

CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER
July 2020

Our value this half term is INTEGRITY

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been lovely to see lots of children return to school and they have amazed us with how well they have adapted to a 'new normal'. We are incredibly proud of them and they have certainly shown their resilience and readiness to rise to new challenges! This is to their credit and will certainly help prepare them well for the future!

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school in September. In order to support the children's transition all of the classes will remain the same for next year and staffing will be as follows:

KINGFISHER class to Mr Murphy and Mrs Hyde in **HEDGEHOGS**

OTTERS class to Mrs Baker/Mrs Whittle and Mrs McCulloch in **FOXES**

FOXES class to Mrs Jennings and Mrs Francis in **DEERS**

HEDGEHOGS class to Mrs Overton (until April, then Miss Smith on her return from maternity leave) and Mrs Francis in **RABBITS**

DEERS class to Miss Phillips and Mrs Barran in **ROBINS**

RABBITS class to Mrs Freeman and Mrs Barran in **SQUIRRELS**

Staff have recorded welcome messages for their new classes which will be posted on the Padlet site.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the support you have shown in continuing your children's learning at home. I appreciate this won't have been easy, particularly for those of you who have also had to balance this with working yourselves. We have really appreciated this and your child(ren) will have certainly benefited from it.

A huge thank you once again to our fantastic team of staff, who throughout this have shown their professionalism and dedication to providing the very best for all the children at Cranmore. They have embraced the changes positively and ensured that children returning to school felt happy, safe and secure, as well as continuing to support the learning for those children still at home. I feel incredibly privileged to work with such an outstanding and supportive team of staff!



Goodbye....

As usual, at this time of year, we are thinking about the children in Year 2 who will be leaving Cranmore and moving on to Junior School. It is always rather sad to see them go, but it is also lovely to look back over their time here and see how they have grown and developed. We hope they are looking forward to the next

step in their journey with excitement. We know they are ready for it and we all wish them success and happiness in the future. We always enjoy hearing how our ex-pupils are getting on so please stay in touch, Year 2!

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Tombs as she starts her early retirement. We are very appreciative for all her hard work during her time at Cranmore and I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future.



Don't forget that the school will be closed for a staff training day on the first day of term Tuesday 1st September, and the children return to their new classes the following day.

The INSET day focuses on School Improvement Planning and involves all staff and some governors. Subject leaders will be sharing their monitoring and evaluation from the previous year and based on this we will be identifying our new school improvement priorities, which I shall inform you of in due course. One of the new priorities will certainly be the schools' recovery plan, curriculum and support for children following Covid 19.



Whilst these last few months have been incredibly challenging in many ways, it has made me appreciate even more how special and unique our Cranmore community is. Thank you to children, parents, staff and governors for all your valuable support and understanding during this difficult and worrying time.

We are all looking forward to having our 'Cranmore family' back together again in September, and hearing the buzz of excitement and learning of all our children in school! Myself and all the staff are eager to get back to familiar routines and see all of the children who we have missed tremendously.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer break and some quality family time! I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 2nd September.



Stay safe and well and look after each other.

Mrs Rebecca Ward

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR.....

Throughout the year children across school have thoroughly enjoyed our 'theme weeks'. These included: Anti-Bullying, Book week, Science week and Faith week.

We also organised activities as part of European Day of Languages, World Peace Day, Safer Internet Day and had a super bed time story session in our pyjamas with our teddies, enjoying a hot chocolate!

We have enjoyed lots of family and community events. Our family lunches have been very well attended as have our 'celebrate success' sessions, which have received lots of positive feedback.

Children across school have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions led by Mrs Hyde and they've had a great time building dens, lighting fires and enjoying learning in the outdoors!

This year we have raised money for many charities and good causes including Children in Need, The Teddy Rose Foundation, MacMillan, The Children's Society, and the Poppy Appeal. We also arranged a food collection for the Helping Hands charity. Thank you for all your generosity in supporting these worthwhile causes.

Some of our other events include Harvest Festival, Christmas plays and carols at Touchwood. Various visitors have also supported the children's learning, including a Planetarium and The Victorian Time Travellers.

The children have had plenty of extra physical activity throughout the year with coaches coming into school to teach dance, football, tri-golf, cheerleading and gymnastics. The school intra-sports competitions have been very popular with classes in the school competing against each other and children in Year 1 and 2 also enjoyed Scootability sessions.

Children have also enjoyed gardening, athletics and choir after school clubs, and a big thank you to staff for giving their own time to lead these.

This year we have continued to developed our musical provision with some children participating in Rock Steady and Ukulele sessions. 15 Year 1 children also took part in an Infant Music festival, performing at the Core Theatre.

CRISPA have organised lots of successful events throughout the year and have raised valuable funds for the school. A big thank you to the CRISPA helpers for all their hard work, in particular to Emma Foxworthy and Shona Van Der Walt. The funds have been put towards the new adventure play equipment which the children will hopefully be able to enjoy using in September.

We look forward to all the exciting opportunities next year will bring! Many thanks again for all your continuous support!



TERM/HOLIDAY DATES 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts: *Tuesday 01 September 2020
Half Term: Monday 26 October 2020 to Friday 30 October 2020
Term Ends: Friday 18 December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts: *Monday 04 January 2021
Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
Term Ends: Thursday 01 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: *Monday 19 April 2021
Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 04 June 2021
Term Ends: Wednesday 21 July 2021

***INSET DAYS**

Tuesday 1st September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 4th January 2021
Monday 19th April 2021
Thursday 6th May 2021

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 03 May 2021