



Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 13th December 2019
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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing end of term we have had and there is still more to come! Our Christmas productions this week from our children in EYFS and KS1 were delightful. We have some truly talented singers and actors! Our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 teams are preparing for their carol service on Monday and already the singing has been excellent. I do hope that many of you will be able to attend as I know that it will be a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

As this will be our last newsletter for this term may I thank all of our families for their support. This support comes in so many different ways; from donations to helping out in school. Our children are able to be a part of so many additional learning experiences as a result of your help and kind donations. Thank you!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas filled with much love and happiness.
 Kind regards, Kathie Daniels



Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Save The Children today by wearing a Christmas Jumper. The school raised over **£712**— a tremendous achievement!

Fond farewell and Welcome

At the end of term we will be sadly saying goodbye to **Mrs Gooden**, our SEN co-ordinator, who after four years at Cranmere, has decided to take a break from teaching. We wish her all the best for the future and we hope she enjoys her break before starting her new job.

In January, we will be welcoming **Mrs Walstow**, our new Inclusion Leader. She has already spent a day with us and is really looking forward to working with children across the school. Mrs Walstow will be undertaking Gate duties during the week so you will be able to say hello and welcome.

We had an amazing array of very tasty foods entered into our **Cranmere Bake Off** competition last Friday. Over twenty of our staff were involved in the judging and Jenny, our school cook gave the final judgements. It was very difficult to choose between the foods as they were all fabulous. They were tasted and viewed for presentation without the names or ages of the children visible to ensure fairness. I am pleased to announce the winners and runners up as:

EYFS Winner Seren (Ladybirds)

Years 1 & 2 Winner - Lina (Buttercups), **Runner up** - Thomas (Tigers)

Years 3 & 4 Winner - Lexie (Parakeets), **Joint Runner up** - Ziad (Turtles) and Evie M (Parakeets)

Years 5 & 6 Winner - Kiera (Swallows), **Joint Runner up** - Emily & Max (Emperors)

As a thank you to all of our entrants, they are all invited to a cookery lesson in school led by Jenny our school cook and myself with Miss Brand. The date will be set for the new year in January. We will run two sessions and we will confirm the dates in January. Thank you to all our families who supported their child to enter this competition. We are planning another event in the summer term.

Resilience	Resourcefulness	Respectful	Reflective	Responsible	Reasoning 6Rs
were awarded to:					
Goldfish:	Jaya	Pumpkins:	Charlotte	Tigers:	Aysla
Buttercups:	Romeo		Daffodils:	Ena	
Emeralds:	Teresa	Parakeets:	Lottie	Turtles:	Mark
Dolphins:	Rufus		Bluebirds:	Samara	
Oceans:	Charley		Swallows:	Scarlett	
Emperors:	Emily		Amethysts:	Thomas	

Lunchtime Golden Book Awards for this week:



Annabel (Goldfish), Jasmine (Pumpkins), Thomas H (Tigers), Oscar & Oliver W (Buttercups), Ollie (Daffodils), Ava (Emeralds), Zachariah W (Parakeets), Zac W (Turtles), Willow (Bluebirds), Thomas (Dolphins), Nathan (Oceans) and Czcibor (Swallows). Thank you for being so wonderful in our playground!

Parakeets were our attendance winners this week. Sam Bear will enjoy spending time in **Year 3**. Well done to you all!

We would like to apologise for the error in last week's newsletter. Tigers were in fact the Travel Tracker winners for November with 28 badges awarded, not Bluebirds and Emperors as we stated last week.

Bulletin Board New on the board this week are the details of the Nostalgic Film Clubs Magical Movies event on 22nd Dec in Claygate where they are showing Elf, Home Alone and Love Actually.
<http://www.cranmereprimary.org.uk/document-library/category/30-bulletin-board.html>

Spelling workshop for parents

We will be holding a spelling workshop for parents on **Friday 17th January at 2.30pm**. The aim of this session is to discuss how we teach spelling at school and to provide you with some strategies for supporting your children with spelling at home. There will also be an opportunity to discuss how you are finding spelling homework and to ask any questions you may have regarding this. The session will last approximately 45 minutes and is open to parents from Years 1-6. We look forward to seeing you there

Our choir, singing 12 days of Christmas, have entered Eagle Radio's Christmas carol competition. Please click on the link to hear them sing and to vote. <https://www.eagleradio.co.uk/listings/christmas-carols-2019/>

Assemblies this week:

Parliament Outreach—role of school councillors; Genie Lab Science Club and Celebration Assembly.

We would like to remind our families that we are only able to administer medicines that are prescribed by a Doctor. To reduce the amount of teaching/admin time taken up with giving children medicines, going forward, medicines will only be administered at either 11.30am or 1.30pm. Please note the preferred time on the form when handing in the medicine to the school office. Thank you.

Clubland is an external organisation who run a breakfast club and an after-school club here at Cranmere throughout the term. It is completely separate from the school and even has it's own entrance and exit door which can be reached via the front path.

If you would like your child to attend on an hoc or more permanent basis, please note that you must register with them in advance. For more information and prices, please contact Karen Fitzwater on 020 8979 3100 or e-mail karen@clubland-playscheme.com or visit: www.clubland-playscheme.com

Thank you to everyone who helped raise **£111.84** for this year's Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We would like to remind all parents with children starting school in September 2020 that the deadline for applying for a Reception place is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**.

Just a reminder that The Sun's book token collection scheme is still going on where primary schools can earn Collins BIG CAT books. If you know any neighbours/relatives who have access to the newspaper, we would love their tokens. A collection box is in the foyer. Thank you.

Letters home this week

- KS2 Genie Lab Science Club



Wow what a busy term! We're pleased to announce the totals raised at our two Christmas events - our Shopping Extravaganza raised **£1,500** and our Christmas Fair raised **£3,700**. Once again, huge thanks to all who helped with these events. Please put 29th February in your diaries for our Leap Year Disco - adults night out. More information to follow soon. We hope you all have an amazing Christmas and enjoy the school break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019—2020

NB. Dates added since last newsletter are in bold

Mon 16th Dec	Last day for Nursery (Puffins class) Years 3 & 4 Carol Concert at 2.30pm in School Hall Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert venue All Saints Weston Green 5.30pm
Weds 18th Dec	Whole School Panto (Oh yes it is!) Christmas Lunch Last day for children 1.30pm closure
Thurs 19th & Fri 20th Dec	INSET DAYS—Staff only to attend
<u>Spring Term 2020</u>	
Mon 6th Jan	Start of term for children
Fri 10th Jan	New Reception Parent Tour 9.30am
Tues 14th January	Y3 Stone Age Day
Wed 15th January	Deadline for applying for a Reception place for September 2020
Thurs 16th Jan	Y4 Romans Assembly 9am. Parents welcome School Nurse Sessions available to book via School Office
Mon 20th & Tues 21st Jan	Life Bus—Y1, Y3 and Y5
Tues 28th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Assembly 9am. Parents welcome
Fri 31st Jan	Y1 Where in the UK is Baxter Bear Workshops
Fri 31st Jan	Y6 Greek Workshops
Thurs 13th Feb	Parents Evening 1.20-7.00pm Please note the change of date HALF TERM 17th Feb—21st Feb
Wed 26th Feb	Y5 Space Assembly 9am. Parents welcome
Fri 28th Feb	Y4 swimming lessons start (five weeks)
Mon 2nd March	Y2 Great Fire of London Assembly 9am. Parents welcome
Mon 9th March	Y5 Viking Workshops
Fri 27th March	Y1 to Brooklands Museum Y3 to Hampton Court Palace
Tues 31st March	Y1 Brooklands Theme Assembly 9am. Parents welcome
Fri 3rd April	Last day for children—1.30pm closure
<u>Summer Term 2020</u>	
Mon 20th April	Start of term for children
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday (moved from Monday 4th May) HALF TERM 25th May—29th May
Thurs 20th & Fri 21st May	Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Tues 21st July	Last day for children—1.30pm closure
Wed 22nd July	INSET DAY—Staff only
<u>Autumn Term 2020</u>	
Tues 1st Sept	INSET DAY Staff Only. NB 4 other INSET days to be confirmed.