



Cranmere Primary School and Nursery
Headteacher's Newsletter Friday 10th January 2020
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope all our families had a lovely break over the Christmas period and that you are all well. The children were so excited to be back this week and have been sharing all their Christmas news with me and their friends.

Thank you to all our families for the kind words, cards and gifts received by my staff team and me at the end of term. It was very generous of you.

As we move forward into 2020 please keep abreast of key events and dates for school activities by regularly reading the events posted in our weekly newsletter as well as the dairy dates which we continually add to as and when we book activities.

Esher High School are currently consulting on a change of their catchment area and would welcome views from Cranmere families. Please do take the time to look at this and respond as it affects our families who live outside of the current Esher High catchment area. I have added the link to Esher Highs website front page where you can read the consultation. <https://www.esherhigh.surrey.sch.uk/>

Wishing all of our families an happy and prosperous new year!

Kind regards, Kathie Daniels

Resilience	Resourcefulness	Respectful	Reflective	Responsible	Reasoning 6Rs
were awarded to:					
Goldfish:	Charlotte	Pumpkins:	Michael	Tigers: Finn	
Buttercups:	Laura		Daffodils:	Yasmin	
Emeralds:	Leo	Parakeets:	Amara	Turtles: Joshua	
Dolphins:	Summer		Bluebirds:	Ava	
Oceans:	Isaac		Swallows:	Lina	
Emperors:	Finn		Amethysts:	Phoebe	

Lunchtime Golden Book Awards for this week:



Arwen (Goldfish), Theo (Pumpkins), Poppy (Tigers), Lina (Buttercups), Connor (Daffodils), Teresa (Emeralds), Freddie (Parakeets), Tess (Turtles), Rebecca (Bluebirds), Elvinas (Dolphins), Sebastian (Oceans) and Bea (Swallows). Thank you for being so wonderful in our playground!

Buttercups were our attendance winners this week with 100% attendance. Sam Bear will enjoy spending time in **Year 2**. Well done to you all!

Reminder — Earrings worn in school

Whilst we appreciate that some of our children have received some beautiful earrings as Christmas presents this year, some of the ear-rings worn to school this week are not appropriate for school. If earrings are worn they need to be easily removed and stored by the child or the parent and they must be either small studs or flat against the ear. This is to stop hair becoming tangled or the earring being caught during a game or curriculum activity when children are working together with equipment.

As stated in a recent newsletter, earrings must be removed prior to participation in a PE lesson. As part of our school's efforts to increase positive mental health and well-being of children, we have included a greater emphasis of well-being within our PE curriculum and as such to be excluded from PE (1 hr twice a week) as a result of ear-rings not being taken out is not in a child's best interests. Thus we respectfully ask that in order to avoid your child missing out on education that you use the start of the summer holiday to have any ear piercings carried out.

We sincerely appreciate the support we have from parents in this matter and your continued support.

Thursday 16th January is Favourites Day. All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be provided with a hot school meal on this day even if they normally bring in a packed lunch. There is no charge. The menu will be: British Beef Burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish and hand cut potato wedges; Vegetarian Burger in a bun with homemade tomato relish and hand cut potato wedges; Sweetcorn and BBQ coleslaw; Jacket potato with grated cheese or tuna mayonnaise; Carrot cake with custard; Fresh fruit plater; Fresh yoghurt. If your child is in Y3-Y6 and normally has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on Thursday, please let the office know as soon as possible. The cost of the meal will be £2.30. Many thanks.

Bush Fires in Australia and Muscular Dystrophy UK Fundraising Mufti Days

We have had two suggestions of support brought to school by our children and from families. As all of our children and families are aware, the devastation caused to families and communities in Australia as a result of the bush fires is immense. We would like to show our support by raising money to donate to the charities to support families and communities who have lost their homes. We are planning to link our fundraising with Australia Day so would like to invite all our children to come to school dressed in an **Australian theme** on **Friday 24th January** in exchange for a donation.

Go Bright for the Fight—Go Orange for the day to support Muscular Dystrophy on **Friday 7th February**. Children are invited to wear orange or a bright colour in exchange for a donation to Muscular Dystrophy UK. We look forward to having two fun days in school, raising money for two worthwhile causes.

Childline has launched Calm Zone - an online hub of calming techniques and resources for young people to help them feel better when they feel anxious, scared or sad.

Click on this link to go to the website <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

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

Assemblies this week: I love Reading!; Australian bush fires; singing assembly; an introduction to Mrs Walstow (our new SEN coordinator) and Celebration assembly.

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Save The Children when we held our Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. The final figure was £717.69 which was a tremendous achievement.

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**. Please remember that even if your child is in our Nursery you still need to apply for a Reception place directly through Surrey Admissions.

The school nurse will be on Thursday 16th January. If you would like to book a timed slot to see her, please contact the school office. She has 9.30am, 10.15am, 11am and 11.30am time slots available. Many thanks.

Letters home this week

- Nursery Spring Term Newsletter
- Reception Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y1 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y2 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y3 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y4 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y5 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list
- Y6 Spring Term Newsletter and reading list

Bulletin Board. New on the board this week are the details of **SCL's February half term holiday club** at Christ Church CofE Primary School in Surbiton. Also information from Surrey County Council about jobs available as **Bikeability Cycling Instructors**

<http://www.cranmereprimary.org.uk/document-library/category/30-bulletin-board.html>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019—2020

NB. Dates added since last newsletter are in bold

<u>Spring Term 2020</u>	
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
	Favourites Day menu (alternative menu)
	School Nurse sessions available to book via School Office
Mon 20th & Tues 21st Jan	Life Bus—Y1, Y3 and Y5
Fri 24th Jan	Dress for Australia Day (Bush fire support)
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
Fri 7th Feb	Go Orange for Muscular Dystrophy Day (Mufti)
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 30th April & Fri 1st May	Y4 Bikeability 1
Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd May	Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 1st June	INSET DAY
Mon 15th - Fri 19th June	Y6 Isle of Wight Residential
Fri 26th June	Y5 Juniper Hall
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th June	Y6 Bikeability 2
Fri 26th June	Y1 RHS Wisley
Mon 29th June—Fri 3rd July	Y5 Bikeability 2
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.