



Cranmore Infant School
we love to learn and together we grow



Welcome back to school
Our Value for this half term is Responsibility

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready for a busy and exciting term. Everyone at Cranmore extends a special welcome to all our new children and families and we hope that you will quickly feel part of the 'Cranmore family'. Our new children have already settled in very well and we hope they really enjoy their time here at Cranmore.

This first Newsletter has a lot of information so please note any dates on your calendar/diary. I know you won't want to miss anything! We will send out additional information about some events nearer the time but for others, this will be the only notification. All letters are e-mailed to parents via ParentPay so please be sure to activate your account. Please see the office staff if you are not currently receiving correspondence electronically. Also, please watch out for weekly year group newsletters that give valuable information about what is happening each week in your child's class.

Staffing Updates

I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Sadiqa Khatoon following her maternity leave.

School Values

Our school values are: **Responsibility, Respect, Sharing, Kindness, Fairness and Integrity**. These are displayed within school and are regularly shared with all the children. The commitment of children, parents, staff and Governors to keep these values makes Cranmore a happy and successful school.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that you are very welcome to join our 'Celebration Assembly', which is held every Friday from 9:10 until about 9:40. A note will be sent home a few days before informing you if your child will be receiving a certificate, and we also celebrate with children who have had a birthday during the week. Children are also invited to share any certificates, medals or awards they have achieved outside of school. You are welcome to take photographs of your own child, but should these contain images of other children they are not to be posted on social networking sites.



Harvest Festival

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at 9.15am on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20st October and we do hope you will be able to join us. Once again we will be collecting items of food for Shirley Lions to distribute to needy people in the Shirley area. We will also be raising money for 'Action against Hunger', which helps provide children with the nutrition and care they need to have a brighter, healthier future (including supporting the Syrian refugee crisis).

DON'T FORGET

Please help your child to remember to bring everything they need for school each day.

This includes:

their book bag,



water bottle and healthy snack (water only)



PE kit (including their pumps)



and for Year 1 and Year 2, their ocarina.



They won't be able to participate fully in lessons without these things. Thank you.

Universal Free School Meals

Please ensure that we are kept fully up-to-date with any dietary issues/food allergies. The system installed in the school kitchen informs the catering staff of any dietary requirements you have made known to us. As always, lunch menus are available on the school website and outside the classrooms.



School Attendance and Late Arrival

I should like to remind you that any absences affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular or lengthy absences have a serious impact on their learning.

As you will recall, changes in national legislation mean that **no holiday requests will be authorised during term time**. If you feel that your request would fall into the very rare category of 'exceptional circumstances', you will need to make a request for Leave of Absence by completing a form from the school office.

If your child arrives at school late but **before** the register has closed (after 9:00am) then attendance will be marked with an 'L', signifying late arrival. If the teacher has closed the register, and the time is 9.15 am or later, then legislation dictates that your child will be marked with a 'U', which is counted as an **unauthorised absence**.

As you should be aware, parents and carers can be fined for taking holidays in term time. Where there are concerns regarding the number of unauthorised absences, a referral will be made to the Local Authority Education Enforcement Team for consideration and this could result in the issue of a fixed penalty notice.

If your child is away from school, please remember to notify us on the **first day** of absence. A quick phone call to the school office is all we need.



Our Attendance Policy can be found on the school's website or you can request a copy from the school office.



Parents' Consultations

We will be holding our first parents' consultations on 12th and 13th October between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's new teacher about how they have settled into their new classes and each parent is allocated a ten minute slot. We will send out more details about this nearer the time.

Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us so please help to keep our school safe and secure.

- Always close gates and doors securely** behind you when you go in and out — never leave them open. Please remember to bolt the Foundation Stage playground gate behind you when you come in and out to keep the children safe.
- Always use the playground doors** when you leave the school after bringing or collecting your child at the start and end of the day, except if it is after the doors have been closed at 9.00am, in which case use the main front door.
- Always ensure an adult brings your child into school and collects them** at the end of the day, ensuring you always see them safely in through the door.
- Let us know if there is any change to your usual arrangements**. If someone unexpected arrives to collect your child we will not allow them to go, so please remember to let us know.
- Mobile phones are not to be used in school**

- ❑ **Respect the rules about parking near the school** and never park in the turning area outside the gates, or across drive ways. Traffic wardens and the police will give a ticket to anyone illegally parked - and they don't accept any excuses!
- ❑ **Never bring cars into the school grounds.** Blue badge holders please enter the car park to the right of the entrance, ensuring the children's safety at all times.
- ❑ **Never bring dogs into the school grounds** - not even puppies.
- ❑ **Do not allow your child to ride their bike or scooter in the playground or kick balls around** - there are too many small children and toddlers about.
- ❑ **Do not allow your child to play on the outdoor play equipment or in the music area.**

These rules are there to protect your children so thank you for your help with this.

Child and Family Support Worker

Mrs Elaine Buddrige is our Child and Family Support Worker. She is very experienced in supporting families who need advice with regard to their children or other family circumstances. Elaine is available for appointments and can be contacted through the office. She offers a confidential service and is able to signpost families to a range of support services.



School Nurse Suggests

I hope that a happy and healthy summer was enjoyed by everyone, as the children begin the new school year I would recommend using this as an opportunity to check up on their general health, are they up to date with their immunisations, have they been to the dentist recently and what about the optician? It is recommended that all children have a regular vision check at the optician, which is a free service and invaluable in detecting vision difficulties and monitoring the health of the eyes.

Please remember that you can contact your school nurse at any time via the clinic base or through your child's school if you would like any support or advice.



Cranmore Infant Parent and Staff Association (CRISPA) AGM

CRISPA is a group of friendly parents and staff who do an excellent job of organising events that raise valuable funds for school. All funds raised are used to enrich the educational experience for the children at Cranmore. As your children attend Cranmore you are automatically a member and any help you can give to events or fund raising activities is much appreciated. New committee members are always welcome, so please do come along to the AGM on 22nd September at 7pm.



Macmillan Biggest Ever Coffee Morning Thursday 29th September 9.00am

We would like to invite you to join us for coffee, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Tea/coffee and cold drinks will be supplied by school but we would welcome donations of cakes or biscuits. We will be asking for a donation and hope to raise a good amount for this very worthwhile cause. Please come and join us in the hall and bring a friend if you can.

We look forward to another exciting school year and to working in partnership with you all to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Ward
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Autumn term

Friday 16 September, 9.30am
Thursday 29 September, 9.00am
Tuesday 4 October, 8.00am
Wednesday 12 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm
Thursday 13 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm
Tuesday 18 October, 9.30am
Wednesday 19 October, 9.15am
Thursday 20 October, 9.15am
Friday 21 October
Monday 31 October
Tuesday 1 November
Friday 18 November
Tuesday 6 December, 9.30am
Wednesday 7 December, 9.30am
Friday 9 December, 5.00 – 7.00pm
Monday 12 December
Wednesday 14 December, 2.00pm
Thursday 15 December, 2.00pm
Friday 16 December
Friday 16 December

Welcome to Nursery Parents meeting
Macmillan coffee morning
Photographer in school to take individual photos
Informal Parents' Evening
Informal Parents' Evening
Open Day
Harvest Festival (all welcome)
Harvest Festival (all welcome)
Finish for half term holiday
School closed for staff training
Children return to school after half term break
Children in Need
Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
CRISPA Christmas Fayre
Christmas lunch
Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Christmas Party day
Finish for Christmas holiday

Spring term

Tuesday 3 January
Wednesday 4 January
Tuesday 7 February
Wednesday 8 February
Thursday 9 February
Friday 17 February
Monday 27 February
Tuesday 28 February
w/b 28 February
Thursday 9 March, 6pm
w/b 13 March
Wednesday 22 March
Wednesday 22 March
Thursday 23 March
Friday 24 March
Friday 7 April

School closed for staff training
Children return after Christmas break
Safer Internet Day
Parents' Consultation evening
Parents' Consultation evening
Finish for half-term holiday
School closed for staff training
Children return after half term break
Book Week, including World Book Day
Bedtime Reading/Parents e-safety meeting
Book Fair
Mother's Day lunch – Year 2
Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Comic Relief
Finish for Easter holiday

Summer term

Monday 24 April
Monday 1 May
Thursday 4 May
w/b 15 May
Thursday 18 May
Friday 26 May
Monday 5 June
w/b Monday 12 June
Friday 16 June

Summer term starts, SATs under way for Year 2
May Day holiday
School closed for staff training
Walk to School Week
Empty Classroom Day
Finish for half-term holiday
Back to school after half term break
Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Father's Day Lunch – Year 1

Wednesday 28 June 9.15 am	FS1 and FS2 Sports (all welcome)
Thursday 29 June, 9.15am	Years 1 and 2 Sports (all welcome)
Saturday 8 July	CRISPA Summer Fair
Wednesday 12 July	Transition meeting FS1 to FS2
Thursday 13 July	Transition meeting FS2 to KS1
Friday 14 July	Class Swap Day
Wednesday 19 3.15-5.00pm	Year 2 Leavers Party
Thursday 20 July	Thank you Tea
Tuesday 25 July 2.00pm	Leavers' assembly (Year 2 parents welcome)
Tuesday 25 July	Children finish for summer holiday

**We will do our best to notify you of any changes to these dates as soon as possible.
Look out for more dates in later newsletters.**