



Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 2 – October 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes for the coffee morning and to those who came along to join us or bought cakes at the end of the day. We were really spoilt for choice with the delicious cakes on offer so we just had to try lots of them!

Your support raised a fantastic £268.57 for this worthwhile charity – thank you!

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will be held at St Peter's Church on Friday 12th October at 2 pm. All of the children will be joining in with Harvest songs as well as some children from each class sharing their thoughts and ideas about Harvest in Hampshire. You will be very welcome to join us for the Service and a letter will be coming out soon asking if you would like to take your child straight home from the Church after the service. St Peter's Church usually serves tea and coffee at the end of the Service, so please do stay for a chat with other parents and members of St Peter's.

This year, we will again be collecting donations in support of the local Hart food bank. The food bank provides food for those people in crisis on a short term basis. The food bank collects various tinned or packet food items (no fresh food). All items need to be unopened, undamaged and in date. Useful donations include items such as:

Tinned fruit	Biscuits/snack bars
Tinned vegetables	Tea & Coffee (small)
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned meat/fish
Baked beans	Fruit juice or squash
Instant mash potato	Pasta Sauce
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Rice/pasta
Tinned Sponge pudding	Jam
Tinned rice pudding & custard	Soup
Cereals	

Please could the children bring these items to school on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th or Friday 12th October? Thank you in advance for your donations, which can help to make a real difference to those in need. Mrs Daines, Grandmother to children in our school, is coming in to talk to the children about the charity, so hopefully they will be able to tell you all about it.

Children's Choice Lunch / Census Day

On Thursday 4th October our caterers will be serving up a special lunch incorporating the most popular meals chosen by the children. The children will have a choice of fish fingers (red), pizza (green) or ham roll (yellow).

This is our Census day when the government calculates the funding we will receive for Universal Free School Meals, so the more children from Years R, 1 and 2 that have a school dinner the more funding we receive towards it.

Please do encourage your child to have a school dinner on that day to help ensure our school receives adequate funding for school dinners in the year ahead.

Fortnite /social media

I'm sure that many of you will have heard of this game which is very popular with the children in Key Stage 2.

We have been hearing disturbing reports of people using the game to contact children inappropriately, so would like to remind you all of how important it is to monitor your children when they are using the internet at home and to talk to them about the dangers of communicating with people they do not know online and never revealing personal details to them.

For more information see this link

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>

We also do ongoing work with all of the children about online safety and what to do if they are worried about something that they see online. Here is a link to our E-Safety Policy:

<https://www.cranfordparkprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/e-safety-policyr.pdf>

I would like to remind everyone of the age restrictions for social media sites.

No children at our school should be using social media sites such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat or Pinterest as they are for children **over 13**.

Individual Photos

The photographer will be visiting the school on Monday 8th October 2018 to take individual and brother/sister photographs of the children. During the morning, every child will have an individual photograph taken and a photograph with siblings who attend our school. You will then be sent a proof of the photo, with the option to buy various sizes/formats.

If you would like a brother/sister photograph with a child/ren not attending the school, please come to the front entrance at 8.30am The photographer will be available to take these photos from 8.30am – 9.00am on a 'first come first served' basis.

To assist the school in the administration of the photographs and provide us with named record prints, we will be providing the photographer with your child's first and last name details. This information is used exclusively for the School Photographs and not for any marketing or mailing lists.

Parents' Evenings

These are being held next Tuesday (9th) and Thursday (11th). Hopefully you have already returned your slip requesting an appointment and should receive your allocated time today or tomorrow. If you have forgotten, please get in touch with the office or the class teachers directly to see what times they still have available.

Mrs Pierce, our SENCO, has also been offering appointments for parents of children with Special Educational Needs. Please contact her directly, or via the school office if you would like to book to see her.

As always, clubs run by school staff **do not** run during the week of parents' evenings. Clubs run by outside agencies such as French, Judo, Soccer in Schools and Choir will still go ahead.

Congratulations

I'm sure that many of you will have already noticed that Mrs Hughes is going to have a baby. She will be going on maternity leave in the middle of November, with the baby due at the end of November. She is aiming to return to work before the end of the academic year and in the meantime we will be

covering as much of her role as possible with the support staff that we have in school. This will include continuing to work with children and parents on attendance and punctuality, supporting children in lessons and at lunchtimes and playtimes and the many other roles that Mrs Hughes does. We wish her all the best and will let you know when Baby Hughes arrives.

Farewell

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Sakyi at the end of this half term as she will be leaving Cranford Park. Mrs Sakyi has worked here since the school first formed in 2010, and prior to that was at St Peter's Junior, and has been a fantastic support to many children and to us as a school. We wish her well in her new ventures.

Toys/Slime/Putty

A reminder that children should not be bringing in toys or games – including slime and putty – from home. The exception to this is trading cards e.g. football cards, which can be brought in for trading at playtimes and lunchtimes but we expect the children to take responsibility for these and to understand the concept of fair trading. Some children can struggle with this, changing their minds later and wanting the cards back, which can lead to disagreements that need to be sorted out by teachers, thus wasting valuable teaching time.

Social Media

Whilst you may be happy to share photos of your own children on social media, there are many parents who **do not** want images of their child to be published and available to be accessed by strangers. Please respect their wishes and **DO NOT** share group images without the permission of all the other parents. It would be a real shame if we had to stop parents from taking photos and videos in our school events.

Winter Uniform

After half term we will be in the Winter Uniform season, which for children in Key Stage 2 Classes (Drake, Carter, Columbus and Earhart) means wearing white shirts with ties or a v-neck blouse without a tie and NOT polo shirts along with their grey trousers, skirts or dresses and green Cranford Park jumpers or cardigans. Key Stage 1 children may continue to wear polo shirts without ties if they choose to. If you need to order a tie, please order it via the PTA drop box in the school office. Children should also start bringing a coat to school as the temperature is getting colder outside at breaks and lunchtimes. Please make sure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name so that we can return any abandoned items.

Parking near the school

As the weather gets colder there is a big increase in the number of parents choosing to drive to school rather than walk which inevitably causes more difficulties regarding parking. Please can I remind you to show consideration for the local residents and not block any driveways or make it difficult for them to access their roads, and even more importantly, think about the safety of the children crossing the roads by not parking on junctions and causing problems for pedestrians.

House Captain Elections

All of the children in school voted for the house captains for their colour teams. Well done to all of the Year 6 pupils who stood for the election – the speeches they gave were very impressive and it was great to hear the children talking about our school values and how they wanted to be role models for the children in their colour team.

Congratulations to those pupils who were elected:

	Team Captains	Vice-Captain
Green Team:	Alexandra	Oliver

	Isabella	
Yellow Team	Jorja Shay	Donnamarie
Red Team:	Emily Leo	Tilly
Blue Team:	Dylan Natalie	Aman

School Council Elections

We have also been holding our school council elections in Years 1 to Year 6.

Again, children put themselves forward to be a school councillor, stating the qualities and skills they think they would bring to the role. The children in the class then voted for who they wanted to represent them.

Our school councillors this year are:

Year 1	Daniel and Charlie
Year 2	Naomi and Samuel
Year 3	Freya W and Iris
Year 4	Jonathan and Ruby
Year 5	Mackenzie and Tiago
Year 6	Jessica and Charlie

Eco- Council Elections

These children were also elected by their peers and have the very important job of helping us be more environmentally friendly, as well as thinking about ways we can improve our school environment.

This year they are:

Year 1	Archie and Tessa
Year 2	Dre and Willow
Year 3	Archie Bu. and Jacob
Year 4	Leah and Daniel
Year 5	Amelie and Samuel
Year 6	Emily and Harrison

Starting school in September 2019?

A reminder for parents, if you have a child aged 4 between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, please pick up an application form to start Cranford Park from the school office (after 1st November) or apply online using the Hampshire Website. <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/admissions.htm>

Applications open on 1st November 2018. Our school is always popular, so it is important to apply on time. The closing date is midnight on Tuesday 15th January 2018.

If you have some new neighbours or friends moving into the area and they are looking for a Primary school please point them in our direction. We have some spaces available for immediate start in some year groups.

Open Morning for new YR 2019 parents

Parents of children starting in YR in September 2019 are invited to an Open morning on Wednesday 17th October from 9.00 to 10.30am. The morning will start with a short presentation in the hall, followed by tours of the school led by the year 6 pupils. There will also be an opportunity to pick up a prospectus and ask any questions. Please tell your friends and neighbours if you feel this may be of interest to them.

Application for places at Secondary School in September 2019

Applications for Secondary school from Parents of children in Year 6 open on 10th September 2018 and need to be completed online if possible or if not returned to the School office. Please make sure you apply on time to secure your preferred Secondary School. Closing date is midnight on Wednesday 31st October 2018.

Contact Details / Local trips permission and health questionnaire

A reminder to please return the forms that were sent out last month, if you haven't already done so. It is essential that we have up-to-date contact details for you and other family members so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency, and that we know of any allergies /medical conditions that could affect your child at school.

Fixed Penalty Notices

Please remember that I cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are exceptional. If you are considering taking your child out of school please complete an absence request form and explain why the holiday cannot be taken during the school holidays.

Parents have a legal duty to send their child to school and we have a legal duty to follow up on occasions when parents do not do this. This means that unauthorised absences will result in a fine (if there are 10 or more unauthorised sessions in a 100 session period).

Persistent lateness may also start to be recorded as unauthorised absence, so it is essential that your child arrives at school on time.

Please come and speak to me if you are having difficulties with attendance or lateness so that we can work together to improve things. I have also attached a link to further information for parents and carers:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/information-on-penalty-notice-for-non-attendance-at-school-leaflet-july-2015-revised-final.pdf>

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:

4 th October	Earhart (Y6)
7 th November	Carter (Y4)
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.

PTA AGM

This will be held on Wednesday 10th October at 3.10 pm in Year 6.

Please come along if you can, it is an opportunity to thank the parents who took on key roles last year, to look at the funds that were raised and how these were spent. They will also be electing the new committee for this year and are desperately looking for new recruits to help!

Yours sincerely

Georgina Edwards
Headteacher

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!

Southern Health 

NHS Foundation Trust



Wed 31st Oct 5 - 6:30pm
at St Peter's Church, Yateley
for children 4-11 yrs: parents may stay

LIGHT PARTY

Glow-stick dance party
Lots of fun games and activities
Party tea

Wear your most bright & colourful clothes!

Reply slip from: stpetersyateley.info/Children.html



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

MESSY CHURCH

Sat 13th Oct 3:30-5pm

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



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Saturday 20th Oct 9:30-11:30am

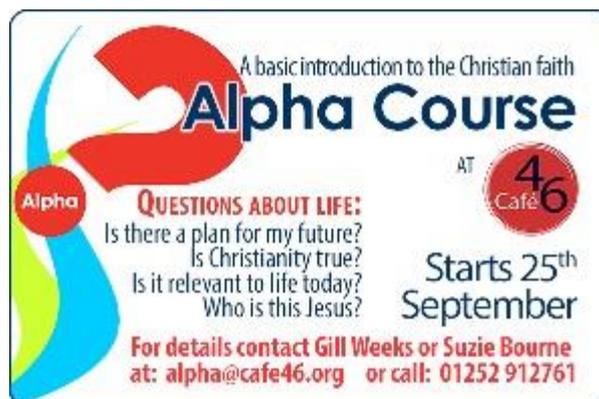
3rd Saturday of every month in St Peter's church

For dads, granddads, 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

£4 per family



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Dates for your diary

Thursday 4th October	Earhart (Y6) Class assembly 9 am
Monday 8th October	Photographer in school for individual and sibling photos
Tuesday 9th October	Parents' evening – 4.30 pm to 7 pm
Wednesday 10th October	PTA Meeting – 3.10pm – in Yr 6 Classroom
Thursday 11th October	Parents' evening – 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm
Friday 12th October	Harvest Service at St Peter's Church 2pm
Tuesday 16th October	Earle Class (Y1) Park Trip
Wednesday 17th October	Carter Class (Y4) Egyptian Day
Wednesday 17th October	Open Morning for new Reception 2019 (9 to 10.30 am)
Friday 19th October	School finishes for half term – 3.05 pm PTA Mufti day - £1
Monday 29th October	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 30th October	Pupils back after half term
Friday 9th November	Columbus Class (Y5) Trip to Winchester Science Centre
Sunday 11th November -am	Remembrance Service and Parade
Thursday 29th November	Earhart Class (Y6) Evacuee Day