



# Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter 6 – February 2019

Dear Parents

Unbelievably we're now halfway through the school year!

We have had a great start to the Spring term, with drama and history workshops for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We really appreciate your support for these activities by providing costumes for your child(ren) that enable them to fully engage in the drama, and through your voluntary contributions. Without these contributions, we would not be able to give the children this opportunity and really bring the History topics to life.

### Re-cycle the costume

Rather than throwing costumes away, the PTA would be very happy to take them as donations and they can then be sold on next year when a new class have the workshops.

On the subject of re-cycling, if you have any summer uniform (e.g. green and white checked dresses, polo shirts or shorts) that your child has grown out of, now is a great time to donate them to the PTA so that they can sell them from the green container next half term ready to wear in the summer term.

### Parents' Evenings

These are scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (4.30-7.00pm) and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February (3.15-5.30pm). Hopefully you have already returned your form to state your preferred time and you should have received a letter saying the time you have been allocated. If you haven't, then please contact your child's teacher or the school office.

**Please note that all clubs that are led by school staff will not run in the week of parents evening (25<sup>th</sup> Feb-1<sup>st</sup> March - see clubs letter for more details).**

Some of our school Governors will be around during these sessions to gather your views on the school so if you can spare a few minutes with them they would really appreciate it.



### Nut allergies

We have children in our school who have severe nut allergies so, for their safety, we have a **no nut policy** in school. This means that children should not bring any products containing nuts for their snacks or packed lunches. It is really important that everyone follows this policy, even if they don't think they are likely to come into contact with the children who have the allergies. Any trace that is left on a table or hand could then be passed on to those children which could be life threatening. I'm sure you appreciate how serious this is and how, if it was your child, you would want to

know that the school is doing everything possible to safeguard them. We sometimes find that, when children do bring peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches in for their lunch, it is because someone different from usual has made their lunch that day, so please can you pass this information on to anyone who may be making the lunch? Thank you for your support.

### **Easter workshops**

Children from Years 2, 4 and 6 will be going down to St Peter's Church on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to take part in Easter workshops led by members of St Peter's Church. They will learn more about the Easter story and enhance their RE units of work. We hope that these workshops will be something that we repeat every year, with all children being able to participate over the course of their time at our school.

### **Easter Service**

We would love you to join us for our Easter Service at St Peter's Church on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2 pm**. The service will be led by members of St Peter's Church, with the children singing songs they have learned. There will be drinks and biscuits served afterwards and you may take your child(ren) home straight from the Church. If you cannot attend then the children will be walked back to school for normal pick-up at 3.05 pm.

### **Fundraising / Comic Relief**

I'm sure you will have noticed that our outside play equipment needs replacing so we are prioritising that for our fund-raising this year. Some of our Year 4s are organising a book sale (they talked to the school in assembly this week and will be sending out a letter soon) and we will also ask if money raised by the PTA from Mufti days, discos etc can also go towards this. We are therefore not going to ask for any donations for Comic Relief this year or sell red noses at school, but children will be allowed to wear red noses on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March if they have bought them elsewhere.

**Track X** is a group for junior school aged Children (Years 3 - 6).

They meet for games, activities and chatter on Wednesdays (term time) from 5.30 - 6.45pm in Oasis (old coffee shop), at the back of St Peters Church.

It's only 50p a week and there is no need to book. Just turn up and see what's going on.



### **Dinner Money**

Please can we remind you that all school dinners must be paid for in advance? We cannot allow debts to build up and if they do so we will not be able to provide your child with a school lunch and you will need to provide a packed lunch from home until the debt is cleared.

For more information on how we manage debt please see the Debt Recovery Policy in the downloads section of our website and please do come in to see Ms Nunn or myself if you would like to talk to us.

### **Life's Little Bugs Workshops**

To re-inforce their PSHE and science topics Years R, 1, 2 and 5 are going to be having workshops with Tina Stubbs who has written award winning books aimed at encouraging and supporting young children in the practice of fundamental daily habits to help their development into mindful, healthy, confident and caring young adults!

I'm sure that the children will learn a lot from the workshops, and we will be following up on what they learn at school, but if you would like to purchase any of the books they are available at the reduced price of £4 each or £7 for two. You can order and pay before the day, or your

child can bring money in a named envelope. Tina will also sign the books on the day if you would like her to.

Please see the Life's Little Bugs Website for more information about the books and workshops.  
<https://www.lifslittlebugs.co.uk/>

### **Cold Weather & Snow Closure Procedure**

Thank you for your support and understanding during the recent snowy weather. Fingers crossed that we won't have any more but, just in case, here is a reminder of the procedure the school would follow in the event of more significant snow fall. The decision to close the school is based on conditions at the school and 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 are not 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](http://www.cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk). A message will also 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/>.

And finally, for those parents who have registered for Parentmail.pmx and given us their contact mobile numbers and email addresses, a text and email will be sent, so please ensure your details are up-to-date.

### **Class Assemblies**

Class assemblies take place on Wednesdays at 9.00am. The children love to have someone in the audience watching them so I hope that you can come along and if not, perhaps an Aunt, Uncle or Grandparent can come instead? Please come to the main entrance and sign in at reception any time from 8.30 am on the day of your child's assembly.

The dates are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Armstrong (Y2)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Earle (Y1)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cook (YR)

### **Term Dates 2019-20 / INSET DAYS**

These have already been sent home and are also published on our website. Please take note of when the holidays are and also the INSET days for that year as they do not always follow a holiday:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Have a lovely half term break!

**Yours sincerely**



**Georgina Edwards**  
**Headteacher**

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Armstrong Class Pirate Day
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of half term – <b>school finishes at 3.05 pm</b> Mufti Day – suggested donation £1
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
	Pupils back
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February (pm)</b>	Life's Little Bugs workshops for Years R and 1 (in school time - children only)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents' Evening(4.30 – 7 pm)
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (pm)</b>	Life's Little Bugs workshops for Years 2 and 5 (in school time – children only)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents' Evening (3.15 – 5.00 pm)
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Vision, height and weight checks YR
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Maths Workshops for parents (EY and KS1: 8.45 am, KS2: 2.30 pm)
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Armstrong Class Assembly
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Years 1 and 2 to Marwell Zoo
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 5 to Yateley School to see watch performance of Peter Pan
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Class Photos
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Workshops at St Peter's Church for Years 2, 4 and 6
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Easter Service at St Peter's Church 2 pm – Parents welcome
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School finishes for Easter holiday at <b>1.15 pm</b> Mufti Day – suggested donation 50p
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	
	Pupils back for Summer Term

**WHO LET THE DADS OUT?**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**  
9:30-11:30am

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month in St Peter's church

£4<sup>per family</sup>

For dads, grandads, male carers & their children 0-7yrs

Unlimited play: bouncy castle, train & car sets, Wendy house, lots of ride-on trikes & toys of all sorts. Bacon & egg rolls and food for the children.

Contact David Jolly at church office: 01252 912762  
or: david.jolly@stpetersyateley.org.uk

### 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](http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/schoolnursing) linked from our school website links page!

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