



CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL

We love to learn and together we grow
January 2018



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

61 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)	94.58%
Otters (F1)	93.19%
Foxes (F2)	95.16%
Hedgehogs (F2)	94.44%
Deers (Y1)	96.05%
Rabbits (Y1)	96.57%
Squirrels (Y2)	96.09%
Robins (Y2)	95.32%

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 19th to Friday 23th February 2017, 7:30am-6:00pm and also the INSET day on Monday 26th February.

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



Parental Help

We continue to ask for parental help during the day and welcome mums, dads or grandparents as volunteers, so if you are able to help, we really do value your support. We particularly need helpers to join our Reading Team (please see Mrs Freeman) and Forest School helpers (please see Mrs Hyde)



A DBS Check is required for all volunteers (please see a member of the office staff for further information).



Staffing

At the end of February half term we will be saying goodbye to our Little Acorns Manager, Fiona Minty, who is re-locating to Wiltshire. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.



School Security

In order to keep the school secure and with the children's safety of paramount importance, can I please remind Parent's that after 9:00am the side doors should not be opened and the school should be exited via the main entrance.

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 2018. Can you please ensure that you make your applications as soon as possible as the closing date is 15th January 2018.

Animated Dance/Gymnastics After School Clubs

There are still a number of spaces still available for Dance on Monday's after school and 5 places are remaining for Gymnastics on Tuesday's. To book your place go to www.animateddance.co.uk





.....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

Thursday 11 January	Yr 1 Numeracy Workshop
Wednesday 17 January	Reception Numeracy Workshop
Thursday 18 January	Nursery Numeracy Workshop
Wednesday 7 February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 13 February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 15 February	Parent Consultations
Friday 16 February	Finish for half-term holiday
Monday 26 February	INSET: School closed for staff training
Tuesday 27 February	Children return after half term break
Tuesday 27 February	Bedtime Reading/ e-safety meeting
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day
Wednesday 7 March	World Maths Day
Wednesday 7 March	Family Assembly (details to follow)
Thursday 8 March	Family Assembly (details to follow)
Wednesday 9 March	Mother's Day lunch – Year 2
Tuesday 13 March	Nursery Writing Workshop
Thursday 29 March	Finish for Easter holiday



Spring Term 2018

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

Summer Term 2018

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

INSET DATES

Monday 26th February 2018
 Thursday 3rd May 2018

Monday 7th May 2018 – May Bank 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
 Best wishes,
 Rebecca Ward