



# Cranford C E Primary School

'Learning Today For A Better Tomorrow'

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th February 2019

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Acting Head of School: Mr R Albert

It feels like this term has flown by and we're already halfway through the Spring term. There have been some real high points this term and I honestly didn't expect to be awarding quite so many celebration certificates in our Friday assemblies—it proves how fantastic and keen our children are! I really enjoy seeing the children with their work and these times, along with popping into their lessons, is always a timely reminder of how fantastic it can be working in school.

On our return after the holidays, our oldest children begin the homeward stretch towards the end of KS2 assessments. Whilst these are important assessments and we will prepare the pupils to do as well as they can, we will never put pressure on the children or create unnecessary stress for them. Instead, we'll talk to them about how the tests are their opportunity to show-off what they've learnt in primary school and how proud we are of each and everyone of them—we don't need a test result to make us think this!



This term has given two of our classes the opportunity to compete in dodge-ball competitions at the nearby Arena Sports in Kettering. The Year 3/4 team, who played a few weeks ago, performed exceptionally well and whilst it's great that we demonstrated fair-play and teamwork, it's also nice when we do well results-wise! We'll see how the Oaks team perform later!

We must also remember when we were visited by local author, G R Dix. His 'Brian Brackbrick' books have certainly gone down well with our children and Gary is coming back to the school soon to launch a writing competition with some exciting prizes— we will keep you posted!



Please check the dates on the next page to find out what else will be happening in school during the next half term. I know that the "Friends of Cranford" are hoping to put on some more events (including some just for adults) so keep an eye on our Twitter account and on your emails.

Again, I have to thank Julie Auld for her fabulous job of tidying the front of the school. If you have a few spare moments and live in the local area, I know the parish council would love a hand tidying up the verges and pathways around the school. In the meantime, I hope you have a fabulous half-term break and get to spend some quality time with your families and friends. Stay safe and we'll see you soon.

*Mr Albert*

### COMPETITION

We're looking to redefine our school vision and motto and want the pupils help to us do it! We want THEM to tell US about THEIR school. This could be a piece of descriptive writing; a piece of art or a poster, telling the community what they think of the school. The best bits will be displayed and could go towards setting the vision for Cranford moving forward! Hand these in during the first week back.

### ATTENDANCE

**Oaks have had the best attendance THIS TERM with a tremendous 97.94%!**

Please remember, any family with a child's attendance rate of less than 96% should expect to be contacted by the school for a period of attendance monitoring. Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no "leave" has been given and include holidays. **This type of absence can lead to the school using sanctions and/or legal proceedings such as fines from the Local Authority.**

## Diary Dates

### **February 2019**

25th - Pupils return to school (please remember to make your child's dinner, breakfast club and after school club bookings via Parentpay in advance)

26th—Acorns and Elms Medieval Day

27th—Acorns and Elms Circus Skills

28th - Class Photographs

### **March 2019**

1st – Y1 Cake Stall

4th – Sycamore and Oaks trip to Holdenby House

7th - World Book Day

7th – Y4 at PDET Faith Roadshow

8th – Book Muffi Day (due to Y4 being out on World Book Day)

8th – Reception Cake Stall

15th - Year 6 Cake Stall

18th to 22nd Spelling Bee Week

19th – PGL Residential Parents Meeting 3.15pm

22nd—Year 5 Cake Stall

22nd—Muffi Day Chocolate Bingo

27th—Parent Consultations 2pm—7pm

28th—Easter Chocolate Bingo 5.30pm

29th—Mothering Sunday Tea Party at 2pm

29th—Year 4 Cake Stall

### **April 2019**

1st to 3rd - Year 5/6 Residential to PGL Caythorpe

4th - Acorns and Elms trip to Warwick Castle

## Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert or Mrs Wells (our safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this term.

For the challenges, the successes,

and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right:

And to appreciate what others do for us,

to give time and effort to help others.

Keep us safe in our activities;

Give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents

And a community that cares for us.

Amen



Follow our twitter account —

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Are you on Twitter? It's a really quick and easy way for you and us to keep in touch. We'll be using it even more moving forward: posting photographs of the children at work; giving news updates and sharing useful links. Come on, give us a follow!