



Cranford Park

C of E Primary School

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Newsletter 1 – September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great Summer break and enjoyed the lovely weather that we had.

Welcome

We would like to extend a special welcome to our new pupils and their families who have joined us in Cook Class (Year R). The children have all come in very happily and are settling in brilliantly.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Allison Nunn who has taken over as business manager (I'm sure that you will get to know her if you visit the school office or have any enquiries) and Mrs Alice Vaughan who will be teaching music to Years 2 and 4, as well as teaching keyboard and brass and keyboard instrument lessons and leading our whole school singing practices.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring that the children have everything they need for the start of the year. They all look very smart in their school uniforms. A reminder that children can still wear the summer uniform on warmer days up until October half term. This can be green checked summer dresses or grey skirts, tailored shorts or trousers with a polo shirt and no tie along with the green sweatshirts or cardigans **with** the school logo. After October half term they must start to wear the winter uniform which, for all children in the Key Stage 2 Classes (Drake, Carter, Columbus and Earhart), is grey skirt, dress or trousers, white shirt with a school tie or blouse with no tie. Early Years (Cook Class) and Key Stage 1 (Earle Class and Armstrong Class) children can wear polo shirts instead, and do not need to wear ties, but may do so if they wish to. A reminder also that only small stud earrings should be worn and children must be able to remove these themselves for PE, and that any bows or hair accessories must not be too large, and should be in school or neutral colours. Long hair must be tied back for hygiene and safety reasons – this applies to boys or girls once hair is shoulder length or longer.

Extreme hair styles are not permitted – this includes hair shaved shorter than grade 2, patterns shaved into the hair, unnatural colours or excessive use of hair gel.

We hope to publish newsletters about every month to help keep you informed about what is going on in school. In addition you will receive a class bulletin detailing what your child will be learning this term. These should come home by the end of next week. Remember that further information about our school is located on our school website.

www.cranfordpark.hants.sch.uk

Website

We are excited to announce that we have re-vamped our school website so, if you have a minute, please do take a look. You should find everything that you need to know about the school but with a fresher, up-to-date look!

Thank you to Mr Gene Ashe for taking many of the photos that we have used.





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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sadly, many of us will have been affected by cancer in some way or have a loved-one that has. To show our support and raise much-needed funds to help this amazing organisation, we are again taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our coffee morning will be held in the school hall on Friday 28th September from 8.30 to 9.30 am.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

We would be very grateful for any cakes that can be donated for us to serve. Please visit the Macmillan website <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/why/> for more details on the charity and how it supports people affected by cancer. It also has some baking recipes to try if you're feeling inspired by The Great British Bake Off.

The Coffee morning is being sponsored by Marks and Spencers and Homepride. If you purchase special edition cakes /flour from them they will make donations to Macmillan. See <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk/about/sponsors-and-partners/> for more details.

Any left-over cakes will be sold from the external hall doors at the end of the day. Please remember that we do have pupils with severe nut allergies, so please can any home-made cakes be clearly labelled as to what they contain and any shop-bought cakes should be in the packaging.

Allergies

As mentioned above we do have children with severe nut allergies so all snack and packed lunches brought into school must be nut free. Whilst the majority of parents are really aware of this and are very careful about providing nut-free food we do sometimes get peanut butter sandwiches or a peanut snack bar appearing on those occasions can please can you pass this information onto any other family members who may be packing your child's lunch as a one-off as.

Contact Details

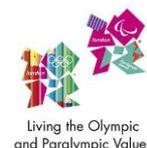
A Data Collection Sheet print out of the most recent contact details we have on file for you will be coming home soon. It is essential that we have up to date contacts for you in case of an emergency so please check this sheet and make any changes if needed and return it to the school office as soon as possible – **even if there are no changes it must be returned.**

Local trips permission and health questionnaire

For all classes except the new Year R, we are also sending home a local trips permission form and a health questionnaire. We are required to re-send these each year and it is important that you complete them and return them to school please. (The new reception parents will have already completed these).

Home School Agreement

Attached for your information is a copy of the home-school-pupil agreement as a reminder of the way we can all work in partnership to ensure the best possible outcomes for pupils. You





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and your child will already have signed this so you don't need to re-sign it, but I'm sending it again as a reminder of the expectations regarding attendance, punctuality, uniform, homework etc. and the commitment that we have all made. Please take particular note about the homework/reading section of the home-school agreement as, last year, we had quite a number of children opting out of doing their homework, including reading regularly. I cannot stress enough the difference it makes to children's progress if they practise their reading regularly at home and if parents take an interest in their learning. Reading doesn't have to be a school reading book or Bug Club; it can be absolutely any reading matter – magazines, comics, e-readers, newspapers – anything - as long as they are practising their skills and talking about what they have read!

Staffing

The organisation of staffing in the different classes is as follows:

	Teacher	Learning Support Assistant (LSA)
Cook Class (YR)	Miss Hutchinson	Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Ledlie, Mrs Hickey
Earle Class (Y1)	Miss Crawford	Mrs Levitt
Armstrong Class (Y2)	Mrs Lees (Key Stage 1 phase leader)	Mrs Reeves Mrs Sakyi
Drake Class (Y3)	Mrs Maddock Mrs Saunders	Mrs Bowman
Carter Class (Y4)	Miss Portch	
Columbus Class (Y5)	Mrs O'Connor Mrs Rees	Mrs Martin
Earhart Class (Y6)	Mr Grayson (Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 2 Phase leader)	Mrs Humphrey

Most of our LSAs work in the classrooms in the mornings and are then timetabled by Mrs Pierce to deliver interventions and catch-up programmes across the school in the afternoons.

Our inclusion assistant, Mrs Hughes, works across the school providing additional support for individuals and groups, as well as monitoring attendance and punctuality.

If you have any concerns or queries, your first contact should always be your child's class teacher. They are usually available for a quick chat when they first open the doors at 8.30 am or after school at 3.05 pm, but if you need a longer meeting or some privacy, please call the school office to make an appointment with them.

If you need further support, then you should make an appointment with Mrs Lees regarding any concerns within Early Years and Key Stage 1 or Mr Grayson regarding Key Stage 2.

I am usually outside first thing in the morning or at the end of the day for a quick chat too, but you can also make an appointment to see me if you still have concerns or have a serious matter that you'd like to discuss.





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Mrs Pierce is our SENCO, so if you have any concerns regarding special needs, please contact the school office to make an appointment with her. Please note that she is only in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Head-bump Procedure

To be on the safe side, we will always inform you if your child has a bump to the head whilst at school, so that you can keep an extra careful eye on them. We do this by: putting a sticker on the child saying "I've bumped my head", sending home a letter to inform you and by sending a text message at the end of the day to the main contact that we have for your child. With any serious injuries we will, of course, always phone you immediately.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Parents' Evenings before half term. This is your opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how your child has settled in their new class and any initial targets. We will send out a letter nearer the time asking you to indicate your preferred evening and approximate time. Where possible we try to accommodate requests from all parents.

This term the evenings will be on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9th October 4.30pm-7.00pm
- Thursday 11th October 3.15pm-5.30pm

Please don't wait until the parents evening if you have any questions or queries that need addressing urgently.

Extra-Curricular Activities

You will soon be receiving a list of the extra-curricular clubs that are on offer at school this term. We do not offer clubs to the new reception children this term, as we find that they are usually very tired at the end of the day.

I'd like to thank the teachers, staff and some parents, for giving up their own time to run these clubs for the children. We have supplemented the clubs with those run by outside agencies, for which a charge applies, to ensure a broad offering of activities for the children.

School Dinners

All Key Stage 1 children (Years R, 1 and 2) are entitled to a free school meal as part of the government's Universal Free School Meals scheme. These hot school dinners are cooked on site in our kitchen.

For Key Stage 2 children (Years 3,4,5,6) the cost is £2.30 per meal. All dinners **must** be paid for in advance (either 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 cheque (payable to Hampshire County Council) and sent into school in a named envelope.

Our computer dinner and accounting system allows the children to choose what they'd like to eat in the classroom at registration. The office then has the running totals for each child's account. Please note that we cannot allow debts to be created on account.





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Free School Meals (ALL YEAR GROUPS)

Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1, it is important that you register for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you are eligible, you can apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> or come into the office and we can check and apply for you.

The school receives Pupil Premium funding for children on Free School Meals which we use to fund additional teachers and support for pupils so **please apply if you are entitled even if you don't want to have free school meals as this will help give the school extra funds.**

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 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.

Date	Class
3 rd 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)

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





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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 from parents of children in Y6 for Secondary school 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.

If you are not yet sure which school you are going to apply to there will be taster days and open evenings to help you decide.

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!



Yours sincerely

Georgina Edwards
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th September to Friday 14th September	Year 6 Residential to Runway's End
Week beginning 17th September	Clubs start
Tuesday 18th September	Year 6 Taster Day at Frogmore College
Friday 28th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning – 8.30-9.30 am in School Hall
Week beginning 1st October	Bikeability training for Year 5
Wednesday 3rd 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
Thursday 11th October	Parents' evening – 3.15 pm to 5.30 pm
Friday 12th October	Harvest Service at St Peter's Church 2pm
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

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

Messy Church
Sat 8th Sept 3:30-5pm

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

Eco-Schools Silver Award

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Saturday 15th Sep
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

8th Sept
10am-12noon

Come and find out the story of St Peter's Church, Yateley GU46 7LR

heritage open day

FOUNDATION

Harvest Supper and Fun Quiz
Sat 29th Sep 7pm

Tickets £10 available at Sunday services & from Parish Office. Includes a hot supper - Bring your own drinks

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