

2017

CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL

We love to learn and together we grow

January 2017



Our value this half term is SHARING

Dear Parents/carers,

The staff and I would like to thank you all for the many Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes received at the end of last term and welcome you to this new school term by wishing you a very happy and healthy new year. I hope you all had an enjoyable break!



Attendance

72 children received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn Term, which is a fantastic achievement. A big well done to all those individuals and their families!

We are only too aware that at this time of year, a number of 'bugs' are usually caught by the children which can affect their attendance. However, with the exception of genuine illness it is crucial for your child's education that they attend school every day.

Below is a table reporting the attendance of each class for the Autumn Term.

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE
Kingfishers (F1)	94.06%
Foxes (F2)	98.09%
Hedgehogs (F2)	97.60%
Deers (Y1)	96.83%
Rabbits (Y1)	96.03%
Squirrels (Y2)	97.19%
Robins (Y2)	96.22%

Attendance figures are analysed by the school and the Local Authority on a regular basis and is also inspected by Ofsted. Therefore the Governors and staff would appreciate your commitment in ensuring our attendance is as good as it possibly can be. In order for attendance to be judged by Ofsted as 'high', the overall attendance of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 has to be above 95.7%

Well done for exceeding this requirement!



Winter Clothing

With the cold weather now with us we would very much appreciate your support in helping the children to be appropriately dressed.



- Please ensure your son/daughter brings a warm coat to school, preferably with a hood, as they go outside every day and we want to ensure they remain warm.
- Wellington boots are desirable on wet and snowy days, and mittens are much easier to put on than gloves!

In order to try to minimise lost items please ensure everything is labelled appropriately with your child's name. Thank you.



Holiday Club We are again offering holiday club Monday 20th to Friday 24th February 2017, 8am-6pm and also the INSET day on Monday 27th February.

Please return your booking form to the school office and contact Fiona Minty (Little Acorns Manager) if you have any queries.



New Parent Governors

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Steele (Nathan's Mom in Year 1) and Mrs West (Clark's Mom in Reception) to our Governing Body. They join Mrs Gaynor Keeley (Lauren's Mom in F1) as Parent Governors.



Parental Help

We continue to ask for parental help during the day and welcome mums, dads or grandparents, so if you are able to help, we really do value your support. A DBS Check is required (please see a member of the office staff for further information).

Car Parking

We are very aware that parking is notoriously difficult around school, but please be considerate when parking as we wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours. We have already received complaints this year from residents in Northland Road. Parents should not park on the zig-zag lines, the pavement, the turning bay or block resident's drive-ways.



Your complete co-operation in this would be very much appreciated.

School Budget....challenging times

Since the start of the recession the government has sought to protect spending on education, though, in reality, there have been reductions in school budgets, and these continue to affect us. This has been particularly the case at Cranmore with our ever decreasing budget.

Accordingly, we are grateful for parents support with payments for school trips, activities and swimming lessons. Without this support some of these things simply could not happen.

The projections for future school budget are even more worrying. To get a better idea of the challenges we face, visit <http://www.schoolcuts.org.uk> and type in our postcode (B90 4SA) to find out what the future holds for Cranmore school budget.



We are looking for ways to maintain the quality of our provision in an economically more challenging world. We are grateful to the work of CRISPA (and your support of them) who continue to raise funds which are used to buy additional things which we might not otherwise be able to afford, which is clearly going to become even more important in the future.

We are working very hard to consider ways in which we might raise additional funds and manage our decreasing budget to maintain the high standards we set for our school. With this in mind we would welcome any suggestions or ideas of fund raising events/activities that you may have.

URGENT REMINDER

We have been notified by Solihull Admissions that there are still a number of Children who have not yet applied for a Reception/Junior school place for September 2017. Can you please ensure that you make your applications as soon as possible as the closing date has already passed.

.....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

Wednesday 25 January	Scotability Training Yrs 1 and 2
Friday 3 February	FS2 Hearing Tests
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	Children return to school
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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Rebecca Ward