



Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 5th October

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Saturday we hosted our Welcome Tea for all the new reception parents. The sun was shining and it was lovely to see all the adults and children enjoying the fun and games. Thank you to the Friends for organising this event for our new families. We were also very pleased to show around many prospective parents on this day who were full of praise for our beautiful school building and all of the children's work on display.

This week has been very exciting as Year 6 turned into Ancient Greeks for the day. There were some excellent costumes as always! Swallow class went to Reads School to participate in their heat of the Launch Car Challenge. Using their woodwork skills, they designed and produce rocket power cars. I hear there were some excellent designs. Well done!

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. Kind regards, Kathie Daniels

Resilience	Resourcefulness	Respectful	Reflective	Responsible	Reasoning
6Rs were awarded to:					
Pumpkins:	Teo		Goldfish:	Lina	
Sunflowers:	Zachary L	Buttercups:	Michael	Daffodils:	Oscar B
Parakeets:	Bea		Turtles:	Grace	
Dolphins:	Leila		Bluebirds:	Joselyn	
Oceans:	Mia		Swallows:	Jack	
Emperors:	Sam		Amethysts:	Wiktorija	



Lunchtime Golden Book Awards for this week:

Georgia (Goldfish), Sienna (Pumpkins), Ava (Buttercups), Dexter (Parakeets), Samara A (Turtles), Poppy (Dolphins), Vita (Bluebirds), Finn (Oceans), Harry (Swallows), Cameron (Amethysts) & Ollie (Emperors). Thank you for being so wonderful in our playground!



Headteacher Awards this week were presented to the following children: Mark (Daffodils), Noah (Sunflowers), Sienna, Cassia, Fred & Robert (Bluebirds). Well done to all of you!

Pumpkins are our attendance winners this week with 100% attendance. Well done!



As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we will be collecting for Your Sanctuary, a domestic abuse refuge, and East Elmbridge Food Bank.

We are asking for donations of bin liners, cleaning products, toiletries, non perishable food (not baked beans) that have 6 months or more on the best before date.

Please bring your donations to the office by **Wednesday 10th October**.

Claremont collected the most house points in September. Their reward is a mufti day. All children in **Claremont** may come to school in mufti next Friday, 12th October.

We are holding a Reading Workshop for parents with children in Reception and KS1 on 7th November 3.20pm to 4.20pm. There will be a sheet to sign up to this workshop during parents evening.



Dear Parents,

To start off the new school year we would like to give the children the opportunity to showcase their creative writing skills by taking part in this terms exciting poetry competitions.

This terms 'Young Writers' for our younger, Key Stage 1 children is entitled 'Poetry Patrol'. It invites them to write a riddle, an acrostic or a sense poem around the theme of animals, seasons, dreams or people. A video is available to download from www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/poetry-patrol which introduces the children to the activity. If you would like to enter this competition, you can pick up an entry form from the school office or download it from the website. The deadline for entries is **19th October**. Everyone that enters will receive a certificate, bookmark and a sticker. Winning entries will also have their poem published in a book. They will receive a copy of this book as well as a Poetry Patrol backpack. More information can be found at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/poetry-patrol

This terms Young Writers poetry competition for our older children is entitled 'Poetry Wonderland'. This wonderful opportunity invites pupils to let their imaginations run wild and poems, which can be handwritten or typed, can be based on any theme and in any poetic style they choose. The deadline for entries is **19th October**. Our school has the chance to win the 'Young Writers Award of Excellence', to showcase at school as well as a huge bundle of books for the library and everyone that enters will receive a certificate. The best 10 winners will also win a goodie bag and have their poems published in a book, which they will also get a copy of. More information, as well as a video to help them to start thinking of ideas can be found at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/poetry-wonderland

We encourage the children to take part in these competitions as they are fantastic opportunities for them to practise the writing skills they are learning in a purposeful way. It also gives them the opportunity to have their work published. Good luck to all our Young Writers.

Letters sent home this week:

Parents Evening information letter



Many thanks to everyone who attended the Welcome Tea on Saturday, the weather was kind to us and it was lovely having a chat with many of the new parents and seeing the children playing with their new friends.

If you put your name down on Saturday as someone who would like to get involved with Friends, you'll be hearing from us very soon.

Our next event ...

If you are thinking about planning a social with the class parents before Christmas, then look no further than our disco at Colet's Fitness Club [on Saturday November 17th from 8pm](#) with excellent DJ Kobie taking your requests. We did a very similar night back in April and it proved very popular.

Tickets will be available very soon and are limited so will be sold on a first come first serve basis, so get yours quickly if you don't want to miss out!

Cake Sales - Nut Allergies

We are always very grateful to receive cake donations so thank you and please keep them coming!

However, we would appreciate it if you could check packaging carefully as some shops have changed their allergy advice. If packaging states 'not suitable for nut allergy sufferers', please refrain from donating these cakes as we have children who suffer from nut allergies at Cranmere.

Winners!

Congratulations to this week's lottery winner

Donna.

You can be a lottery winner too for just £1 a week - please see below link for more details.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/cranmere-primary-school>

Congratulations also to Katherine who was the winner of the Friends Facebook competition, Katherine won herself a lovely bottle of prosecco for liking the Friends competition page and following us on Facebook (we are known as 'Friends of Cranmere Primary School' if you would like to follow us and haven't already done so).

Did you know?

We will be selling preloved uniform at both parents' evening sessions on Monday October 15th and Wednesday October 17th so if you are in need of some items for the colder weather or your child has lost things already (oh no!), this is your chance to restock for a small charge.

Many thanks

The Friends Committee

DATES for your Diary 2018-2019

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

<u>Autumn Term 2018</u>	
8 th to 12 th Oct	Y6 Bikeability
Tues 9 th Oct	Open morning for prospective Reception Admission Sept 2019 9.30am
	Y2 Florence Nightingale Day
Fri 12th Oct	Claremont mufti day
Mon 15 th Oct	Parents Evening 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Tues 16 th Oct	Y2 to National Army Museum in Chelsea
Weds 17 th Oct	Parents Evening 5.00pm until 7.30pm
Thurs 18 th & Fri 19 th Oct	Y2 Pedals Cycle Training
	Mon 22 nd Oct - Fri 26 th Oct HALF TERM
Mon 29 th Oct	INSET DAY - Staff only
Wed 31 st Oct	Closing date for Secondary School applications
Fri 2 nd Nov	Y4 to Butser Ancient Farm (date TBC)
	Y1 to Guildford Museum
Mon 5 th Nov	Open afternoon for prospective Reception Admission Sept 2019 2pm Y4 swimming starts
Wed 7th Nov	Reception & KS1 Reading Workshop 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Wed 14 th Nov	Whole school French Day
Weds 21 st Nov	Open morning for prospective Reception Admission Sept 2019 9.30am
Tues 27 th Nov	Nasal Flu vaccinations for Rec - Y5
Sat 1 st Dec	Cranmere Christmas Fair 12 noon until 3pm
Thurs 6 th Dec	Y5 (Oceans) to Reeds – Car Challenge
Mon 10 th Dec	Y3 & Y5 to Pantomime in Woking (Oh yes we are!)
Wed 12 th Dec	Nursery Nativity. Time TBC
Fri 14 th Dec	Reception & Y1 Nativity 2pm (NB: Year 2 will lead a production in the Summer term)
Mon 17 th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Carol Service rehearsal 10-12 at All Saints Weston
	Years 5 & 6 Carol Service at All Saints Weston 6.00pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Pantomime in school 9-10am
	Last day of Autumn Term: Nursery closes at 1.45 and rest of school at 2pm
Wed 19 th Dec	INSET DAY - Staff only

<u>Spring Term 2019</u>	
Thurs 3 rd Jan	Spring Term Starts. Children return to school
Thurs 10 th Jan	Open morning for prospective Reception Admission Sept 2019 2.00pm
Tues 15 th Jan	Closing date for Primary School applications (to start in Reception in Sept)
Fri 18 th Jan	Dodgeball tournament in Hall
Tues 5 th Feb	Y6 (Emperors) to WWF Woking
Thurs 14 th Feb	Y6 (Amethysts) to WWF Woking
Thurs 14 th & Fri 15 th Feb	Y4 Bikeability
	HALF TERM Mon 18 th Feb—Fri 22 nd Feb
Mon 4 th March	Closing date for Nursery applications
Tues 12 th March	Reception and Y1 Perform Drama Workshop am
Mon 18 th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wed 20 th March	Parents Evening 5pm-7.30pm
Fri 22 nd March	Y2 Perform Drama Workshop
Fri 5 th April	Last day of Spring Term. Nursery closes at 1.45pm. Rest of school 2pm
<u>Summer Term 2019</u>	
Tues 23 rd April	Summer Term Starts. Children return to school
Mon 6 th May	May Bank Holiday. School closed.
Sat 11 th May	Cranmere Friends' May Ball
Mon 13 th May	Y6 SATs week
Thurs 23 rd & Fri 24 th May	Y4 Residential at Hindleap Warren
	HALF TERM Mon 27 th May-Fri 31 st May
Mon 3 rd June	INSET DAY—Staff only
Thurs 6 th June	Y6 to Pizza Express in Esher am (1 class)
Thurs 4 th July	District Sports Track Events
Fri 5 th July	Sports Day Reception & KS1 9-11.00 & KS2 1.00—3.00pm
Wed 10 th July	Y5 & Y6 Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Thurs 11 th July	Y6 to Pizza Express in Esher am (2nd class)
	Y5 & Y6 Production 6.30pm
Fri 12 th July	Sports Day (Reserve Date)
Mon 15 th July	Y2 Summer Performance am
Wed 17 th July	Moving Up Morning
Tues 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am
	Last day of Summer Term:Nursery closes at 1.45pm.Rest of school 2pm
Wed 24 th July	INSET DAY—Staff Only