boys or girls). They do not need to be worn by children wearing blouses.

I know that this is still causing some confusion so have included some images of what is acceptable.



There may be some children who need particular adaptations to be made due to specific medical or sensory needs, and these will have been agreed with myself or Mrs Pierce our SENCO, so if you do see children who are not adhering to our policy please bear in mind that there may be good reasons.

I know that some of this may be new information, and I would not expect anyone to be going out to buy new uniform at this busy, expensive time of year, but please do think about these styles and whether you want your child to wear a tie or not when you are replacing shirts/blouses.

If you have any further questions on this please do come and ask, as I really hope that we can work together in continuing to ensure that the pupils at Cranford Park show a sense of pride in being a member of our school.

Christmas Postboxes

Christmas cards can be posted in either of the two postboxes in school, and will be delivered by the fantastic Year 6 post-people. **Please make sure they have full names and classes on the envelope**. There can be several children with the same first name and it's such a shame if cards don't get to the right person.

Secret Santa Shopping – Friday 14th December

The children love being able to choose a "secret" present for you or other family members. If you would like them to take part, they should bring money in a named purse or envelope and the PTA will help them to choose and label the wrapped gifts to bring home. Gifts cost £2 each.

Christmas Dinner

The children's Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday 20th December. It is £2.30 for children in Y3-6. (unless they are entitled to a Free School Meal). All children in years R, 1 and 2 have this provided free by the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. The dinner is a festive treat, with Christmas music and cracker.

Pantomime – Wednesday 5th December

Thank you to the PTA for funding the Christmas Panto again this year. It is always a great hit with the children!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Hughes and her husband on the arrival of baby Harriet who was born last Wednesday. Mum and baby are home and doing very well and we are all looking forward to meeting the new arrival.

Clubs

All clubs run by school staff have now finished for the term, as has French. Only judo and choir are still on this week.

The final sessions will be:

Judo: 5th /6th December

Choir: 11th December

Judo club will run again next term. Ollie assumes that your child will continue with the club so if they are not please let him and us know so that the space can be offered to someone else.

Soccer in Schools will also continue next term – a flyer with details has already been issued by Parentmail.

There are also 3 spaces in French Club. Please contact Jill Pooley directly if you are interested.
jill@letspeakfrench.co.uk

Dates for Statutory Assessments

In line with the new Attendance Code of Conduct and Policy I am required to inform you that Year Six Statutory Assessments will take place during the week commencing Monday 13th May 2019. Year 2 Statutory Assessments will take place during the whole month of May 2018 and the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check will take place week commencing Monday 11th June 2018. You are NOT allowed to have any unauthorised absence during these periods without incurring a penalty notice and related fine.

Cold Weather & Snow Closure Procedure

In anticipation of the winter weather to come, I thought it might be helpful to let you know about the procedure the school will follow in the event of significant snow fall over the winter period. We always try to stay open, and the decision to close the school is always based on conditions at the school and also the health and safety of staff and pupils on their way to and from school, as well as once they are here on site. Please bear in mind that some members of staff are not local and may not be able to get to school and therefore we may not be able to guarantee the health and safety of all the students. If the school has to close then the school website will be updated with a message on the home page www.cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk A message will be broadcast on Heart Thames Valley and Eagle Radio Stations. All schools in Hampshire that are closed are also recorded on this website <http://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/>.

Parents who have registered for ParentmailPMX and given us their contact mobile numbers and email addresses, will receive a text/email.

It is really important that our contact details for you are up-to-date and that you have followed the instructions for registering for the new Parentmail system that were sent out earlier this term.

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies take place on Wednesdays at 9.00am. Parents and Grandparents are invited to come and see their children. Please come to the main entrance and sign in at reception at 8.50am on the day of your child's assembly. The dates are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
6 th February	Drake (Y3)
13 th March	Armstrong (Y2)
13 th February	Columbus (Y5)
8 th May	Earle (Y1)
3 rd July	Cook (YR)

We do hope that you are able to join us.

Starting school in September 2019?

Applications will soon be closing for parents applying for a primary school place for children aged 4 between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. To apply for a place please either pick up an

application form from the school office or apply online using the Hampshire Website.

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm>

The deadline is Monday 14th January 2019. Parents are encouraged to apply in time for the best chance of getting a space.

Hopefully, I will see many of you at our Christmas events over the next few weeks, but if not have a very happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Georgina Edwards
Headteacher

Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 5th December	Pantomime in school for all classes
Monday 10th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal – 2 pm
Tuesday 11th December	KS1 Performance – 9.20 am
Wednesday 12th December	KS1 Performance – 2 pm
Thursday 13th December – am	School nurse checking height and weight YR and Y6
Thursday 13th December -pm	Flu immunisations for Years R,1,2,3,4 and 5
Friday 14th December	KS2 Dress rehearsal at St Peter's Church 2 pm
Sunday 16th December	St Peter's Church Community Christingle at Yateley Manor School – 10 am
Monday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Service at St Peter's Church 2 pm
Wednesday 19th December – 9am	African Drums Listen to Me Performance by Yr 4 – for Yr 4 parents only
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Lunch in school
Friday 21st December	Last day of term – school closes at 1.15 pm Mufti Day – suggested donation 50p.
Monday 7th January 2019	
	Term starts – pupils' first day back
Thursday 10th January	Health checks for Year R by School Nurse.
Monday 14th January	Applications for Reception September 2019 close
Monday 28th January	Vikings and Saxons Drama Workshops for Years 4 and 5
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term
Monday 25th February	
	Pupils back

School nurse website

Please have a look at the website below for advice and guidance on whether your child is well enough to be in school.

www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/schoolnursing linked from our school website links page!

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