



CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL
We love to learn and together we grow



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Our value this half term is RESPECT

Christmas is coming....



..and Santa's on his way to join us for.....Christmas Party Day!

Just a brief reminder that our Christmas Party Day is on Friday 16th December.

During the morning we hope to be having a visit from Father Christmas and in the afternoon children will have party games. The children can come to school on Friday in their party clothes but please make sure these are suitable and warm enough for a day at school—and no high heels, please!

Christmas Plays

As usual, the children are very excited about their Christmas performances. Everyone has worked really hard making sure you will be very proud of your budding actors and actresses!! Foundation Stage production is 'A Little Nativity' and Years 1 and 2 are performing 'Hey Ewe' Please bring along your loose change as we will be asking for donations as you leave. The money raised will be split equally between 'Acorns Children's Hospice' and 'Edward's Trust' charities, which the children have chosen themselves.

Cranmore's Charity Work

I would like to thank you all once again for your generous support for our charity collections. We raised £100 at the end of our Harvest Festivals and School Council have chosen to donate this to Action Against Hunger. The Macmillan Coffee Morning raised just over £200, and our 'wear blue' for anti-bullying raised £110.50. Thank you!

Thank you also for your contributions to our 'Children in Need' appeal. We managed to cover Pudsey in £124.73 worth of silver coins (with some extra bronze added in).



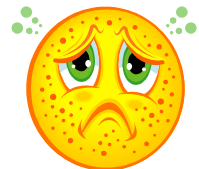
Reading Challenge

Children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge received a medal from Shirley Library. Well done to those children and thank you for promoting an enjoyment of books and a love of reading with your children!



Sickness

It is the time of year for bugs and germs and these are very easily transferred from one child to another.



Please do not send your child into school if they have had sickness or diarrhoea.

Current advice from the Health Protection Agency is that if your child suffers from either sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school for **48 hours from the last episode**. If your child is absent from school please remember to telephone the school to report their absence and send a note of explanation in when they return to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cranmore Chorus

Cranmore Chorus are once again performing at Phoenix House Residential home, and at Touchwood on Monday 12th December. Please go along to support them if you can. They will also be making an appearance at the Christmas Fayre this Friday.

Thank you to Mrs Baker for organising the events and all the staff and parents for their support..



Bad weather advice

In case of bad weather please check the following for news of school closures:

Solihull Council Website at www.solihull.gov.uk
School will send out a message through parent pay.
Free Radio on 96.4 FM, from 6.00am onwards, also www.freeradio.co.uk
HEART FM on 100.7 FM, from 6.00am onwards, also www.heartwestmids.co.uk
RADIO WM on 95.6 FM, from 5.00am onwards, also www.bbc.co.uk/birmingham/local_radio
XTRA AM on 1152 AM, from 6.00am onwards
GMTV on ITV1, from 5.00am onwards



Open Morning

We received some really positive feedback following our School Open Morning. Comments included: "Lovely school! Warm and perfect environment", "Family orientated", "Approachable and welcoming staff who clearly love working here. An outstanding learning environment" and "Great! Friendly children and staff".

A big thank you to those Year 2 children who did a fantastic job of helping to show prospective parents round and to all the wonderful staff who make Cranmore the special school that it is!

Assembly on Friday 9th December at 9:10am

The last celebration assembly this term will be held on Friday 9th December at 9:10am

During assembly we will be celebrating the birthdays of children whose birthdays fall during the holidays and our two school awards



(Aiming High and Shining Star).

As always, we hope you will be able to join us.

Certificates for 100% attendance for the Autumn term will be presented in our first assembly when we return in the New Year.



Outdoor Weather and Appropriate Footwear

As the weather is getting much colder, the children do all need to make sure they have a warm coat and appropriate footwear in school. Just to remind you that boots are not part of the school uniform.

Please ensure all clothing, including hats and gloves are clearly labelled with your child's name.



School Improvement Visit

Our autumn term visit from a Local Authority Improvement Advisor focused on pupil outcomes and we are delighted that they have validated our judgements that Cranmore continues to be an outstanding school.

They recognised that pupil outcomes were higher than National and that children across the school make sustained progress, with many making better than expected progress.



Staff Training - 3rd January

Just a reminder that school will be closed on 3rd January 2017.

In the morning staff will be at Alderbrook School together with other local schools in our 'Synergy' collaborative on developing leadership at all levels. During the afternoon session we will be working with Widney to receive training on a new RSE scheme 'Spring Fever'.

Christmas Fayre Friday 9th December

Many thanks to CRISPA for all their hard work organising the Christmas Fayre, and to all of you who have sent in donations and offered to help set up/work on stalls/clear up. It's not too late to volunteer, just see a member of the CRISPA team. We hope as many of you as possible can come along on the evening to show your support, it'll be a great start to the festive season. I will let you know in the New Year the amount that was raised.



Spread the Word

Exciting New Baby Room Opening in January

Our new baby room will be opening in January, if you know anyone who may be interested in a place please ask them to get in touch.

Reminder.....closing date for Nursery applications is 12th December. Reception and Infant to Junior transfer for September 2016 is 15th January. Please apply online at www.solihull.gov.uk/enrol

.....and finally, a reminder of dates for the spring term

we will try to notify you as soon as possible of any changes to these dates....

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

**HAVE A HAPPY AND RESTFUL
CHRISTMAS FROM EVERYONE AT
CRANMORE**

