



# Cranford Park

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## Newsletter – October 2021

Dear Parents,

It has certainly been a busy half term, and it has been lovely to do a number of “normal” activities such as Open events for prospective parents, bikeability for Year 5, Harvest Festival and a residential trip to Runway’s End for Year 6. The children have been a credit to you, and us, in all of these; showing our values of Courage, Peace and Respect in all that they have done.

### **Runways End Residential**

The Year 6 children had a fantastic trip to Runway’s End this week, taking part in lots of exciting activities including caving, archery, canoeing, climbing, abseiling and raft building. It was so lovely to hear how all of the children gave things a go, trying things that took them out of their comfort zone, and how well they supported and encouraged each other.

I’d like to thank Mrs Russell, Mrs Gill and Mrs Humphrey who went on the trip with them and gave up their time (and sleep!) to enable this trip to happen, and also Mrs Benson who went during the day to support the children.



### **Harvest Festival**

Thank you for all the donations of food that we received. They were delivered to Hart Food Bank last week, and the volunteers there were so grateful. Thank you to Ms Nunn and Ellfie-Mae, Dexter and Bella from our eco-council who delivered it all.  
(The photo only shows a fraction of what was delivered!)

### **Covid 19 Update**

Up until this last week, we only had two isolated cases, but unfortunately we have had 6 new cases reported over the last few days, and these have now been confirmed by PCR tests. All of these have been from within the Year 6 class, and were reported following on from their return from their residential trip when staff and parents carried out lateral flow tests. The children had not been in school for at least 48 hours prior to testing positive.

It is such a shame that the fantastic experience that they had was marred by this when they returned, but the messages that I have had from parents confirmed that they really appreciate that the children had the opportunity to go and that the children had an amazing time.

Due to the number of cases in Year 6, we have contacted the DFE and Public Health England for advice on any additional measures that we can put in place. I have attached a letter with advice from PHE.

After half term, we will be continuing with the measures that we have in place but would also like to re-establish greater distancing between parents by re-establishing the staggered drop off and pick up times as these have definitely slipped.

A reminder of the times you should be dropping off:

Surname begins with	Drop off at	Pick up at
A, B, C, D, E, F	8.35 am	3.00 pm
G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N	8.40 am	3.05 pm
O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	8.45 am	3.10 pm

Please stick with these times unless you have received permission from me to swap, so that we can ensure there are no large groups of parents on site.

We will be monitoring the rise in cases very carefully (both within our school and in the local community) and may have to re-introduce other measures, such as mask wearing on the site, too. I will keep you informed.

### **Precautions**

Please see this link for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

And this link for information on asymptomatic testing

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

### **Mufti**

Thank you for supporting our Mufti Day on Friday – I know how much the children love wearing their own clothes to school.

We raised a total of £112.70 which will go towards extra resources for the children, that we cannot afford from school funds. We have a few projects that we are trying to fund at the moment, the biggest of which is to replace the interactive whiteboards and projectors in all of the classes, so all money raised is greatly appreciated.

The PTA are going to be sending out some information very soon, detailing some of the events they are planning to also raise funds.

### **Poppy Appeal**

We have received a supply of poppies, wrist bands and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion, and will be selling these from outside the front entrance before and after school from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We will also be taking part in the Remembrance Service and Parade on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The service will be held outside this year, with groups “forming up” from 2.15 pm, the service starting at 2.30 pm and the parade starting from 2.55 pm. This is always a wonderful community event, joining with other schools and groups from Yateley to remember those lives were lost protecting our country, as well as those who are still serving to help keep us safe. Younger children may find the service a bit long, but may want to come along a bit later to watch or join in with the parade, which goes from St Swithun’s down to the War Memorial, but everyone is welcome.

Please also see details of a Remembrance Concert attached.

## **Winter Uniform after Half Term**

A reminder that after half term, all children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) should be wearing their Winter uniform.

This consists of:

Grey skirt, dress or trousers

A white shirt or blouse (polo shirts should no longer be worn)

A school tie MUST be worn with shirts that button up.

A Cranford Park jumper, cardigan or fleece.

Plain black shoes

Grey, green, black or white tights or socks

On PE days, the children may wear their PE kit which should consist of:

Plain, white T-shirt

Green shorts or green or black jogging bottoms or leggings

Trainers /plimsolls

The PTA have a stock of new and second-hand uniform in the PTA container so please do place an order if you do not have something.

## **INSET Day**

Just a reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday 1st November as we have an INSET day. The teaching staff will be receiving training on a new phonics programme "Little Wandle" which will then be implemented across the school.

## **Parents Evenings**

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointment if you haven't done so yet.

These will be held virtually via SchoolCloud on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

I have re-sent the booking guidance with this newsletter.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term.

**Yours sincerely**



**Georgina Edwards**  
**Headteacher**

<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
<b>w/beg 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET DAY – school closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	All children back to school
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Nasal Flu Clinic for all pupils
<b>Wednesday 3rd November</b>	Parents' Evenings via School Cloud – 5 – 7.30 pm

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents' Evenings via School Cloud - 3.30 – 6 pm
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Remembrance Service – outside St Swithun's Church from 2.15 pm
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need – further details to follow
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term – school finishes at 1.15 pm