



Cranford Park

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Dear Parents,

As always, it will be a busy final half term of the academic year and we are already looking forward to the year ahead, with our settling in sessions for next year's Reception children starting last week.

New Deputy Headteacher

I am very pleased to tell you that Mrs Suzanna Russell will be joining the school in September as our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Russell is currently an Assistant Headteacher in a school in Hampshire so will bring lots of experience to the role. She will be spending some time in school this term, getting to know the school and the children, including spending the morning with her new class on Thursday 18th July.

Transition Morning

All of the children will be spending the morning in their new classroom, and with their new teacher, on Thursday 18th July. Please take them to their current class as usual at 8.30/8.45 am to register and they will swap classes at 9 am. This is a great opportunity for them to get to know the teaching staff that they will be working with next year and they can ask any questions about things they are unsure of and talk about any new routines and organisation. Hopefully, they can then relax over the summer and come back in September raring to go!

The organisation of staff for September is not yet finalised, but I will share this with you soon. Please be assured that all teachers spend time talking to the children's current class teacher(s) and discussing any special requirements needed in order to ensure a smooth transition.

INSET Day

Don't forget that **Friday 28th June is an INSET day**, so school is closed to pupils on this day.

Year 6 Leaver's Service at Winchester Cathedral

We are really proud of the way that our Year 6s represented our school at the Diocese Leaver's Service at Winchester Cathedral yesterday. I'd like to say a particular well done to Alexandra, Isabella and Emily who read prayers as part of the service.

The theme of the service was stewardship and all schools had been asked to produce a canvas on the theme of bees. Mr Grayson and the children worked really hard on our canvas and I'm sure you'll agree it was fantastic.



The canvasses will be on display in the Cathedral and may then be borrowed by schools and churches but hopefully we will have it back to us soon so that we can display it in school.

Farewells

Sadly, we will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Louise Reeves at the end of the year. Mrs Reeves is one of our longest standing members of staff, having previously worked at Yateley Infant School before the amalgamation in 2010, and has recently become a Grandmother so is leaving to spend more time with her Grand-daughter. Many of your children will have been supported by Mrs Reeves when they were in Year 2 and you will have seen the hard work and dedication that she has always given to the school and the children. In her time at the schools Mrs Reeves has also worked behind the scenes as a staff governor and helping to maintain the school website and has always gone above and beyond in everything that she does. She will be sorely missed by everyone at Cranford Park.

Safety on Site

Please remember to stick to the pathway when walking to or from the KS2 playground gate. Taking a short-cut through the car park and walking up the driveway puts the children at risk as staff members may well be arriving or leaving in their vehicles or delivery vehicles could be accessing the site.

Hats and sun-screen

As I write this it is pouring with rain but I am optimistic that the sun may make another appearance soon! If it does, please remember to provide your child with a hat to wear at break and lunch times and apply sun-screen before they come to school. If they need to re-apply the sun-screen during school time then the bottle should be clearly named and, for younger pupils, it should be handed to their class teacher /LSA who will supervise them in applying it. Older children can be given more responsibility in applying it on their own as long as they have been taught how to do so safely and that they are reminded not to share the sun-screen as some children may have allergies to certain creams.

It's also really important that they have a water bottle in school to keep hydrated.

Sports' Afternoon

Our Sports' Afternoon will be held on Wednesday 17th July on our school field – weather permitting! The side gate will be opened from 12.45 so that you can come and get a spot to watch the events. You will see the marked out area for spectators in the middle of the field. It is really important for safety reasons that you stay in this area and that any younger or older siblings stay in this area too. I know it is tempting to try to get a better view by waiting at the end of the track, but please don't.

The children will come out onto the field just after 1 pm, ready to start at 1.15pm.

At the beginning of the afternoon there is a circuit of activities set up, which the children take part in colour teams. They move around all of the activities, competing in relay style events to earn points for their colour team. Brothers and sisters are always in the same groups so that you can follow them around the activities and cheer them on.

Once the circuit has been completed, the children will go to sit on the mats in their colour teams ready for the track races to start. These are run in year groups, and the children will have already been asked which races they would like to participate in. We try to make sure all children that want to run are included, and we never make children take part if they are unwilling.

At the end of the afternoon, the points are added up and the winning team is announced. This should be at around 3.00 pm but may run a little bit later.

When the whole event is finished the children will go back to their classrooms to collect their belongings and will then be released to you at the classroom door as usual.

On the day children will need:

- t-shirt in the colour of their team (named T-shirts can be bought from the PTA by Friday 28th June. **No late orders will be accepted**)
- sports shorts
- sun hat
- sunscreen applied if hot

Water stations are available around the field.

PTA

Thank you to those parents who helped with the Popcorn Party. This was a great success and the children were fantastically behaved.

The PTA are busy planning the post-sports afternoon event and a Parentmail has been sent asking for volunteers to help. If you can help at all please email ptacranfordpark@gmail.com or speak to the school office.

Education City

From October 2019 we will no longer be subscribing to Education City so your child's log in will no longer work. We have taken the decision to look into other platforms to support the curriculum and will keep you updated as to what we feel will best support the children's learning as well as being affordable for the school.

Hart District Athletics

We are very excited to be taking part in the first ever Hart District Athletics event at Aldershot Military Stadium on Tuesday 2nd July. Groups of children from all year groups have been chosen to compete in events such as the obstacle (for Y R and Y1), sprint, relay, long jump and throwing and will be receiving letters today. I'm sure it will be an exciting day and hope that this will become an annual event.

ELSA drop-ins

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Ledlie is our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). She works regularly with children across the school who need some additional support for a variety of reasons. She would also like to offer some time for informal chats with parents as she often finds that they appreciate the opportunity to share their worries and concerns and talk things through. As a trial, she will now be available to talk to parents every Friday from 2.30 pm so, if you have anything that is worrying you, just drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Mrs Ledlie doesn't promise to have all the answers but will be a listening ear and may be able to signpost you to further support if needed. Hopefully if we can get several parents coming along you will also be able to share common concerns and experiences and any solutions and strategies that you have found that work.

Uniform sales

Don't forget that the Friends of Cranford Park (our PTA) sell new and used uniform from the green container on the KS2 playground after school every Wednesday and they also take donations of used uniform for re-sale if your child is moving on from Cranford Park or has grown out of their uniform. You can also put order forms in the box in the office area and the PTA will fill your order as soon as they can.

INSET days 2019/20

4th September 2019

4th November 2019

29th November 2019

1st June 2020

26th June 2020

Term dates for 2019/20, including when our Inset days will be have been sent out and are available on our website.

<https://www.cranfordparkprimary.co.uk/about-us/term-dates/>

Please bear in mind that our Inset days do not always follow a holiday or half term and some will be on a Friday.

If you are thinking of booking a family holiday for next year, please look carefully at the dates as I will not authorise absences except in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence could result in a fine and/or a referral to the Attendance Legal Panel. We are getting more and more families taking holidays in term time and, whilst I understand that the price varies significantly from that in the holidays, it is

extremely disruptive to the children and the class as a whole. Children who are absent for holidays will miss important aspects of the units of work and will need additional input from teachers in order to be able to participate in the following tasks effectively which detracts from valuable teaching time for the whole class.

Please see our attendance policy in the downloads section on our website for more details.

Class Assemblies

There is only one class assembly left this year which is for Cook class on **Wednesday 3rd July at 9 am.** Parents, Carers and Grandparents from Cook class are invited to come and see their children. Please come to the main school entrance from 8.30am on the day of your child's assembly.

Yours sincerely



Georgina Edwards
Headteacher

Dates for your diary	
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 to Winchester Cathedral for Diocese Leaver's Service
Tuesday 25th June	Settling in session 3 for new Reception children
Tuesday 25th June	Y5 Activity day at Yateley School
Wednesday 26th June 7pm	Y5 Parent information evening at Yateley School
Friday 28th June	INSET Day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 2nd July	Settling in session 4 for new reception children
Tuesday 2nd July	Hart District Athletics Event at Aldershot Military Stadium – KS1 am, KS2 pm (for selected children)
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 1 & 2 Trip to Manor Farm
Wednesday 3rd July	Cook Class Assembly
Wednesday 3rd July Thursday 4th July	Induction days at Yateley School for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 4th July	Induction Day at Frogmore Community College
Wednesday 6th July	Y6 Think Safe
Wednesday 10th July	Year 5 Survival Day
Friday 12th July	Year 5 Technology Day
Sunday 14th July 11:30-13:30	Yateley Community Pre School Summer festival and Car Boot sale £5 per car pre book space in the school office
Monday 15th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - 2pm St Peter's Church
Wednesday 17th July	Sports' Afternoon 1pm
Thursday 18th July am	Transition Morning – children spend morning in new class
Friday 19th July	Year 6 water fight
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 to Horseshoe Lakes
Tuesday 23rd July	School finishes for Summer Holidays 1.15 pm Mufti Day – suggested donation 50p
Wednesday 4th September	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 5th September	Children back to school
Wednesday 11th– Friday 13th September	Year 6 Residential to Runway's End