



Cranford C E Primary School

'Learning Today For A Better Tomorrow'

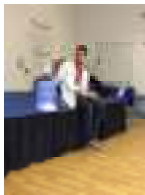
NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

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Acting Head of School: Mr R Albert

I really enjoy this time of year even though it is probably the most busy period in school—preparing for the end of term, Christmas performances and services involves a lot of unseen and often unappreciated work but speaking on behalf of my colleagues, I don't think we'd have it any other way! The staff continue to be totally committed to the pupils and put them at the heart of everything we do. We are working hard on improving the teaching & learning across school and have already had some exciting discussions about the topic that is happening next term—we'll keep these as a surprise for now!



This week we were joined by 'Cosmic Chris' from Atomic Science. He gave an assembly to the pupils and showed them how cool science can be. There were lots of "ooohs" and "aahs" as he did his experiments – and these were just from the adults! I have worked with Chris and Atomic Science on many occasions and they are great. The children have lots of fun and learn some great science along the way too. I know they'll enjoy the club.

We are edging closer to re-launching our "Friends of Cranford" parents group and I had an excellent meeting with Lucie Pittam who is really driving this forward. We need a large committee to get this up and running and also a Chairperson and Treasurer—we hope to hold a meeting next week just to gauge interest. Our ideas for the group include the expected fund raising but also a group to help the upkeep the grounds and building in our lovely little school so anyone with time and skillset will be desperately needed—watch this space.

Please pay close attention to the dates overleaf. We have Chocolate Bingo coming up, followed by our Christmas disco and then of course our Nativity and Carol services. I hope to see you all there! In the meantime, take care and keep warm!

Mr Albert

Parking!

The parking on the bend remains an issue and a source of panic for us! We're reminding you again to think carefully about where you park and have included our diagram once more. The PCSOs are looking for volunteers to place parking cones on certain stretches, so if you can help them please get in touch with PCSO Margaret.



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.

ATTENDANCE

I can announce that **Acorns have had the best attendance over the last fortnight with **97.3%**! They beat the Oaks who got **96.2%** last time - **Can any class get 100% next week????****

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.

CHOCOLATE BINGO

Wednesday 5th December 17:30—19:30



Tuesday 18th December 18:00—19:30



CHRISTMAS DISCO

Diary Dates

Monday 3rd December—Sycamore Class Drumming Performance to parents/carers in hall 1:45pm

Monday 3rd December—Sycamore Class Fabulous Finish Assembly to parents/carers 2:30pm

Wednesday 5th December—Chocolate Bingo 17:30-19:30pm

Friday 7th December—Christmas Hamper Mufti Day

Friday 7th December—Celebration Assembly 9:15am

Friday 7th December—Year 2 Cake Sale

Monday 10th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance in the hall 2:00pm

Monday 10th December—KS2 Carol Concert performance in church 5:30pm

Tuesday 11th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativity performance in the hall 9:30am

Wednesday 12th December—KS2 Carol Concert in church 9:15am

Friday 14th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Class Christmas Parties

Friday 14th December—Year 1 Cake Sale

Monday 17th December—Aladdin Pantomime at Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering

Tuesday 18th December—Christmas Dinner Day by ABM Catering (please order online via Parentpay)

Tuesday 18th December—Christmas Disco 18:00-19:30pm

Wednesday 19th December—Church Service 9:15am

Wednesday 19th December - Last day of term

Monday 7th January - School reopens to children 8:45am

Reflection

Many children will be opening their Advent calendars tomorrow, with the munching of chocolates becoming a regular morning event. It's the countdown to Christmas where millions of people spend billions of pounds on gifts they hope other people want and Advent calendars remind us that a day to be excited about is coming. We plan for it and celebrate. But for those not as fortunate it can be just another day—talk with your children about this. Perhaps introduce them to reverse advent where you give items to the needy - a certain item each day of advent. Remind them that Christmas Day is a good day - worthy of all the anticipation, even without the chocolates and presents!

Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help my eyes to see,
All the good you send to me.
Jesus, help my ears to hear,
Calls for help, from far and near.
Blessed Father, help my feet to go,
In the way that You will show.
Dear Jesus, help my hands to do,
All things loving, kind, and true.
Jesus, guard me through this day
In all I do and all I say.

Amen.



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