



CRANMORE INFANT SCHOOL

We love to learn and together we grow

January 2023

Our School Characteristics this term are 'Acceptance' and 'Nurture'

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 managed to have an enjoyable time with your children, family and friends.

We are looking forward with great excitement to the new term and hopefully your children have come home feeling positive about the way that school has started for them. The children have settled really well back into 'The Cranmore Way' routines and expectations, are working hard on their learning and, most importantly, are happy to be back.



Attendance

29 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! Children will be receiving a certificate and prize in Celebration assembly.

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)	86.35%
Foxes (F2)	91.71%
Hedgehogs (F2)	93.17%
Deers (Y1)	93.03%
Rabbits (Y1)	92.69%
Squirrels (Y2)	94.28%
Robins (Y2)	94.80%

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%

Unfortunately as you can see from the table above, none of our classes reached the required percentage last term.

Hopefully we can work together to see a significant improvement in the coming term.



Attending school on time every day will mean your child gets the most out of every school day



It is equally important that your child arrives on time for school each day as the work and activities start promptly at 9:00am. If your child regularly misses the beginning of lessons they are missing vital learning which will have an impact on their progress. It can also be very unsettling for a child if they have to come in late. Late arrivals after 9:15am are recorded as unauthorised in the attendance register, if a trigger of 10 sessions of

unauthorised absence is reached, a warning letter will be issued by the Education Enforcement Team prior to a penalty notice. Cranmore School work very closely with CSAWS (Central School Attendance and Welfare Service), who will be arranging a 'Late Gate' visit in the near future

CRISPA fundraising

The total amount raised from CRISPA's fundraising events last term was just over £2,500 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 new books for both the classrooms and the school library, and the children have been involved in drawing up a wish list of books to purchase. 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, these can be changed on arrival at school.
- Mittens are much easier to put on than gloves!
- Boots are not part of the school uniform.

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 20th to Friday 24th February 2023, 8am-6pm

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



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

We are thrilled that we are now, once again, in a position to arrange school trips and visitors to enhance the children's learning. Unfortunately, these activities will not be able to go ahead 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.



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 and school community



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 Streets Scheme

Cranmore is part of the 'School Streets' scheme, and Northland Road will be closed to traffic at specific times at the beginning and end of the school day.

Please be aware that some parents have already received a fine for breaching these regulations.



Cranmore Chorus, Winners at Touchwood!!

A huge well done to our choir and a special thank you to Mrs Baker, we are so proud of all the children who performed so enthusiastically. The school has been awarded £1,000 in prize money to be spent on a musical project.

A big thank you to everyone who voted!

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 or Junior school place for September 2023. The closing date is 15th January, a late application may affect the school place you are offered.



That just leaves me to wish you all a fantastic 2023 and to say how much we are looking forward to working closely in partnership with you over the coming year. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Very best wishes,
Rebecca Ward

.....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	
Monday 16 January, 2:00pm	Yr 1 Numeracy Workshop
Thursday 19 January, 2:00pm	Yr 2 Numeracy Workshop
Friday 20 January, 2:00pm	Reception Numeracy Workshop
Tuesday 7 February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 8 February	Parent Consultations
Monday 13 February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 27 February	Deers class visit to Singers Hill Synagogue
Wednesday 1 March	Rabbits Class visit to Singers Hill Synagogue
*Wednesday 1 March, 5:30pm	Bedtime Reading
Thursday 2 March	World Book Day
Monday 13 March	Science Week
Monday 13 March	Jungle Ranger visiting Year 2
Wednesday 15 March	Mother's Day Lunch, Year 1
Friday 17 March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 16 th March, 9:15am	Family Assembly, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 17 March, 9:15am	Family Assembly, Nursery and Reception
Thursday 23 March	World Maths Day
Thursday 23 March, 9:00-9:30am	Celebration of Success
Monday 27 March, 2:00pm	Rock Steady Concert
Monday 27 March, 6:00pm	Year 1 Phonic Check Meeting
Thursday 30 March, 2:00pm	Year 1 Phonic Check Meeting
Friday 31 March	Break the Rules Day
Thursday 20 April, 2:00pm	End KS1 tests meeting, Year 2
Friday 21 April	Eid-al-fitr
Monday 24 April, 1:30pm	Fizz Pop Science Assembly, KS1
*Tuesday 25 April, 6:00pm	End KS1 tests meeting, Year 2
Wednesday 26 April	Year 1 Scootability
Monday 15 May	Mental Health Week
Friday 19 May	Outdoor Classroom Day

Monday 22 May, 2:00pm	Blackwell Parents meeting, Year 2
Monday 12 June	Class Group Photographs
Wednesday 14 June	Father's Day Lunch, Year 2
Tuesday 20 June	Nursery and Reception Sports
Wednesday 21 June	National Music Day
Thursday 22 June	Years 1 and 2 Sports
Wednesday 28 – Friday 30 June	Year 2 Residential trip to Blackwell Court
Wednesday 5 July	New to Foundation Stage Meeting
Thursday 6 July	Celebration of Success
Friday 7 July	Class Swap Day
Saturday 8 July	Summer Fair
Monday 17 July, 2:30pm	Thank you Tea
Wednesday 19 July	Year 2 Leavers Party
Friday 21 July	Leavers' Assembly (Year 2 parents welcome)

Look out for more dates in later newsletters and year group weekly newsletters

Term Dates 2022/2023

	SPRING TERM 2023
Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd January 2023
Half Term	Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February 2023
Term Ends	Friday 31st March 2023
	SUMMER TERM 2023
Term Starts	Monday 17th April 2023
May Day	Monday 1st May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
Term Ends	Tuesday 25th July 2023

INSET DAYS
Monday 17 th April 2023
Thursday 4 th May (Polling Day)

*Please note, these dates have changed from previous newsletters