



# The Cranford Jotter



**Holidays**—Just a reminder that we break up for half-term at 3.15pm on Friday 19th October! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 30th October 2018.

**Applying for a Primary School place**—If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2019, it's now time to apply for your child's school place. Closing date for applications is 15th January 2019 at 5pm online to: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Applying for a Year 7 Secondary School place**—If your child is due to move to secondary school in September 2019, you will need to apply for a secondary school place. Closing date for applications is 31st October 2018 at 5pm via [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)

**Parent Consultation Evening**—Our Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Wednesday 7th November from 2pm-7pm. It will give parents an opportunity to discuss what your child is doing at school and how they are getting on. You can also cover any issues you may want to talk about with your child's teacher. Forms will be put out for you to sign up for an appointment (outside the school hall) on Tuesday 30th October.

**Cake Stall**—Many thanks for your continued support and donations for this event. During the last few weeks; Year 3 have collected £21.94 and Year 2 £35.50 towards school funds. The dates for the next cake stalls are as follows; 2nd November—Year R, 9th November—Year 6, 16th November—Year 5, 23rd November—Year 4, 30th November—Year 3. Letters will be sent home one week prior to the cakes being required.

**School Dinners**—If you would like your child to receive a hot dinner after half term please remember to log onto Parentpay and make your bookings.

**Free School Meals**—Please remember to claim for free school meals should you be entitled to these. This may mean that your child will be entitled to free school trips and music lessons. If you are on low income and currently in receipt of income support or certain other benefits then please visit - [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) for details.

**Holidays during term time**—Parents are reminded that we are unable to authorise any holiday requests during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If you still request time off for your child you will need to inform the school office via letter with dates and reason for taking your child out of school during term time.

**Parent/Carer Drop In**—Thank you to all the parents/carers who made it into school to look through your child's work so far this term and thank you for all your positive feedback. We are hosting our next Parent/Carer Drop In session on Tuesday 27th November from 2.30-3.15pm.

**Harvest Festival**—Thank you for supporting the children's Harvest Festival performance yesterday. It was lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you also for all your generous food donations for Homestart Kettering.

**Breakfast and Afterschool Club Bookings**—Please ensure you organise your children's bookings direct via Parentpay within the correct time frames. Whilst we appreciate emergency situations lead to on the day bookings this is leading to unacceptable account arrears. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

**School Photos**—Photo proofs have been sent home with your child this week. Please could order forms be returned to school by Friday 2nd November at the latest. Thank you.

**Whole School Pantomime Visit**—We shall be visiting the Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering during the afternoon of Monday 17th December to watch a performance of Aladdin. Letters to follow after half term.

**Acorn visit to West Lodge Farm**—We have arranged for the pupils in Acorn class to visit West Lodge Farm to learn about the Nativity Story and to visit Father Christmas on Friday 30th November. Letters have been sent home.

**Book People Book Fair**—We shall be hosting a Book People Book Fair on Wednesday 7th November during Parents Evening. Please come along and browse at the books on offer (cash and credit cards accepted on the day).

**Donations of Toys/Games**—If you are having a sort out over the holidays, Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club would appreciate any toys and games donations you may have. Thank you in advance.

Friday 19th October 2018

**Values Education - Our value for this half term is 'Respect'**

**Luke 6:31 "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."**

## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30th October—Pupils return to school  
 Wednesday 31st October—Open Afternoon for Reception 2019  
 Friday 2nd November—Nasal Flu Vaccinations—Reception to Year 5  
 Friday 2nd November—Reception Cake Sale  
 Wednesday 7th November—Parent Consultation Evening 2pm-7pm  
 Friday 9th November—Year 6 Cake Sale  
 Friday 16th November—Children In Need Day  
 Friday 16th November—Year 5 Cake Sale  
 Friday 23rd November—Elms, Ice Skating trip to Peterborough  
 Friday 24th November—Year 4 Cake Sale  
 Monday 26th November—Spelling Bee Week Year 1 to Year 6  
 Tuesday 27th November—Parent/Carer Drop In  
 Friday 30th November—Acorns visit to West Lodge Farm  
 Friday 30th November—Year 3 Cake Sale

## Attendance for October- please note the expected attendance for the academic year 2018/2019 is 96%

Should your child's attendance fall below 96% for any reason, it is the school's statutory duty to send reminder letters to parents and carers to inform them that their child is below the national expectation, regardless of whether the absence has been authorised or not.

Class	Presents	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence	Possible	% Attend
Acorns	412	4	4	420	98.10
Elms	670	30	0	700	95.71
Sycamore	722	22	12	756	95.50
Oaks	800	30	10	840	95.24

## October Birthdays

Sammy, Elizabeth C, Nirvair, Noah, Eva,  
 Oscar, Jacob, Harry, and Ellis W