



**Cranmere Primary School and Nursery**  
**Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break last week and are ready for the second half of this Spring term. Looking at the diary it is already becoming very busy especially with the lead up to Easter when we will be having an Easter Egg competition in school.

It is with mixed feelings that we say Happy Retirement to **Mrs Sawyer** who has been with Cranmere for 17 years! We are sad to say farewell but pleased for her that she will be spending time with her family now and following other pursuits at her leisure. We gave Mrs Sawyer a well-earned fantastic send off in school yesterday which was very emotional for all of us but especially for her. We feel ourselves to be very fortunate to have had Mrs Sawyer on our staff team for so long and we wish her every happiness in her retirement. I am pleased to say that Mrs Sawyer will always be a member of the Cranmere family community and that she will be back from time to time to visit us. Mrs Peters has agreed to take the lead in our school office team with Mrs Dumonde supporting. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic team in our office. Wishing you all a dry and pleasant weekend. Kind regards, Kathie Daniels



Resilience	Resourcefulness	Respectful	Reflective	Responsible	Reasoning
<b>6Rs were awarded to:</b>					
<b>Strawberries:</b>	<b>Connor</b>		<b>Ladybirds:</b>	<b>Flossie</b>	
<b>Tigers:</b>	<b>Zac</b>	<b>Pumpkins:</b>	<b>Henry</b>	<b>Goldfish:</b>	<b>Matilda</b>
<b>Sunflowers:</b>	<b>Amelia</b>		<b>Buttercups:</b>	<b>Daniel</b>	
<b>Parakeets:</b>	<b>Lois</b>		<b>Turtles:</b>	<b>Lola</b>	
<b>Dolphins:</b>	<b>Alex</b>		<b>Bluebirds:</b>	<b>Amelia F</b>	
<b>Swallows:</b>	<b>Ben</b>		<b>Oceans:</b>	<b>Wiktorja</b>	
<b>Emperors:</b>	<b>Matilda</b>		<b>Amethysts:</b>	<b>Mani</b>	



Lunchtime Golden Book awards this week went to: Kai (Goldfish), Ryan (Pumpkins), Ellen (Tigers), Samara (Buttercups), Danny (Sunflowers), Bianca (Parakeets), Khloe (Turtles), Ethan (Bluebirds), Hadley (Dolphins), Evie (Swallows), Anouk (Amethysts) & Zara (Emperors). Thank you for being wonderful during lunchtimes in our playground!



Headteacher awards were presented this week to: Xanti, Khloe & Czibor (Turtles), Ozzy, Sophia & Henry (Emperors). Well done to all of you!

**Buttercups** are our attendance winners this week. Well done!

**Quad Kids Athletics County Final**

I am very proud to announce that **Issy (Emperors) & Ollie (Amethysts)** have been chosen to represent Esher District as a result of 'outstanding athletic ability in the events in which they participated' when they attended the Sports Hall Athletics in early February. Well done to you both!



**World Book Day Celebration at Cranmere - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. The children are invited to come into school on this day dressed as a character from a book. This year some of our children have suggested that we focus on particular books for our character ideas. Popular book choices named by children are as follows:

**Julia Donaldson, CS Lewis, Roald Dahl, Dr Seuss, Jill Murphy, Beatrix Potter, Lewis Carol, A.A Milne,**

**JK Rowling** and **Martin Hanford** (Author of the Where's Wally books). There will be prizes for the most creative and imaginative costumes in each year group which will be judged on the day. The aim of this day is to promote the enjoyment of reading and during this day the children will take part in a variety of fun reading and writing activities. They will also have an opportunity to talk about their favourite authors and books. All children will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for a book in any book shop. We hope this will be an enjoyable and memorable day for the children and we look forward to seeing them in their costumes.

To promote the enjoyment of reading in school we have David Fuller, the author of The Alfie Jones books, will be coming in to visit our KS2 children on Monday 12th March. He will spend an hour with each year group talking about his books and his experiences as an author. He will be selling his books on this day and if you would like to buy one an order form is attached to the end of this newsletter.

### Any spare seeds or cuttings?

We are planning to introduce more colourful plants into our green spaces within our school grounds and would be very grateful for any donations of seeds and/or cuttings. A big thank you to **Mrs Ford and Johnsons Seeds**. Mrs Ford wrote to Johnsons seeds to ask for a donation of seeds for our school and they kindly provided us with some flower and vegetable seeds. These will be planted in the warmer weather and will also support our Scientific topic of Growing. If you have any spare seeds please send them in to Mrs Daniels. All seed types are welcome and they will be given a good home! Thanks also to **Mr Wolfson** for his continued efforts to tame the Pyracantha at the front of our school.



### Please help keep our site litter free!



**Ivy & Grace in Dolphins Class** have been amazing litter pickers! Our school grounds are looking litter free because of all their efforts. Well done girls for your amazing work and dedication! The girls have asked that if parents bring treats for their children after school can everyone make sure the empty packet is placed in the bin rather than on the floor. They have been picking up quite a few empty mini Skittles bags and mini Haribo bags! Thank you

We have had a complaint from a neighbour in Blair Avenue of some anti-social behaviour ie. kicking of fences. We would ask all parents/carers to be extra vigilant at drop-off and pick-up and report any concerns to the school office. Many thanks.

**Claremont** collected the most House Points in February. Their reward is a mufti day. All children in **Claremont** house may come to school in mufti on the last Friday of March (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March).

### Letters sent home this week:

1. Y3/Y4 Production
2. Easter Egg Competition



Hi Everyone, Hope you had a great half term holiday. We have some dates to note in the next half term as well as an exciting new event for the summer term!

Tickets for the fun and fabulous Quiz Night on Thursday 15th March go on sale on Monday 26th Feb, next week! If you haven't already done so, please get your teams organised - due to increased numbers, we are asking one team member to complete a form from the office detailing team members' names. Ticket prices are £12.50 each which includes fish and chips and a glass of prosecco. Here's a quick brainteaser to wet your appetite: *What was the first thing to be broadcast in colour on TV in the UK?* Answer to follow next week ...

On Friday March 2nd, a book stall will run alongside the cake sale after school for World Book Day. Please come along and have a look.

SAVE THE DATE: SAT 28TH APRIL, Cranmere Friends Party, 8pm till late!! More details to follow.

The children have been busy doing self-portraits for the latest Cranmere tea towels by year group. These will make a lovely Easter gift for relatives or a great keepsake for yourself. Please look out for an email detailing how

to order - they will sell for £3.50 each or 3 for £10.

#### Did you know?

Last year, Friends raised over £22k for the school - this was spent on revamping the library with new books and furniture, providing much-needed new rugs for year 1, playground markings, along with various other initiatives that the children have enjoyed. If you think you might be interested in joining Friends and finding out more about what we do, please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 6th March at the Marquis of Granby, Esher. Everyone is very welcome, we are a friendly group and would love to meet you! However much or little time you have to spare is much appreciated.

Finally congratulations to Lisa who was last week's lottery winner. [Cranmerefriends@hotmail.com](mailto:Cranmerefriends@hotmail.com)

### DATES for your Diary 2017-2018

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

#### SPRING TERM 2018

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y6 Height and Weight Screening Swimming starts for year 3
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Viking Workshop for Y5 in school
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Cranmere Book Day. Dress as your favourite book character
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y1 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Book Fair
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Friends Quiz Night
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country Championships
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Consultations 3.30pm - 6.00pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parents Consultations 5.30pm - 7.30pm Year 3 & 4 Production Dress Rehearsal 2pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	<b>Claremont mufti day</b>
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Reception Parents Phonics Drop in session 11.00 - 11.30am (1<sup>st</sup> Session)</b>
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Y6 WWF Woking <b>Reception Parents Phonics Drop in session 11.00 - 11.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Session)</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Reception Parents Phonics Drop in session 11.00 - 11.30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Session)</b> Year 3 & 4 Production 6pm
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	<b>Easter Egg Theme Competition</b> <b>End of Spring Term - Nursery closes at 1.45pm &amp; main school at 2.00pm</b>

#### SUMMER TERM 2018

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Children return to school</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St. George's Day - Dress as a dragon competition or wear red/white (for a donation to Friends)
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Cranmere Friends Party 8pm to late</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed for the day
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Royal Wedding - Dress as a king/prince/queen or princess for the day (for donation to Friends)
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 to Hindleap Warren 7.30am departure (further details to follow)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day - Staff only to attend
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to Isle of Wight
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception to Ladyland Farm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Cranmere Summer Fair 12-3pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y1 to Wisley
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to Clapham Magistrates Court
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term

# Author visit



On Monday 12th March, children's author David Fuller will be visiting Cranmere Primary School to talk to the KS2 children about his popular Alfie Jones series and explain what inspires him as a writer. He will also be reading a chapter from his first book and asking the children to engage in some role playing activities.

The Alfie Jones series centres around a football-mad boy whose chance meeting with a mysterious fortune teller at a fun-fair is set to alter the course of his life. Please visit the website: [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) for more information.

David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a copy.



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# Pre-order your **Alfie Jones** books today

Children's author David Fuller will be in school on Monday 12th March 2018, talking to the Key Stage 2 Children about his life as a writer. During the day signed and dedicated copies of his books will be available at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5).

There will be books available on the day, or you can reserve one now by completing this form and getting your child to bring it together with the correct money, or a cheque made payable to David Fuller, before the visit.

Please visit the website: [www.alfie-jones.co.uk](http://www.alfie-jones.co.uk) for more information.

Child's name & class	
Dedicate book(s) to	

TITLE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Alfie Jones and a Change of Fortune (book 1)	_____	£4.50	_____
Alfie Jones and a Test of Character (book 2)	_____	£4.50	_____
Alfie Jones and the Missing Link (book 3)	_____	£4.50	_____
Alfie Jones and the Uncertain Future (book 4)	_____	£4.50	_____
Alfie Jones and the Big Decision (book 5)	_____	£4.50	_____
Choice of any 4 books (please state which 4)	_____	£15	_____

Please make cheques payable to David Fuller

