



Cranford C E Primary School

'Learning Today For A Better Tomorrow'

NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd November 2018

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Acting Head of School: Mr R Albert

I want to start off this issue of the newsletter with a huge thank you to everyone involved in the Cranford community who have welcomed me into your fantastic school this week, helping me settle very quickly. The staff have been brilliant and as you can probably guess, the children have been amazing. They are a bright, confident bunch who have impressed me with their polite attitudes and positive behaviours towards school. You should all feel very proud to be part of the school.

I can't believe how quickly the week has gone and I've been able to spend some time in each of the classes, looking at the Teaching & Learning that is going on and getting to know the children. I've seen some lovely reading sessions, enjoyed some excellent maths and been blown away by creative writing from the older children. I also joined Mr Aiken in meeting with prospective parents who are looking to send their pupils to our school in September 2019 as part of the next Reception cohort - both they and I were super impressed by the confidence of the children in EYFS who happily told them what they were doing, with one little lady even asking to show her book to them! You can probably tell that it's been a whirlwind week but is there any other type of week in a primary school?

We, along with every other primary school in the country it seems, have issues regarding parking at drop-off and collection times. One of our parents was spoken to by the police this week about not parking on the solid white lines. I haven't been able to clarify the legal situation around this so my advice currently is please park and drive considerately around the school—not blocking driveways and avoiding parking where it could be obstructive (particularly around the corner leading in to the village). The Red Lion pub have again offered their car park for you to use but please avoid parking on the verges. As I say, this is a problem in all schools, not just our own, so please take care of one another and particularly our children.

I'm looking forward to spending more time with the children in classes next week and meeting more of you, our wider community, at our parent consultations next Wednesday. In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful weekend and please don't be a stranger if you see me (looking lost) around the school! I'll see you at the gate.

Mr Albert



Follow our twitter account — [@SchoolCranford](https://twitter.com/SchoolCranford)

Some of you have already found our Twitter account. It's a really quick and easy way for you and us to keep in touch. We'll be using it even more moving forward: posting photographs of the children at work; giving news updates and sharing useful links.

ATTENDANCE

I am very proud to announce that Acorns had the best attendance last term with 98.62%!

Please remember, any family with a child's attendance rate of less than 95% should expect to be contacted by the school for a period of attendance monitoring. Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable and for which no "leave" has been given and include holidays. This type of absence can lead to the school using sanctions and/or legal proceedings such as fines from the Local Authority.

Safeguarding Matters

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert or Mrs Wells (our safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th November—Parent Consultation Evening 2pm-7pm

Friday 9th November— Remembrance Walk to Cranford Village Hall 11am, Parent/Carers welcome

Friday 9th November— Year 6 Cake Sale

Monday 12th November—Cranford Defibrillator Training in school hall 3.30pm for Parent and Carers

Friday 16th November—Children In Need Day, details to follow

Friday 16th November—Year 5 Cake Sale

Friday 23rd November— Elms, Ice Skating trip to Peterborough

Friday 23rd November—Year 4 Cake Sale

Monday 26th November—Spelling Bee Week Year 1 to Year 6

Tuesday 27th November—Parent/Carer Drop In 2.30-3.15pm

Friday 30th November—Acorns visit to West Lodge Farm

Friday 30th November—Year 3 Cake Sale

Parent Consultation Evening— 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 accepted on the day). The school nurses will be running a Nurses Station should you need to speak to them for any help and advice regarding your child and ABM Catering (our hot school dinner providers) will also be running a Food Taster Session. Please note that Afterschool Club will be held in the Elms Classroom that 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.

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 for details.

Reflection

I am sure that many of you will be heading out over the weekend and attending firework displays and bonfire nights. This is a great learning opportunity for children and I'll be talking with my own boys about the history behind the event. It's also very important to remind them about keeping safe around fire and fireworks. Have a chat with your children and ask them to tell you what they need to do to keep safe, both at these events and as the evenings become darker and colder. Also talk about the fact that what is enjoyable to us may be frightening or annoying to others; ask them to think about people they know who may be worried by fireworks, including pets. Enjoy yourselves and take care.

Prayer

Dear God,

Please show us love and keep us safe,

Helping us to be sensible and thoughtful in all that we do.

Whilst taking care of us,

Please help us remember that safety and care for others, I

Is also our responsibility.

Amen.

