



# CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL

*We love to learn and together we grow*

## NEWSLETTER October 2016



Our value this half term is RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents/carers



### Solihull in Bloom Gold Award Winners!

We are delighted to have been awarded the Solihull in Bloom gold award for the second time! The judges were particularly impressed by how involved the children are in all aspects of the growing process from harvesting to eating the produce! This is a wonderful achievement and is thanks to the hard work of the staff, pupils and parents (in particular to Mrs Hyde, Mrs Piechocki and Mrs Whittle).

### Cranmore School Council

Children from Reception onwards put themselves forward to be their class representatives on the School Council and were voted for by their classmates. We were thrilled with how many children were keen to take on this role, and after a democratic vote the following children were elected:



- Foxes: Miles and Isobel
- Hedgehogs: Ellis and Abigail
- Deers: Arnau and Sienna
- Rabbits: Jacob and Sapphire
- Squirrels: Eyaan and Poppy
- Robins: Harry, Jack W and Lola

Special badges will be presented to our new school councillors in celebration assembly next Friday. They have already taken part in their first School Council meeting, which focused on developing our School Golden Rules. The next school council meeting will involve children feeding back their class wish list for outdoor play equipment and agreeing a final list (within a given budget!). CRISPA funds from the Summer Fayre will be used to purchase these so a big thank you to all those who supported this! Keep an eye on the board in the corridor by Nursery to find out the School Council decisions.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all of you who came along and supported the Macmillan Coffee morning (both in sending in cakes and coming along on the day). With your help we raised £250 for a very worthy cause – thank you!



### Parent Consultations

We are looking forward to seeing parents on Wednesday and Thursday for our first parent consultations. I will also be available should anyone wish to see me. We will be setting up some of the computers in the ICT suite on Parent View for parents to leave their comments and to share their views of the school. You just need to have an e-mail address to register, and follow the simple on-line instructions.

### School Cook Drop-in

Mrs Pellarin our school cook will be holding a drop-in session on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 2.45pm-3.30pm. If you have any questions or there is anything you would like to discuss about your child's school dinners please pop along to see her. If you are unable to make this time and your child has any special dietary requirements or allergies that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment at the school office.



## Open Morning

We will be holding our school and Little Acorns open morning on **18<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am**, so please encourage any prospective parents you know to come along.

There will also be an open day for the new Baby Room on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9:00am-11:00am. Please see our Pre-School Manager, Fiona Minty for more information.



## Harvest

Many thanks for all the kind food donations that we have received so far for our Harvest Festival (please do keep sending them in!). A representative from Shirley Lions will be attending our Harvest Celebration and I know it will be very much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am.

## Reading Team

We are desperate for people to sign up to our extremely valuable reading team. If you would like the opportunity to come in and hear readers (as often or as little as you like!), please contact Mrs Freeman. Grandmas, Granddads Auntie and Uncle also welcome!



## Princes Trust

We are delighted to have been short-listed for the Princes Trust 'Celebrate Success' regional award. Out of fifteen nominations, Cranmore has been selected in the last three and Mrs Hyde and myself will be attending an award ceremony in November.

You may recall we had a team from the Princes Trust carry out a project to develop our outdoor Forest School area, and as well as enhancing our school grounds, it really supported the team of young people in all aspects of their development. A big thank you to Mrs Hyde for all her hard work and endless enthusiasm in organising this.



## Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

During week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November children will be taking part in activities as part of National anti-bullying week. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, children are invited to wear blue to school to show their support for this important campaign. As this is also the day of Children in Need, we will also be accepting donations of silver coins to cover Pudsey Bear!



**November 30<sup>th</sup> is St Andrews day** and to celebrate this, children are invited to wear their scouting uniform!



## School Attendance

At Cranmore we place a high emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe that through good attendance at school, children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

The Government expects us to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than 90%).
- Ensure every child has access to full-time education, to which they are entitled, and
- Act early to address patterns of absence.

To support us to secure good attendance for all our children and to address concerns regarding any child's poor school attendance and punctuality, we are working with Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS).

Your child may be referred to our CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer, Mrs Sue Gibbons, if their attendance or punctuality is causing concerns. They will then contact you by phone, letter or home visit to discuss the school's concerns and how attendance and punctuality can be improved.

Our current Attendance policy is available to view on the school website.

### **Road Safety**

Just a reminder that parents are responsible for supervising their children on entry to the school premises and car park. In order to ensure your child's safety it is important that they stay on the designated pavement and dismount from bikes and scooters before entering the school grounds.



### **Parking Enforcement**

Please also be aware of the new changes to parking enforcement. Civil Parking Enforcement Officers will be monitoring the parking conditions outside schools across the Borough (you may have already spotted them!). An important change to be aware of is that they now have powers to issue £70 fixed penalty notices by post to any motorist seen stopping on the School Keep Clear markings. Previously, the fine had to be handed to the driver or fixed to the vehicle.



### **Staff Training**

Just a reminder that school will be closed for children on **Monday 31st October** when all school staff will be undertaking the accredited Level 1 autism training.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Best wishes,

**Rebecca Ward**

Head teacher

# IMPORTANT DATES



## Autumn term

Wednesday 12 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm	Informal Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm	Informal Parents' Evening
Tuesday 18 October, 9.30am	Open Day
Wednesday 19 October, 9.15am	Harvest Festival (all welcome)
Thursday 20 October, 9.15am	Harvest Festival (all welcome)
Friday 21 October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 31 October	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 1 November	Children return to school after half term break
Wednesday 9 November	FS2 Writing workshop
Thursday 10 November	FS1 Writing workshop
Monday 14 November	Anti-bullying week
Monday 14 November	Book Fair
Tuesday 15 November, 9.00-11.00am	New Baby Room Open Day
Friday 18 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 6 December, 9.30am	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Wednesday 7 December, 9.30am	Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
Friday 9 December, 5.00 – 7.00pm	Christmas Fayre – organised by CRISPA
Tuesday 13 December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 14 December, 2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 15 December, 9.30am	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 15 December, pm	Year 1 trip to the theatre
Friday 16 December	Christmas Party day
Friday 16 December	Finish for Christmas holiday

## Spring term

Tuesday 3 January	School closed for staff training
Wednesday 4 January	Children return after Christmas break
Tuesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 February	Parents' Consultation evening
Thursday 9 February	Parents' Consultation evening
Friday 17 February	Finish for half-term holiday
Monday 27 February	School closed for staff training
Tuesday 28 February	Children return after half term break
w/b 28 February	Book Week, including World Book Day
Thursday 9 March, 6pm	Bedtime Reading/Parents e-safety meeting
w/b 13 March	Book Fair
Wednesday 22 March	Mother's Day lunch – Year 2
Wednesday 22 March	Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Thursday 23 March	Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Friday 24 March	Comic Relief
Friday 7 April	Finish for Easter holiday

## Summer term

Monday 24 April	Summer term starts, SATs under way for Year 2
Monday 1 May	May Day holiday
Thursday 4 May	School closed for staff training
w/b 15 May	Walk to School Week
Thursday 18 May	Empty Classroom Day
Friday 26 May	Finish for half-term holiday

Monday 5 June  
w/b Monday 12 June  
Friday 16 June  
Wednesday 28 June 9.15 am  
Thursday 29 June, 9.15am  
Saturday 8 July  
Wednesday 12 July  
Thursday 13 July  
Friday 14 July  
Wednesday 19 3.15-5.00pm  
Thursday 20 July  
Tuesday 25 July 2.00pm  
Tuesday 25 July

Back to school after half term break  
Y1 Phonics Screening Check  
Father's Day Lunch – Year 1  
FS1 and FS2 Sports (all welcome)  
Years 1 and 2 Sports (all welcome)  
Summer Fair – organised by CRISPA  
Transition meeting FS1 to FS2  
Transition meeting FS2 to KS1  
Class Swap Day  
Year 2 Leavers Party  
Thank you Tea  
Leavers' assembly (Year 2 parents welcome)  
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.**

