



# Cranford C E Primary School

*'Learning Today For A Better Tomorrow'*

## NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 19th December 2018

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Acting Head of School: Mr R Albert

It's been a hugely exciting second half of the Autumn term here at Cranford and I've really enjoyed my time in the school. I have loved getting to know the children and working alongside the staff and you may have read that you are stuck with myself and Mr Aiken for a little bit longer after Christmas—which is obviously great news for us but I couldn't possibly speak on behalf of yourselves!

It obviously gets very busy in December in school: we've had a beautiful Christmas nativity; powerful Christmas Carol services at St John's Church; we watched a terrific pantomime at the Lighthouse Theatre and last night a fabulous Christmas disco! We wouldn't have it any other way, as the look on both the pupils and parents faces at the performances is a great reward for everyone's hard work. The performances were fantastic and I have to congratulate all those involved - both the pupils and staff.

As I told you recently, we do say goodbye to Miss Woodhouse this term but we wish her luck as she joins her new school and know she will do a great job. We're excited to have Mrs Kirby back after maternity leave and she is looking forward alongside Miss Stevens in Elms after the holidays. I think next term we will see some fantastic progress being made across the school, including in the physical environment - so watch this space!

All that's left for me to do is to thank the whole Cranford community for their support and positivity through this term and wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe Christmas time with your families. See you in 2019!

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas a very Happy New Year!*

*Mr Albert*

### Dogs

After Christmas we will be asking that dogs are no longer brought on to the school site (guide dogs are an exception), which does include those being carried. Education Authorities strongly recommend to schools that dogs are only allowed on school premises for educational purposes or with pupils, staff or members of the public as a registered service dog. The Governors have considered this advice seriously and have agreed to accept this recommendation.

### Parking!

A final reminder of the year—please make it your New Year's resolution to avoid parking in the dangerous "red zone" near to the corner as you enter the village!

Your safety is more important than anything so even if it means you're a few minutes late, park carefully and safely and away from the speeding traffic.



### **ATTENDANCE**

**I can announce that *Sycamores* have had the best attendance this half term with **97.39%**!**

Please remember, any family with a child's attendance rate of less than 96% 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**

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

Thursday 10th January - Atomic Science Club starts 3.15– 4.15pm (5 weeks if you have registered online)

Friday 11th January - Reception Cake Stall

Friday 18th January—Year 6 Cake Stall

Friday 25th January—Year 5 Cake Stall

Friday 1st February—Year 4 Cake Stall

Friday 8th February—Year 3 Cake Stall

Tuesday 12th February—Reception and Year 6 screening

Thursday 14th February—Valentines Disco 6pm to 7.30pm

Friday 15th February—Year 2 Cake Stall

Friday 15th February—last day of term

Monday 25th February—School reopens to children 8:45am

Thursday 28th February—Tempest Class Photos

## **Reflection**

Is there a better feeling than giving a loved one a gift? I love watching my children unwrap their presents! Whilst making sure that they have a fantastic time and get into the spirit of this special time of the year, it's also very important to remind them of those who will not be getting presents; those who won't enjoy a lovely Christmas dinner. Christmas can be a difficult, lonely time for many people. Take a moment with your child to discuss those less fortunate than ourselves and to be grateful for what we can give and receive.

## **Prayer**

May love come alive within your heart,  
As Christmas time draws near.  
May hope fill each room you decorate,  
And bring joy to those you hold dear.  
May peace be before you at every meal,  
And faith ring through in every song.  
For Christ is alive, the light of the world,  
May he bless you all season long.

**Amen.**



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