



Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 5 – January 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas. Thank you for the cards and gifts that we received last term. They were all very gratefully appreciated by all the staff. The children did extremely well to cope with such a long and busy Autumn term, and I was really proud of all that they accomplished, including the lovely Nativity performances by Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2's service at St Peter's Church. I'm sure this term will prove to be just as busy!

Census Day

This **Thursday (17th January)** is census day, which is when some of our funding is calculated. Our funding for the Universal Free School Meals is calculated by how many Infant children (i.e. in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) have a school dinner on that day so, the more that have it, the more money we receive.

To encourage this we will be putting on the children's favourite lunch that day:

Red: fish fingers and chips

Green: pizza

KS2 option: Hot Dog

Pudding: ice cream

Please do encourage your child to have a dinner on that day – especially if they are in YR, 1 or 2.

The menu for the rest of the week will change slightly because of this.

Wednesday 16th January will be:

Red: baked sausage roll

Green: vegetarian sausages

KS2 option: jumbo battered fish finger

Friday 18th January will be:

Red: Roast chicken

Green: Curried vegetable puff

KS2 option: cheese and tomato panini

Payment for school dinners

Unless you are entitled to a free school meal, all school dinners for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be paid for in advance. **We cannot allow debts to be created on account.** The cost is £2.30 per meal and they can be paid in advance daily, weekly, monthly or termly. Our preferred method is online payment via the school website. Please speak to the office staff if you have not yet registered for this. Alternatively payment can be made by cash or cheques (payable to Hampshire County Council) and sent into school in a named envelope.

Parents' Evenings

These are scheduled for Tuesday 26th February (4.30-7.00pm) and Thursday 28th February (3.15-5.30pm). A letter will be sent home later in the term requesting that you book a slot to see your child's class teacher. We will then send a reply slip which will tell you the time you have been allocated. Please

note that all clubs that are led by school staff will not run in the week of parents' evening (see clubs letter for more details). Mrs Pierce (our SENCO) will also be offering appointments for parents of children with SEND.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't wait until the meeting; contact the class teachers directly so that things can be sorted out straight away.

PTA meeting

The PTA will be holding a short meeting this Thursday 17th January at 3.15 pm in Year 6 to discuss any upcoming events. All parents are welcome to attend and if you need your children to remain at school during the meeting they may wait in the ICT suite.

PTA Discos

Unfortunately we had to postpone the Christmas Discos due to the DJ being unavailable, so they will now be on Tuesday 29th January, with:

Years R, 1 and 2: 5.15 pm – 6.15 pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 6.25 pm – 7.25 pm

Safety on the school site

Please remember that, for their own safety and that of others, children should **not** be cycling at all on the school site. They should be **walking** their bikes and scooters on the pathways or playgrounds. Please also remind your child to stick to the paths when walking into or out of school as cars and lorries may be accessing or leaving the site so the children need to apply their road safety routines just as they would outside of school.

Studybugs

There can often be lots of colds and bugs going around at this time of year and the StudyBugs app is a really quick and easy way for you to report your child's absence. As well as letting us know, it also feeds directly into the NHS and other public health organisations in order to monitor children's illnesses and help to improve children's health. The data that is received is used anonymously to look for trends and patterns in the local area and inform health organisations so that they can pick up on any outbreaks quickly in order to ensure a prompt response. The app will also give you guidance directly from NHS direct.

We started this initiative over a year ago but there are still lots of parents who don't use it, so please do think about downloading the app onto your phone or tablet. If you need support with this please talk to Mrs Taylor.

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It helps us know sooner if your child is unaccounted for.
 2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
 3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations **improve children's health.**
- (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Cold Weather & Snow Closure Procedure

As we enter the coldest months, I thought it might be helpful to give a reminder of the procedure the school would follow in the event of significant snow fall over the winter period. 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. 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.
As always, please ensure the contacts we have for you are up-to-date.

Attendance

The overall attendance for the whole school last term was 96.61%.

Attendance figures for each class are listed below. Well done **Armstrong Class** who had the best attendance overall!

	Attendance %		Attendance %
Whole School	96.61%	Drake Class	96.5%
Cook Class	96.55%	Carter Class	96.85%
Earle Class	96.37%	Columbus Class	96.82%
Armstrong Class	97.1%	Earhart Class	96.03%

Regular attendance at school is obviously crucial to children's education, which is why we send out the green, orange and red letters each term. Whilst we would not encourage anyone to send a sick child to school, it is worth keeping in mind the long term picture. Attendance figures lower than 86% would be equivalent to a child missing a year of their primary school education!

We are still getting requests for children to be taken out of school for family holidays which do not count as exceptional reasons for a child to miss school and so will be classed as unauthorised absences and may well result in a fine. Please also bear in mind that authorising an absence is my decision and it is in my control to change an absence to "unauthorised" if it becomes obvious that a parent has not been honest about the reason for absence. This could result in a fine if the total of unauthorised absences reaches the threshold set out by Hampshire County Council (10 sessions in a 100 session period).

It is also essential that pupils arrive at school on time. Our school starts at 8.50 am and any children arriving after this will be disrupting the start of the day for themselves, and for their classmates and teachers. Our attendance policy states that on-going and repeated lateness is considered as **unauthorised absence and will be subject to legal action by Hampshire County Council** (see our Attendance policy for more details).

If you need support in improving either lateness or attendance please make an appointment to come to see me, so that we can avoid having to take this action.

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 month of May 2019 and the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check will take place week commencing Monday 10th June 2019. You are NOT allowed to have any unauthorised absence during these periods without incurring a penalty notice and related fine. Please note that once these statutory assessments are completed there will still be other assessments going on in school, so it is still important that children continue to attend regularly right up until the end of term.

Term Dates 2019/20

You should have received home a paper copy and an electronic copy of the term dates for 2019/2020 so that you can start to plan your holidays if you are extremely organised!

Please take note of the INSET days for that year:

Wednesday 4th September 2019
Monday 4th November 2019
Friday 29th November 2019
Monday 1st June 2020
Friday 26th June 2020

Clubs

Most clubs are due to start soon. Thank you to the staff who give up their time to run these clubs. If your child has signed up for a club it is important that they do commit to it and attend every session unless they are ill. If they are not going to attend you should let either the office and/or the teacher running the club know so that they are not worried about children who have not arrived. If they decide to stop attending the club altogether then, out of politeness to the teacher running the club, please do let them know. It also means that the space can be offered to someone on the waiting list.

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:

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

Starting school in September 2019?

Applications closed on Monday 14th January for children due to start Reception in September 2019 so if you haven't already applied you will need to do a late application. If you need any help with this, please come in and speak to us in the office.

Yours sincerely



Georgina Edwards
Headteacher

Dates for your diary	
Thursday 10th January	Health checks for Year R by School Nurse.
Monday 14th January	Applications for Reception September 2019 close
Thursday 17th January	PTA Meeting – 3.15pm – in Year 6
Monday 28th January	Vikings and Saxons Drama Workshops for Years 4 and 5
Wednesday 6th February	Drake Class Assembly – 9.00 am
Monday 11th February	Drama Workshops for Years 3 and 6
Wednesday 13th February	Columbus Class Assembly – 9.00 am
Friday 15th February	Last day of half term – school finishes at 3.05 pm Mufti Day – suggested donation £1
Monday 25th February	
Monday 25th February	Pupils back
Tuesday 26th February (pm)	Life's Little Bugs workshops for Years R and 1
Tuesday 26th February	Parents' Evening(4.30 – 7 pm)
Wednesday 27th February (pm)	Life's Little Bugs workshops for Years 2 and 5
Thursday 28th February	Parents' Evening (3.15 – 5.00 pm)
Tuesday 5th March	Vision, height and weight checks YR
Wednesday 13th March	Armstrong Class Assembly
Monday 25th March	Years 1 and 2 to Marwell Zoo (details will be sent out shortly)
Monday 25th March	Year 5 to Yateley School to see watch performance of Peter Pan
Friday 29th March	Class Photos
Friday 5th April	School finishes for Easter holiday at 1.15 pm Mufti Day – suggested donation 50p
Tuesday 23rd April	
Tuesday 23rd April	Pupils back for Summer Term

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!



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?
Saturday 19th Jan 9:30-11:30am
3rd Saturday of every month in St Peter's church
For dads, grandads, male carers & their children 0-7yrs
£4 per family
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@stpetersateley.org.uk



Primary & pre-school children, mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents
MESSY CHURCH
Sat 9th Feb 3:30-5pm
Enjoy doing creative things together plus a short service and a meal