



Cranmere Primary School, Arran Way,
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FOUNDATION STAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1 2016

Welcome to the Foundation stage! We have been very impressed with how well the children have started to settle in to school and how independent they are at finding their trays and putting their belongings away. Well done to all the children.

Our learning this week has focussed around settling in and getting to know and understand the new routines. We have found out where things are in the classroom, explored new resources and started to make new friends. We have also been learning what we need to do at snack times and lunchtimes. The children are starting to become familiar with our free Flow system and are exploring all of the classrooms and the outside space with growing independence.

Our topic this term is 'Ourselves'. We will be painting self-portraits of ourselves, talking about our likes and dislikes, who is in our family and discussing the similarities and difference between us. Please could you send in a picture of your child with their family by Friday 23rd September. This can be sent via email to your child's class teacher, original photographs sent in will be photocopied and returned via your child's book bag

Communication

We are not able to check the children's book bags every day, if you have any information you need us to know please send us an email or catch us at the end of the day. If the information is urgent please contact the office and they will make sure the information reaches us. Please return any letters directly to the office.

If you would like to contact us, please feel free to e-mail us at:

Ladybirds Class: lprideaux@cranmere.surrey.sch.uk

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Dates for your Diary

On Wednesday 21st September, The Surrey Herald Photographer will be coming into school to take a photo of the 2016-17 Reception cohort to be published in their supplement. This will be published on Friday 14th October. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to be included.

We have our curriculum meeting on Wednesday 28th September at 2.30pm and 5.30pm in the hall

Parents Evening- Monday 7th November (early appointments), Wednesday 9th November (late appointments). More information will follow.

Trip to Garson's Farm for pumpkin picking £5 per child- 14th October (more details to follow)

Reception Curriculum meeting

The meeting on 28th September will introduce you to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The first meeting is at 3:30 and the second (repeat) is at 5:30. There will be no childcare/supervision so please only bring children to the meeting if you cannot avoid it. At this meeting we will be giving you an overview of how children learn in Reception and introducing the phonics system, our reading scheme and how handwriting is taught in school. We will be providing you with guidance over how you can support your child with their

How you can help

Please bring in any recyclable materials for box modelling in Reception, items such as cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes and yoghurt pots would be very much appreciated.

Your generous donation will be returned to you as a fabulous creation for you to treasure!

If you are having a clear out of old toys, the Reception and Nursery would welcome any "small world" toys such as pirates, knights, dolls, fairies etc..

If you have any spare time and would like to get involved we would love to hear from you: Perhaps you have a particular skill or expertise to offer such as an interest in arts and crafts, sewing, carpentry, baking, gardening or play a musical instrument etc. We would love to hear from you. Any help big or small would be much appreciated.