



CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER
April 2017

Our value this half term is FAIRNESS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back - I hope you all had an enjoyable break. I can't believe we are now into the Summer Term of our school year, which we know will be very busy and exciting!

Celebration of Success Days

Many thanks to those of you who came to join us. Staff across the school were really positive about these sessions, and the children clearly enjoyed sharing their achievements in learning with their families!



Attendance

During assembly on Friday we will be presenting certificates and prizes to 80 children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term. A big "well done" to these children and their families!

Regular school attendance makes a huge difference to children's progress in school so thank you for your continued support in ensuring good attendance habits.

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

CLASS	% ATTENDANCE
Kingfishers (F1)	94.21%
Foxes (F2)	97.34%
Hedgehogs (F2)	95.65%
Deers (Y1)	97.14%
Rabbits (Y1)	96.51%
Squirrels (Y2)	97.26%
Robins (Y2)	96.88%

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%

Attendance below 90% is classed as 'persistent absentee' and may result in the involvement of the EWO.

Well done to Foxes, Deers, Rabbits, Squirrels and Robins for exceeding this requirement



Local Authority School Adviser Visit

Our Spring Term visit focused on 'Teaching, Learning and Assessment' and 'Leadership and Management' and we are delighted that they have validated the school's judgement that Cranmore continues to be an outstanding school. The visit included listening to individual children read, interviewing a mixed aged group about reading and looking at children's work books.

The report commented that: "High importance is placed on giving children opportunities to lead learning and curriculum themes are used to foster creativity and curiosity". "Outcomes for current pupils, and over time, indicate that teaching, learning and assessment are outstanding". It also states that "Written feedback effectively promotes learning" and that "Children all enjoyed reading and are given a wide choice of texts to challenge them".

The staff at Cranmore work incredibly hard to ensure the best outcomes for all children and it is good that this outstanding practice has been recognised by an external adviser. A big thank you to all the staff!

School Nurse Suggests

I would like to remind everyone about the importance of good hand hygiene as being one of the most important steps in preventing the spread of infections such as diarrhoea, vomiting and ringworm. Practising good hand washing at home with the children and reminding them of when it is important to wash their hands will ensure they continue these good habits when they are at school.



WE WILL MISS YOU



Staffing

Mrs Khatoon in Nursery has been offered a new position, so will be leaving us on Friday. We are very appreciative for all her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.

Staff Training – Thursday 4th

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Thursday 4th May. Staff will be working to review and further develop the 'Expert Learners' approach, as well as working on other aspects of teaching and learning.



Kids Club will be open should you require childcare. Please contact the school office for more information



Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Ward
Headteacher



***Please note the changes to Year 2 Leavers Assembly and Leavers Party**

Summer term

w/b Monday 24 April
Friday 28 April
Monday 1 May
Tuesday 2 May
Thursday 4 May
Wednesday 10 May
w/b 15 May
Thursday 18 May
Friday 26 May
Sunday 4 June
Monday 5 June
w/b Monday 12 June
Thursday 15 June
Friday 16 June
Friday 16 June
Wednesday 28 June 9.15 am
Thursday 29 June, 9.15am
Saturday 8 July
Wednesday 12 July
*Wednesday 12 July
Thursday 13 July
Friday 14 July
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 July
Thursday 20 July
*Monday 24 July 2.00pm
Tuesday 25 July

First Aid Week – Get your heart racing!
Cranmore Marathon
May Day Bank Holiday
FS1 trip to Ash End House Farm
School closed for staff training
Class Photographs
Walk to School Week
Empty Classroom Day
Finish for half-term holiday
Big Lunch
Back to school after half term break
Y1 Phonics Screening Check
KS 1 Disco
FS Disco
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
Year 2 Leavers Party
Transition meeting FS2 to KS1
Class Swap Day
Yr 2 residential trip to Blackwell Court
Thank you Tea
Leavers' assembly (Year 2 parents welcome)
Children finish for summer holiday

CRISPA Non-Uniform Dates:

Friday 23rd June
Friday 30th June
Friday 7th July

Bottles
Chocolate
Sweets



Dates for 2017-18:

Autumn Term 2017

Starts: Monday 4 September 2017
Half Term: Monday 23 – Friday 27 October 2017
Ends: Tuesday 19 December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Starts: Wednesday 3 January 2018
Half Term: Monday 19 – Friday 23 February 2018
Ends: Thursday 29 March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Starts: Monday 16 April 2018
Half Term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018
Ends: Tuesday 24 July 2018

INSET DATES

Monday 4th September 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Wednesday 3rd January 2018
Monday 26th February 2018
Thursday 3rd May 2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank Holiday