



Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 8th February 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We received a letter this week from the Department of Education congratulating the staff and pupils on the very high levels of progress our pupils made in their end of Key Stage assessments last year. We have attached the letter for you to read. Whilst we are proud of our children's progress we continue to strive to help our children achieve the very best they can and for that effort I am proud of my entire staff team and of the support we receive from so many of you, our families.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Kathie Daniels

Resilience	Resourcefulness	Respectful	Reflective	Responsible	Reasoning
6Rs were awarded to:					
Pumpkins:	Charlotte		Goldfish:	Lola	
Sunflowers:	Lexie	Buttercups:	Jessica	Daffodils:	Ella
Parakeets:	Lena		Turtles:	Jack	
Dolphins:	Ben		Bluebirds:	Dayna	
Oceans:	Harvey		Swallows:	Charlie	
Emperors:	Tom		Amethysts:	Niamh	



Lunchtime Golden Book Awards for this week: **Mieszko (Goldfish), Henry (Buttercups), Toby (Daffodils), Kai (Sunflowers), Arthur We (Turtles), Peter (Bluebirds) and Tom (Amethysts).**

Thank you for being so wonderful in our playground!

Headteacher Award's this week have been given to: Isla (Strawberries), Aaron and Gabriela (Buttercups) and Harry (Sunflowers). Well done to you all!

Amethyst are our attendance winners this week. Sam Bear will enjoy his time with you. Well done!



We are proud to announce that we have been awarded Surrey Healthy Schools status at Bronze level!

'Go Orange' for Muscular Dystrophy Day raised £303.94 Thank you for your kind donations.

A win for Cranmere!

On Tuesday 5th February we played St Lawrence School in an away game of netball. The squad played extremely well with some beautiful passing and great whole court coverage. The first goal was scored by Keeley and then Cassie managed to score two in the second quarter. By the fourth quarter it was a close 3-2 but Cranmere pulled ahead thanks to Amelia's goal in the fourth quarter. The final score was 4- 2 to Cranmere. Many thanks go to all the parents and grandparents who helped to transport the children and also all the staff whose hard work in enabled this to happen. **Well done to Jude S (Captain), Amelia, Wiktorina, Cassie, Keeley, Tom, James and Niamh. You were fabulous ambassadors for our school and we are all very proud of you!** My thanks to Mrs Lascaris and Mrs Hastie.

World Book Day- 7th March 2019

It's that time of year again and for World Book day this year we have a very exciting opportunity for the children! Author **Debi Evans** will be coming in to share her own experiences of being a writer and to provide some writing tips for the children. Debi's books ' *The Secret Adventures of Rolo*' are about her Jack Russel dog who goes on a variety of time travelling adventures. We hope that the stories she tells help to inspire and excite our children about their own writing. Debi's books will be available to buy should you wish to. Further details and order forms will be sent out nearer the time and more information about Debi Evans can be found at <https://www.debievans.com/>.

Linking to this, our theme this year is going to be '**Animal Book Characters**'. The children are invited to come in on **7th March** dressed as their favourite animal character. Ideas may include the Cheshire cat from *Alice in Wonderland*, *The Hungry Caterpillar*, the tortoise from *Esio Trot* or the tiger from the *Tiger Who came to tea*. There are many more to choose from but please do try to make sure the character is from a book and not from a film.

In addition to this we will also be holding a fun and creative reading competition. We would like the children to bring in photo of themselves reading with an animal. This could include curling up and reading to the cat by the fire or reading to the pet Goldfish. They may even like to try and link the book with the animal, for example reading *Black Beauty* at the Stables or reading *The sheep Pig* at a farm. All photos will be used as part of a reading display and there will be prizes for the most unusual or imaginative ideas. During the day, the children will take part in lots of fun reading and writing activities linked to our theme. They will also receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for a book (from a small selection) in any bookstore.

The aim of World Book day is to promote the enjoyment of reading. We hope the children have a fantastic day. Thank you in advance for this. We look forward to seeing all their fabulous costumes and pictures!



Casual Staff Required

Our Catering Supplier, Pabulum, is looking for casual staff. Below is the link to the position of Casual catering assistant. They are taking on a team in the area to service 3 schools: Epsom & Ewell High, Hinchley Wood Primary and Cranmere. <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/details/1479984>

Assembly Themes this week were:

- ⇒ Positive Behaviour Choices
- ⇒ E-safety
- ⇒ Singing
- ⇒ Importance of Vocabulary

Bulletin Board

Two new items have been added to the Board this week. **Surbiton Hockey Club** are running a **half term hockey camp** and **All Saints Weston** are having a **Ssh Free Service on 10th Feb**. For more details please click on the link below. <http://www.cranmereprimary.org.uk/document-library/category/30-bulletin-board.html>

Letters sent home this week:

- ⇒ Department for Education Letter

The Parenting Puzzle

Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions - and The Parenting Puzzle provides them. The Parenting Puzzle encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children and get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding children so they can learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour.

The course is informal, fun and a great confidence booster and suitable for families with children of all ages. Open to Parents, Grandparents and Carers.

£50 per course, which includes the accompanying book - free places available, please ask, we don't turn anyone away. Refreshments available

Coffee afternoon to find out more, on Wednesday 24th April 12:30-1:30pm

Course starts Wednesday 1st May 12:30-2:30 for 10 weeks, break for half term

Please ask for more details and to register your interest!

Lower Green Community Centre, Farm Road, Esher, Surrey KT10 8AU Free parking!

For more details call Teresa Doe 07871079205 or email t.doe@orchard.surrey.sch.uk or Michelle Tucker michelleatucker@aol.com

Hi Everyone

It was great to meet everyone at the coffee morning on Tuesday this week. Thank you for taking the time to come along, we very much hope to see more of you at the Friends get-togethers in future.

We now have a date for the **drinks evening** for anyone who couldn't make it and would like to catch up. That date is Thursday 7th March, from 8pm at The Greyhound in Esher.

Great to see such so much interest in the Quiz Night - we have already sold out! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Film Club tickets went on sale yesterday. If your child would like to attend, please take the exact cash (£3.50) to the office in a sealed envelope together with the form the office sent out and your child's name.

As a reminder, dates are :

Reception - Tuesday 5th March

Year 2 - Wednesday 6th March

Year 1 - Thursday 7th March

Years 3-6 - Tuesday 12th March

Please note the deadline for handing in forms is Wednesday February 27th. **No forms** will be accepted after this date. For Reception children, there are only 40 spaces - places will be given on a first come first served basis. We have already received several forms!

May Ball tickets go on sale on Monday March 11th for the event of the year on Saturday May 11th! Please put both dates in your diary now.

The venue is booked, the entertainment ordered, the meal choices made, all we need now is you / the guest list!

School Lottery. Many congratulations to this week's lottery winner, Sommer!

The lottery was a good source of income for the school last year as well as being a nice little earner for the winners. We are delighted to have met someone at our coffee morning this week who is going to help promote it. Watch this space for more info about the lottery!

Did you know?

In May this year, we are aiming to do another Clothes Aid collection. It's a little way a way time-wise, but if you are thinking of having a clear-out at some point, it could be worth saving any old clothes to donate to our Clothes Aid and help raise funds for the school at the same time.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Friends Committee cranmerefriends@hotmail.com

DATES for your Diary 2018-2019

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

<u>Spring Term 2019</u>	
Tues 12th Feb	Y2 African Workshops
Thurs 14th Feb	Y5 Viking Workshop
	Y6 (Amethysts) to WWF Woking
Thurs 14th Feb	Y4 Bikeability 1 (Bluebirds)
Fri 15th Feb	Y4 Bikeability 1 (Dolphins)
	HALF TERM Mon 18th Feb—Fri 22nd Feb
Mon 25th Feb	Y5 start six weeks of swimming lessons
Thurs 28th Feb	Y3 & Y4 Showcase (readings, singing, etc) — 2pm. Parents welcome.
Fri 1st March	Y3 & Y4 Showcase (readings, singing, etc) — 9am. Parents welcome.
Mon 4th March	Closing date for Nursery applications
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day
Tues 12th March	Reception and Y1 Perform Drama Workshop am
Friday 15th March	Y6 (Emperors) to WWF Woking
Mon 18th March	Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wed 20th March	Parents Evening 5pm-7.30pm
Fri 22nd March	Y2 Perform Drama Workshop
Fri 29th March	Y1 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 3rd April	Y2 Assembly 9am
Fri 5th April	Last day of Spring Term. Nursery closes at 1.45pm. Rest of school 2pm
	Easter Holidays 8th April—22nd April inclusive
<u>Summer Term 2019</u>	
Tues 23rd April	Summer Term Starts. Children return to school
Monday 29th April	Y3 start six weeks of swimming lessons
Mon 6th May	May Bank Holiday. School closed.

Sat 11th May	Cranmere Friends' May Ball
Mon 13th May	Y6 SATs week
Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th May	Y4 Residential at Hindleap Warren
Fri 24th May	Y3 to Hampton Court Palace
	HALF TERM Mon 27th May-Fri 31st May
Mon 17th to Fri 21st June	Y6 residential to Isle of Wight
Thurs 27th June	Y5 to Juniper Hall
Fri 28th June	Y1 to Wisley Gardens
Thurs 4th July	District Sports Track Events
Fri 5th July	Sports Day Reception & KS1 9-11.00 & KS2 1.00—3.00pm
Wed 10th July	Y5 & Y6 Production—Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Thurs 11th July	Y6 to Pizza Express in Esher am (2nd class)
	Y5 & Y6 Production 6.30pm
Fri 12th July	Sports Day (Reserve Date)
Mon 15th July	Y2 Summer Performance am
Wed 17th July	Moving Up Morning
Tues 23rd July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am
	Last day of Summer Term:Nursery closes at 1.45pm.Rest of school 2pm
Wed 24th July	INSET DAY—Staff Only
	Summer Holidays 25th July—3rd September inclusive
Start of academic year 2019/20	
Wed 4th Sept	INSET DAY—Staff only
Thurs 5th Sep	Start of term for children
Weds 18th Dec	Last day for children - 1:30pm closure
Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Dec	INSET DAYS—Staff only to attend