



Cranmore Infant School

we love to learn and together we grow



Welcome back to school

Our Value for this half term is Responsibility

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are ready for a busy and exciting term.

Everyone at Cranmore extends a special welcome to all our new children and families and we hope that you will quickly feel part of the 'Cranmore family'. Our new children have already settled in very well and we hope they really enjoy their time here at Cranmore.

This first Newsletter has a lot of information so please note any dates on your calendar/diary. I know you won't want to miss anything! We will send out additional information about some events nearer the time but for others, this will be the only notification. All letters are e-mailed to parents via ParentPay so please be sure to activate your account. Please see the office staff if you are not currently receiving correspondence electronically. Also, please watch out for weekly year group newsletters that give valuable information about what is happening each week in your child's class.

School Values

Our school values are: **Responsibility, Respect, Sharing, Kindness, Fairness and Integrity.** These are displayed within school and are regularly shared with all the children. The commitment of children, parents, staff and Governors to keep these values makes Cranmore a happy and successful school.

You will also find attached a copy of our 'Parent Code of Conduct' which has been developed by Parent Council, staff and governors.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

You are very welcome to join our 'Celebration Assembly', which is held every Friday from 9:10am until about 9:40am. The first assembly is on 13th September.

A note will be sent home about 10 days before informing you if your child will be receiving a certificate, and we also celebrate with children who have had a birthday during the week.



Children are also invited to share any certificates, medals or awards they have achieved outside of school.



You are welcome to take photographs of your own child, but should these contain images of other children they are not to be posted on social networking sites.

We also ask that out of courtesy to the children, family members stay until the end of the assembly.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at 9.15am on Wednesday 23rd and at 2:15pm on Thursday 24th October involving children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and we do hope you will be able to join us. We will be collecting items of food for 'Helping Hands' to distribute to needy people in the Shirley area. We will also be raising money for 'The Children's Society', a charity which provides valuable support for vulnerable children and young people.



DON'T FORGET

Please help your child to remember to bring everything they need for school each day.

This includes:

their book bag,



clear water bottle and healthy snack (water only)



PE kit (including their pumps)



and for Year 1 and Year 2, their ocarina.

They won't be able to participate fully in lessons without these things. Thank you.



School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart, so thank you for supporting us in following our uniform policy. Just a reminder that long hair should be tied back and hair bands and bobbles should be in school colours of yellow or green. Extreme hairstyles and patterns shaved into hair are not permitted. For safety reasons children are not allowed to wear jewellery of any kind in school. Pierced ear-rings are particularly dangerous and should not be worn under any circumstances.



Universal Free School Meals

Please ensure that we are kept fully up-to-date with any dietary issues/food allergies. The system installed in the school kitchen informs the catering staff of any dietary requirements you have made known to us. As always, lunch menus are available on the school website and in the Notice Board attached to the bike shed..

Contact Numbers

Please can you ensure that school has the most up to date contact numbers recorded. It is essential we are provided with these so that we can make contact, especially in the event of an emergency.



Parents' Consultations

We will be holding our first parents' consultations on 8th and 9th October between 4.00pm and 7.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to talk to your child's new teacher about how they have settled into their new classes and each parent is allocated a ten minute slot. We will send out more details about this nearer the time.

Safeguarding

Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us so please help to keep our school safe and secure.

- Always ensure an adult brings your child into school and collects them at the end of the day, ensuring they always see them safely in through the door.*
- Let us know if there is any change to your usual arrangements. If someone unexpected arrives to collect your child we will not allow them to go, so please remember to let us know.*
- Always ensure mobile phones are not used in school*
- Respect the rules about parking near the school and never park in the turning area outside the gates, or across drive ways. Traffic wardens and the police will give a ticket to anyone illegally parked - and they don't accept any excuses!*
- Cars are not permitted in the school grounds. Blue badge holders please enter the car park to the right of the entrance, ensuring the children's safety at all times.*
- Dogs are not allowed in the school grounds - not even puppies.*

- *Always ensure you and your child dismount from bikes or scooters BEFORE entering the school grounds and ensure that they don't play ball games, so as to avoid any injuries to others.*
- *Children are not allowed to play on the outdoor play equipment, (including the Foundation Stage playground, and the music area) at the beginning and end of the school day.*

These rules are there to protect your children so thank you for your support with this.

Safeguarding, including Child Protection

We believe that every school should provide a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment which promotes the physical, emotional, social and moral development of each individual child.

The safety and welfare of the children is of paramount importance to us and we have a comprehensive range of policies in place to safeguard children and to ensure their well-being. A copy of our Child Protection Policy can be found on the school website.

In brief, it is the statutory duty of all members of the school community to ask for advice and/or refer any concerns to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). This will usually be done by the Head teacher, Rebecca Ward who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Child Protection. If a referral is to be made to Children's Services parents are usually informed beforehand but this may not be appropriate in some circumstances.

We ask parents to understand that we always act in the best interests of the children in these cases.

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. 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.

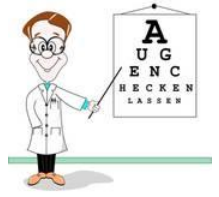


The parking enforcement team and the police continue to hold regular patrols, and any vehicles parked in an inconsiderate manner will receive a ticket. The police are also encouraging the school, neighbours and parents to pass on the registration numbers of any vehicles that are parked inconsiderately.

School Nurse Suggests



I hope that a happy and healthy summer was enjoyed by everyone, as the children begin the new school year I would recommend using this as an opportunity to check up on their general health, are they up to date with their immunisations, have they been to the dentist recently and what about the optician? It is recommended that all children have a regular vision check at the optician, which is a free service and invaluable in detecting vision difficulties and monitoring the health of the eyes.



Please remember that you can contact your school nurse at any time via the clinic base on 0121 746 4550 or through your child's school if you would like any support or advice.

Cranmore Infant Parent and Staff Association (CRISPA) AGM

CRISPA is a group of friendly parents and staff who do an excellent job of organising events that raise valuable funds for school. All funds raised are used to enrich the educational experience for the children at Cranmore. As your children attend Cranmore you are automatically a member and any help you can give to events or fund raising activities is much appreciated. New committee members are always welcome, so please do come along to the AGM on 26th September at 7pm.



DBS: If you would like to help out in school you are required to complete an online application for a DBS certificate. Please provide your email address so that you can be sent the link. If you have a DBS but haven't volunteered in school for 3 months or more, it is now a requirement to complete a new one.

We look forward to another exciting school year and to working in partnership with you all to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Rebecca Ward

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary



Autumn term

Saturday 21 September	World Peace Day
Wednesday 26 September	European Day of Languages
Thursday 26 September, 7.00pm	CRISPA AGM
Tuesday 1 October, 9:15am	Reception Reading meeting
Wednesday 2 October	Photographer in school to take individual photos
Wednesday 9 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm	Informal Parents' Evening
Thursday 10 October, 4.00 - 7.00pm	Informal Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 October	Nursery Speaking & Listening Workshop
Wednesday 16 October	Intrasports
Thursday 17 October	Intrasports
Tuesday 22 October	Nasal flu programme (R, Yr1 and Yr2)
Wednesday 23 October, 9.15am	Harvest Festival (Reception, Yr1 & Yr2)
Thursday 24 October, 2.00pm	Harvest Festival (Reception, Yr1 & Yr2)
Friday 25 October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 4 November	INSET: School closed for staff training
Tuesday 5 November	Children return to school after half term break
TBC	Year 2 Literacy Workshop
TBC	Year 1 Literacy Workshop
Monday 11 November	Anti-Bullying week
TBC	Reception Literacy Workshop
Wednesday 13 November, 9:30am	Open Day
Friday 15 November	Children in Need
Tuesday 26 November	Years 1 and 2 Celebration of Success
Tuesday 3 December	Reception, Hearing tests
Monday 9 December, am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Tuesday 10 December, 9.30am	Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 December, am	Nursery Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 December, 2.00pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Wednesday 11 December, am	Reception Heights and Weight measurements
Monday 16 December	Christingle
Tuesday 17 December, 9.30am	Yr 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 18 December 2.00pm	Yr 2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 19 December

Friday 20 December

Christmas Party day

Finish for Christmas holiday

Spring term

Monday 6 January

Tuesday 7 January

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Tuesday 5 February

Wednesday 5 February

Thursday 6 February

Tuesday 11 February

Friday 14 February

Monday 24 February

Thursday 5 March

Thursday 5 March

Friday 6 March

Thursday 12 March

Wednesday 18 March

Thursday 19 March

Friday 20 March

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 1 April

Wednesday 1 April

Thursday 2 April

Friday 3 April

INSET : School closed for staff training

Children return after Christmas break

Yr 2 Numeracy Workshop

Yr 1 Numeracy Workshop

Nursery Numeracy Workshop

Reception Numeracy Workshop

Safer Internet Day

Parent Consultations

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Finish for half-term holiday

Children return after half term break

Bedtime Reading/Parents literacy meeting

World Book Day

World Maths Day

Nursery Writing Workshop

Family Assembly (more details to follow)

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Mother's Day lunch – Year 2

Yr1 and Yr2 Celebration of Success

Nursery & Reception Celebration of Success

Intra sports

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Finish for Easter holiday

Summer term

Monday 20 April

Thursday 7 May

Friday 8 May

Friday 15 May

Thursday 21 May

Friday 22 May

Monday 1 June

w/b Monday 8 June

Summer term starts,

SATs under way for Year 2

INSET:School closed for staff training

May Day Bank Holiday (VE Day)

Cranmore Marathon

Empty Classroom Day

Finish for half-term holiday

Back to school after half term break

Y1 Phonics Screening Check

Friday 19 June	Father's Day Lunch – Year 1
Monday 22-Wednesday 24 June	Year 2 Residential trip to Blackwell Court
Wednesday 1 July 9.15 am	Nursery and Reception Sports (all welcome)
Thursday 2 July, 9.15am	Years 1 and 2 Sports (all welcome)
Thursday 2 July	New Nursery Parents meeting
Saturday 4 July	Summer Fair
Thursday 9 July	Transition meeting FS1 to FS2
Friday 10 July	Class Swap Day
Monday 13 July	Thank you Tea
Tuesday 14 July, 2:00pm	Leavers' assembly (Year 2 parents welcome)
Wednesday 15 July, 3.15-5.00pm	Year 2 Leavers Party
Friday 17 July	Children finish for summer 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.*