

# CRANESWATER NEWS



April 2019

## **Inset Day**

We will be closed for staff training on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June where we will be developing curriculum planning for the new academic year.

## **Craneswater Choir**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Craneswater choir went to sing at Bluebell Nursing Home. We sang 8 songs to the residents to entertain them. One song was "Ho Hey" which is our favourite. We also sang some other songs we knew from singing assembly and some that we learnt in choir especially for the trip. We enjoyed "Let's Twist Again" because we got to dance the twist! Some of the residents even joined in!



*Katelyn Mercer Martin and Gabriella McCormack 4O.*

## **Year 4 Swimming**

4R will beginning swimming on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit in school.

## **PTFA – Waitrose Donation**

We are excited to announce that for the month of April Craneswater is one of the three 'good causes' being included in the Waitrose Community Matters green token scheme. Waitrose donate £1000 between the three causes and the value to each depends on the amount of green tokens in each. So if you are in Waitrose please think of us and pop a green token in to our collection box.

## **SATS**

A reminder to our year 6 parents that SATS week is from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time that week.

### **Romeo and Juliet**

30 students from across year 5 had the opportunity to go and see Romeo and Juliet at the New Theatre Royal. We had to sit on the stage so we were up close. We went with two other schools. The actors were: Romeo, Juliet, Romeo's friend Benvolio, Juliet's cousin Tybalt and the priest. At the end we got to ask the actors questions about their lives and what they felt (as Romeo and the others.) The actors used old English (e.g. 'thee') and had fake knives and fake blood pouches under their tops. When they used the fake knives and stabbed each other, they popped the pouches and it got onto their shirts so it looked like they had been stabbed. We loved the performance!

### **Parent Information**

On our website there is a large amount of information regarding parent support. This includes health, behaviour support and children's mental health and well-being guidance. This can all be found: [Information - parental support](#). If you can't find the help and support you need here please contact our office who will be able to put you in contact with one of our pupil and parent support workers.

### **Absence Reporting and Communication**

At the moment you are able to contact us using telephone, absence voicemail, text message and email. We have now signed up to the '**Studybugs App**' and would like to ask parents and carers who haven't yet done so, to download the app as well. If you do not have a device that works with Studybugs you can use it on your computer. It is a simple system to use whereby you load the app and then communicate with school by the Studybugs text message or email. When using the app to report your child's absence the absence mark and reason get posted directly on the school registers which makes the morning registration process quicker and enables us to contact parents who's child is unaccounted for.

The system is more cost effective for us which means more money in the budget for other vital purchases.

We will no longer be using the PS Connect texting system that we currently use after the May half term and will predominantly be using Studybugs. Please give it a try. If you have any questions or problems, contact the office and we will be more than happy to help.

### **Sports Events**

We have competed in a number of events recently including:

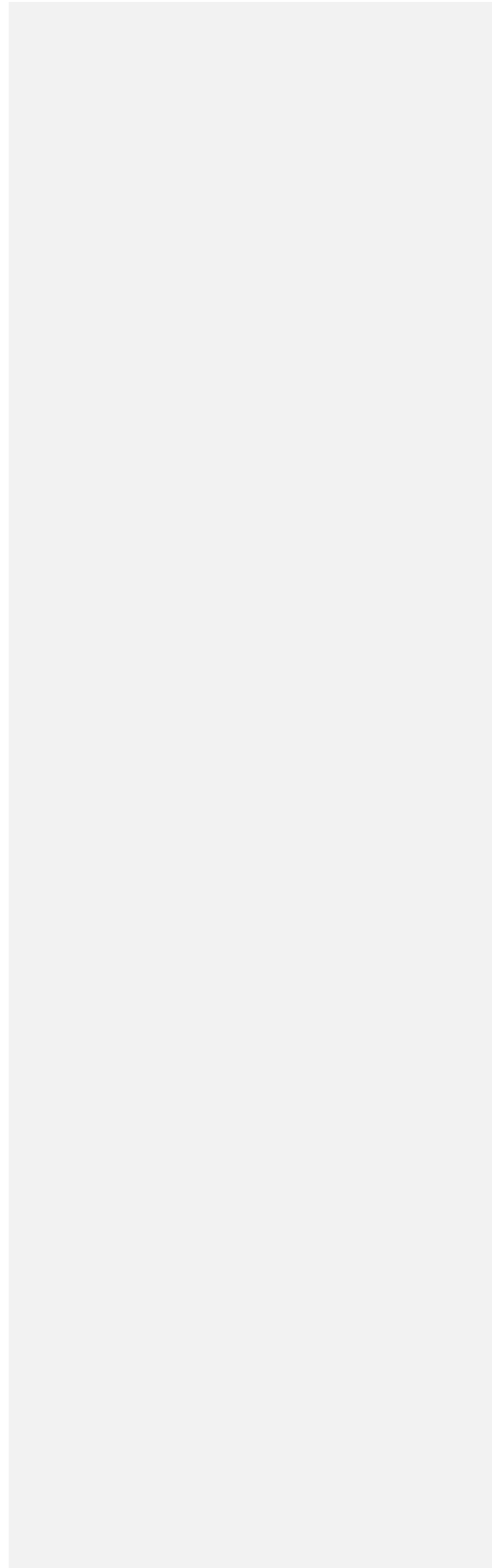
- Aquasplash for year 4 where we entered two teams and came 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> out of the Portsmouth schools
- Gymnastics where we have now been invited to attend the Havant and Portsmouth finals
- Tag rugby where we entered two teams
- Multi sports involving handball and seated volleyball
- Sportshall athletics where the boys came first, girls came second and we came first overall
- Basketball
- Cross country – where several children competed in the county finals
- Football for Year 5
- Badminton

### **Assembly dates**

Date	Class	Date	Class	Date	Class
12/04/19	Holiday	17/05/19	-	21/06/19	5D
19/04/19	Holiday	24/05/19	5B	28/06/19	6M
26/04/19	5N	31/05/19	Half Term	05/07/19	3R
<b>03/5/19</b>	<b>3V</b>	07/06/19	5PW	12/07/19	4B
10/05/19	3W	14/06/19	4L	23/07/19	Y6 Leavers Assembly

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Please see class assembly dates for the **spring and summer** term. You are very welcome to come and share your child's class assembly. They all take place in the hall and **start at 2.30pm promptly**. Please come to reception and sign in.



<b>DATES</b>		
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019		School closes at 3.00pm for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	8.40am	School opens for Summer Term
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Day	3R & 3N Southsea Local Walk
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Day Day	Y4 visit to Fort Nelson 3W & 3V Southsea Local Walk
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Day	Y4 visit to Fort Nelson
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Day	Y4 visit to Fort Nelson
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Day	SATS Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Day	Y4 visit to Fort Nelson
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019		School closes at 3.00pm for Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019		Y6 residential visit to Fairthorne Manor
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Day	3W visit to Gunwharf Quays
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	Day	3N visit to Gunwharf Quays
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019	Day	Y6 day visit to Fairthorne Manor
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Day	3R visit to Gunwharf Quays
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2019	8.40am	School opens for second half of the Summer Term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Day	Y5 visit to Selborne
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Day	Y5 visit to Selborne
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Day Day	Y5 visit to Selborne Y3 Just Different Workshop
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	9.30am Day	Y6 Group Photo Y5 visit to Selborne
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Am	Y2 & Y3 Construction Morning
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>		<b>School closed for staff training.</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Day	Y5 Book Awards Kings Theatre
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Day	Y6 visit to Paulton's Park
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	6.00pm	Year 2 Parents Evening
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	Day	Pupils transistion day Y6 Pupils transistion day at senior school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Day	Y6 visit to Paulon's Park
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Day	Y6 visit to Paulton's Park
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Day	School Summer Fete
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Day 3.30 – 6.30pm	Sports Day Parents Evening
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2019		School Discos
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	2.00pm	Leaver's Assembly

	3.00pm	School closes at 3pm for the summer holiday.
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