



Cranmere Primary School Headteacher's Newsletter
20th July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous end of term we have had in school with productions and leavers' assemblies. Not a dry eye in Year 6 as their leaver's assembly was very emotional. We wish them luck as they move on and we hope that they will stay in touch with us so that we know just how well they are doing! All the children are absolutely ready for their holidays as are the staff team!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely holiday and that those families who will not be returning to Cranmere continue to be happy in the next stage of education.

Kind regards, Kathie Daniels

Six Stars for 6R's this week. Miss Gray and Miss Wood have had a very difficult task in that they were only allowed to select 6 children from Year 6 to receive one of the 6Rs! As all of our Year 6s have been amazing it was extremely difficult to narrow down to 6 children but eventually they did.



Josh Watson - Respectful - Josh is a delightful boy, who always shows respect to his peers and adults alike. He is aware of other's feelings and is respectful of their needs. He likes to make sure everyone is happy.



Abbie Foster - Reasoning - Abbie is a hardworking, conscientious member of the class. She takes her learning very seriously. She will draw upon her understanding and knowledge, and use reasoning skills when faced with a challenge.



Charlotte Walley - Resourceful - Charlotte is a conscientious member of the class. She always puts a great deal of effort into her work - which is always beautifully presented. She shows resourcefulness to complete her work to the best of her ability.



Bea Cowan - Responsible - Bea is kind and considerate towards others, she cares about her fellow classmates and is always positive. Bea has worked extremely hard and demonstrated a very responsible attitude to her work using the resources to help her.



Lily Morrison - Resilience - Throughout my years of teaching, I have never come across a pupil who has been so determined and resilient. She has overcome difficulties and has become so much more confident with her work.



Luca Day - Reflective - Luca throughout this year has always produced work of the highest standard. He is always looking for ways to make improvements and he always reflects on what has been taught and how he can improve his work.

Well done to all of you!

Headteacher Awards were presented this week to: **the WHOLE of SWALLOWS CLASS!**

Attendance

We have awarded 122 children for achieving 100% attendance this term. Well done. I have also awarded an amazing 27 children for 100% attendance for the whole year. Super effort!

Girls Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 18th July Cranmere entered into the Elmbridge Primary Schools Girls Rugby Tournament which was held in the sports ground in Cobham. The team selected to represent Cranmere were: **Emilie E, Maddie, Sophie P (YR6), Ruby, Emily E, Scarlett K, Issie, Jess H & Michaela (YR5)**. It was an amazing day where our girls were able to show their true skills!

We played 5 games back to back with only a few minutes rest in between each game. We won the first three games and drew on the last two. That put us into a play-off against Ongar Place. Ongar Place began the game with the ball and they scored the first try. Then we scored the next try and this went on until the final whistle where it was 6-5 to Ongar Place. It was a nail-biting finish and the trophy for 1st place was just a hare's whisker away from our hands and we were very proud to be Runners Up, out of 26 schools, in the Elmbridge Primary Schools Girls Rugby. We are extremely proud of the way the girls played. They were skilful, speedy and had some superb strategies. We were especially proud of their teamwork and dedication to each other. Their sense of fair play shone out and we were commended by the organisers and the refs for this. Well done girls, you have much to be proud of!

Fond Farewells, Cheery hellos and Congratulations!

We are saying a **fond farewell** and good luck to:



Mr O'Connor, who will be joining a new school in Waterlooville. We consider ourselves very lucky that Mr O'Connor continued to work at Cranmere for most of the year even though he was spending at least two and a half hours a day travelling to and from school! Thank you. We wish him and his wife much love and happiness in their new home and schools.

Mrs Thornton will be joining another Surrey school on a part time basis so that she can spend more time with her lovely family. Mrs Thornton has been teaching at Cranmere since 2011 so I know she will be missed in our community. Good luck Mrs Thornton and I am sure your new school already knows what a star they are getting!

Mrs Taylor, who has been supporting teachers' professional duties this year is leaving us to take up a full time teaching position. Mrs Taylor has been working in Cranmere for five years now. We wish you much continued happiness in your new school.

Miss Auld who is leaving us to begin training to become a teacher! We hope to see Miss Auld back at Cranmere one day! Good luck with your course.

Mrs Harris has been teaching in Swallows class as maternity cover. We thank Mrs Harris for the seamless way in which she joined and worked with us.

Miss Mathew has completed her year as an apprentice and is looking to go onto a different practice in September. We were very lucky to have her this year and we will miss her in every way. Thank you!



We are also saying a cheery hello and very warm Cranmere welcome to:

Miss Hack who will join us as a Year 1 teacher and she has already said how impressed she is with our children.

Miss Reinhold will be joining us as a Year 5 teacher. Miss Reinhold had a lovely afternoon when she came in last week and has said how excited she is to be joining Cranmere!

Mrs Smith, who will be supporting teachers' professional duties across the school has said that she is looking forward to joining the Cranmere team.

Mrs Davies will be joining our already exemplary office team with Mrs Sawyer and Mrs Peters.



I am sure you will join me in giving an enormous CONGRATULATIONS to **Miss Evans** (will become Mrs Graham), **Miss Burne** (will become Mrs Couch), **Miss Kavanagh** (will become Mrs McGough) and **Miss Reinhold** (will become Mrs Wright) who will all be getting married during the summer holidays. We hope that they all have a lovely day and one that will be filled with love, laughter and happiness!

This year also saw two of our *Governors* say goodbye after many years of *Governance* at Cranmere; **Mrs Mason and Mrs Hamilton**. We thank them both for their hard work and commitment to being *Governors* of Cranmere Primary School.



Mrs Jo Jackson is stepping down as Co-Chair of The Friends and Mrs Judy Maher is stepping down as Secretary after two years of energy and commitment. Many thanks to them both and to all committee members for the fantastic work they do for the children, staff and families in Cranmere Primary School!

Free Activities in London during the Summer

The City of London is being transported back to Roman London with Londinium: a season of gripping events and activities including a two day family event Art & Archaeology in the Amphitheatre. Centred around the City of London's Roman heritage, there will be plenty of fun and engaging activities ideally suited to children at KS2 studying Roman history. <http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/45615687-art-and-archaeology-in-the-amphitheatre-family-fun-days-at-guildhall-art-gallery#pkTF9TiFUJrJYD7p.97>

All the activities are free and take place 8-9 August. Highlights include:

The Big Dig: grab a hard hat and a trowel and join the team from the Museum of London to excavate the trenches of the Big Dig in Guildhall Yard. Experts will be on hand to show how to record, analyse, identify and interpret finds and, piece by piece, uncover the fascinating world of early Londoners. Join an object handling session and hold genuine Roman antiquities with a trained archaeologist in the Amphitheatre.

Caroline Lawrence: awarding-winning author of the children's best-selling book series The Roman Mysteries, will be leading workshops on how to write a Roman mystery. She'll explain how she finds her inspiration in art and objects, develops characters like Flavia and Nubia, and may even reveal a secret or two from her new Roman Quests series set in Roman Britain.

Art and craft: get crafty in the amphitheatre and make a Roman terracotta lamp based on Roman designs, fashion mosaics with tissue paper or even recreate the Roman London cityscape in an all-day drawing session.

Gladiators: the bloody thirsty entertainment of the ancient world, hear about the lives of gladiators and their experiences as they battled in the amphitheatre. Then, armour up in warrior attire and learn a few sword moves.

Liberiorum Londinium: each day starts with Liberiorum Londinium (Children's London), a family friendly walk that introduces children to life as a Roman citizen. Discover the remains of the Roman fort and what life was like as a militis (soldier), shop for foods that the Romans would have eaten, visit the entertainments at the amphitheatre, and learn a little Latin along the way.

Events will run throughout the day between 11am and 4.45pm. Please check the website for individual event dates and times. Spaces at all activities are limited and will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DATES for your Diary 2017 - 2018

NB Dates added since last newsletter are in **bold**

Autumn Term 2017

Mon 4 th Sept	INSET DAY – Staff only
Tues 5 th Sept	1st day of school for children (Reception children finish at 1.00pm this week)
Mon 11 th Sept	YR4 Swimming (first of 6 sessions)
Tues 12 th Sept	1st Friends Meeting 8pm at Marquis of Granby
Mon 25 th Sept	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 9.30am
Sat 30 th Sept	Welcome Tea Party for new families 10.30am – 12.00 noon in school
Sat 30 th Sept	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 11.00 am
Mon 9 th Oct	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 9.30 am
Thurs 19 th Oct	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parent Tours 1.30 pm
Mon 23 rd – Fri 27 th Oct	HALF TERM WEEK
Fri 3 rd Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 9.30 am
Mon 13 th Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 9.30 am

Thurs 30th Nov	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 11.00 am
Sat 2nd Dec	Cranmere Christmas Fair 12.00 noon until 3.00pm
Tues 5th Dec	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 9.30 am
Weds 6th Dec	Friends School Discos 2.30 – 7.00pm
Fri 15th Dec	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parent Tours 1.30 pm
Thurs 20th Dec	Panto- The Wizard of Oz (Oh yes it is!) Last day for children Nursery Closes at 1.45 pm & 2.00pm for rest of school
Fri 21st Dec	INSET DAY – Staff only
<u>Spring Term 2018</u>	
Thurs 4th Jan	Children return to school
Thurs 11th Jan	Open Morning for Prospective Parent Tours 11.00 am
Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb	HALF TERM
Thurs 15th Mar	Friends Quiz Night

Letters sent this week: