



# Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter 3 – November 2018

### Dear Parents

Welcome to our November Newsletter.

### INSET Days

A reminder that the school **is closed to pupils on Friday 23rd November** for staff training.

The remaining INSET days for this academic year are:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Welcome back

We would like to welcome Mrs Helen Buck back to our staff. Mrs Buck will be working as a Learning Support Assistant in Year 2 in the mornings and also as a lunchtime supervisor.

### Mrs Hughes

Mrs Hughes has now started her maternity leave. We hope that she enjoys some peace and quiet and time to relax before Baby Hughes arrives. We will keep you updated.

### Thank you – Harvest donations

Thank you for all the donations that we received for our Harvest festival. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the Hart Food Bank and will go to support families in need.

### Photographs - Reminder

If you would like to order copies of your child's school photo, please return the order along with payment by Tuesday 13th November.

### Children in Need

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be taking part in Children in Need day. You should have already received a letter with all the details but I just wanted to stress that I would like all children to feel that they can take part in the dressing up / mufti and that, while we suggest a contribution of £1, this is entirely voluntary.

### PTA

Thank you to those parents who attended the PTA's AGM last half term. Sadly, there were not many that did.

I would like to say a huge thank you to last year's committee, Helen Buck, Caroline Taylor, Debbie Seaborne and Andrew Taylor for all of their hard work. Finding a new chairperson has proved to be quite difficult, but Anna Arditti has kindly agreed to take on the role and Helen Buck has agreed to stay on and support her as vice-chair, the rest of the committee will stay the same with Andrew Taylor as treasurer and Debbie Seaborne as secretary. I really appreciate them all taking this on as, without them, we would not have a PTA and all of the events and benefits that they bring to the school and the children.

## Anti-bullying week

Next week (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November) is national Anti-Bullying week and the children will be involved in different activities within their classes linked with the theme "**Choose respect**". On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, to start the week off we would like the children to wear just one blue thing as an accessory to their uniform – this could be a blue hair band or ribbon, blue socks or shoes, a blue tie or scarf etc. If they don't have anything blue, please don't feel the need to buy something new. They could wear odd socks instead. This is just for fun – not to raise funds -so please don't send any money in.

## Attendance

We closely monitor the attendance of all pupils, as poor attendance and punctuality can really affect a child's confidence and ability to access their learning. There will obviously be times when a child is too unwell to attend school, but it is very important that children attend whenever possible. Well done Columbus Class for having the highest attendance overall!

Whole School	96.6%
Cook	97%
Earle	97.3%
Armstrong	97.4%
Drake	95.8%
Carter	97.2%
Columbus	97.8%
Earhart	93.8%

## Dates for Statutory Assessments

In line with the 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Year 2 Statutory Assessments will take place during the **whole month of May 2019** and the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check will take place week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 **all** year groups conduct important assessments during the summer term and absence is very disruptive to these, for the children, the teacher and the class as the assessments then have to be done at another time.

## Winter Uniform – Key Stage 2

A reminder for parents of children in Drake, Carter, Columbus and Earhart Classes that we are in Winter Uniform season and children should be wearing either shirts with ties or a v-neck blouse without a tie. Key Stage 2 children should **NOT** be wearing polo shirts now. I have been asked whether shorts are still allowed, and this is entirely your decision. Some children do not seem to feel the cold, and prefer not to be in full length trousers, so if they are comfortable in shorts during the winter weather that is your choice. They should, however, be bringing a coat to school as they are outside for long periods at lunchtime.

All children should wear school shoes - not trainers.

## Jewellery/ hair

To look smart and stay safe at school, it is important that pupils also follow our policy on jewellery and haircuts/accessories. Please remember that only small stud earrings are permitted and that these must be removed for PE. Hair that reaches shoulder length or longer must always be tied back to prevent it being caught in things, and to prevent the spread of head lice. Watches may be worn, but again must be removed for PE and should not cause a distraction. No other jewellery (such as bracelets) should be worn.

Extreme haircuts/ hairstyles are not allowed – this includes dying hair unnatural colours, shaving patterns into the hair, cutting hair extremely short (less than a grade 2) or wearing large/ bright accessories in hair. Hair accessories should be school colours or plain colours.

## Christmas Lunch – 20<sup>th</sup> December

You should have received a parentmail and form about the Christmas Lunch on 20<sup>th</sup> December. This is a lovely, festive occasion with crackers and Christmas music. All of the teaching staff join in with serving the dinner and it's a great chance to really get in the Christmas spirit. In order for HC3S to know how

much food to order, we do need to have slips back by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This is still free for children in Years R, 1 and 2 as part of the universal free school meals and for children entitled to free school meals. Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 will need to pay £2.30 for their meal.

### **Clubs**

Please note that the last week for **clubs run by school staff** will be the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> November. For other clubs the final sessions will be:

Judo: TBC

Choir: TBC

French: TBC

SoccerinSchools: TBC

### **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 would 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 many 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](http://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 in order for us to be able to contact you.

### **Christmas Events**

The children have already begun to practise for their Christmas performances. In previous years we decided to make the performances for adult audiences only and this worked very well so we will be doing the same this year. **No younger siblings will be allowed in the audience.** The reasons for this are that it can be very distracting for the children who have worked so hard to learn their lines and songs etc if little ones start to cry or shout out and it can also make it difficult for other parents in the audience to hear what is going on. I understand that for some parents, finding childcare can be difficult so, for those parents, we are inviting them to attend the dress rehearsal instead. Younger siblings will be welcome to this performance only.

### **Key Stage 1 Performance – further details to follow**

The children in Cook, Earle and Armstrong classes (Early Years and Key Stage 1) will be putting on a play called 'Little Angel'. The performances are on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.20 am and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm. The dress rehearsal (which parents bringing younger siblings are invited to attend) will be on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm.

### **Key Stage 2 Christmas Service – further details to follow**

Children in Drake, Carter, Columbus and Earhart Classes (Key Stage 2) will be leading our Christmas Service on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2 pm at St Peter's Church. The dress rehearsal (which parents bringing younger siblings are invited to attend) will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

### **Bags2 School**

Our next Bag2School collection date is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018. For every kilogram collected the school will receive 40p, and the children also learn about re-cycling and re-using to help the environment. You should have already received a bag. Please fill it with good quality clothing, shoes, handbags, bedding and towels etc and then bring the bag to school on the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> November

(or you can bring them in before) and put it in the correct section of the Key Stage 2 playground. We organise our collection in colour teams, with a trophy presented to the team who raises the most.

### Starting school in September 2019?

Applications have now opened for children due to start in Reception in September 2019. The closing date is midnight on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Please apply online using the Hampshire Website. <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm> or pop into the office to pick up a form.

### School Uniform Sales

The PTA are continuing to sell school uniform from the PTA store on the large playground every Wednesday at the end of the school day. Thank you so much to Jude Johnson and Debbie Seaborn for the fantastic job they do with this!

### Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will take place on Wednesday this year, starting 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:

We do hope that you are able to join us.

Yours sincerely

Georgina Edwards  
Headteacher

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Carter (Y4)
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Drake (Y3)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Armstrong (Y2)
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Columbus (Y5)
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Earle (Y1)
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Cook (YR)

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Columbus Class (Y5) Trip to Winchester Science Centre
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November -am</b>	Remembrance Service and Parade
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Carter Class Assembly 9 am
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Choir singing at Yateley Christmas Market
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Earhart Class (Y6) Evacuee Day
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pantomime in school for all classes
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Dress Rehearsal – 2 pm
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Performance – 9.20 am
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Performance – 2 pm
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Dress rehearsal at St Peter's Church 2 pm
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Service at St Peter's Church 2 pm
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch in school
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Last day of term – school closes at 1.15 pm Mufti Day – suggested donation £1
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019</b>	
	Term starts – pupils' first day back
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Flu immunisations (nasal spray) for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Applications for Reception September 2019 close
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Vikings and Saxons Drama Workshops for Years 4 and 5
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of half term
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
	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](http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/schoolnursing) linked from our school website links page!

Southern Health   
NHS Foundation Trust



Primary & pre-school children, mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents

**Messy CHURCH**

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 3:30-5pm

Enjoy doing creative things together plus a short service and a meal



**WHO LET THE DADS OUT?**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 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