



CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL
We love to learn and together we grow
 January 2019



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

71 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)	95.05%
Otters (F1)	94.57%
Foxes (F2)	98.09%
Hedgehogs (F2)	92.98%
Deers (Y1)	96.54%
Rabbits (Y1)	96.84%
Squirrels (Y2)	97.70%
Robins (Y2)	97.44%

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 96%

Well done to the classes that exceeded this requirement!



CRISPA fundraising

The total amount raised from the discos, Christmas cards and Christmas fayre was £1,918, which is a fantastic amount! A huge thank you to CRISPA (parents and staff) for all their hard work and time - It is very much appreciated! The money will go towards funding a large, new outdoor play area. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to your continued efforts to achieve our goal.



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.

February

Holiday Club We are again offering holiday club
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019, 8am-6pm

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



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).

PAYMENT FOR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Over the last few years we have found that the amount of money received from parents for school trips and visitors is not covering the overall costs. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue these activities unless sufficient parental contributions are received. Current financial constraints on school budgets means that we cannot afford to continuously subsidise these costs. We always endeavour to give parents sufficient notice of upcoming events to ensure ample time to make payments and it would be extremely unfortunate if we could no longer offer these activities due to a lack of funds received from parents.

.....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....



Tuesday 22 January, 9.15am	Yr 2 Numeracy Workshop
Thursday 24 January, 9.15am	Nursery Numeracy Workshop
Friday 25 January, 2.15pm	Reception Numeracy Workshop
Tuesday 5 February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 7 February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 February, 9-10.00am	School Nurse Drop-in
Friday 15 February	Finish for half-term holiday
Monday 25 February	Children return after half term
Monday 4 March	Bedtime Reading/Parents literacy meeting
Monday 4 March	Reception Heights and Weights
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Tuesday 12 March	Nursery Writing Workshop
Friday 15 March	Comic Relief
Wednesday 27 March	Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Thursday 28 March	Family Assembly (more details to follow)
Friday 29 March	Mother's Day lunch – Year 2
Monday 8 April	Class Group Photographs
Tuesday 9 April	Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration of Success
Wednesday 10 April	Nursery & Reception Celebration of Success
Friday 12 April	Finish for Easter holiday

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