

The Cranford Jotter



<u>Half-Term Holiday (Communication)</u>—Just a reminder that we break up for half-term at 3.15pm on Thursday 29th March. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 17th April 2018. **Please note that there will be no Afterschool Club on Thursday 29th March**

<u>Cake Stall (Communication)</u>— Many thanks for your continued support and donations for this event. During the last few weeks' Year 3 have collected £21.00, Year 2 £25.50 and Year 1 £28.00 towards school funds. The dates for the next cake stalls are as follows; 2nd March—Reception, 9th March—Year 6, 16th March—Year 5, 23rd March Year 4. Letters will be sent home one week prior to the cakes being required.

<u>Oaks trip to PGL Caythorpe 25th-27th April (Curriculum)</u> - just a little reminder that any outstanding monies should be paid via Parentpay as soon as possible. Thank you.

<u>Wednesday Dodgeball Club (Communication)</u> — Please remember there are 5 sessions left to run —28th Feb, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and 28th March.

<u>Thursday Gymnastics Club (Communication)</u>—Please remember there are 4 sessions left to run—1st March, 8th March, 15th March and 22nd March.

<u>Parent/Carer Drop-In (Progress)</u>—The parent/Carer drop in is an opportunity for you to check your child's progress as an ongoing measure across the school year. We are hosting our next Parent/Carer Drop In session on Tuesday 13th March from 2.30-3.15pm. The latest that parents can arrive for the drop in is 2.45pm.

<u>World Book Day (Curriculum)</u>— World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March 2018. All children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book character and each child will receive a special World Book Day Book Token.

Spelling Bee Week (Curriculum)—Our next Spelling Bee for children in Years 1-6 will take place during the week commencing Monday 5th March. Information regarding your child's list of spellings to learn and practise are available on the school website. Please see link - http://www.cranford.northants.sch.uk/spelling-bee

Holidays in Term Time (Communication)—Please be reminded holidays can NEVER be authorised during term time. As a school we appreciate the reasons why parents prefer to go on holiday during term time but headteachers are not allowed to authorise this time off for children from the term after they turn 5 years of age. Please inform us of your term-time holiday intentions via a letter or email that we will reply to.

Mothering Sunday Tea Party (Celebration)—The children will be serving up cake and refreshments in the school hall to mums and other female relations on Friday 9th March to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Invitations will be sent out nearer the time.

<u>Data Collection Forms (Communication)</u> - Pleaser return forms to the school office by Friday 2nd March. Thank you.

Other dates for the diary -

Tuesday 6th March—Tempest Class Photos (Communication)
Thursday 8th March—Easter Chocolate Bingo 5.30pm (Event)
Wednesday 21st March—Celebration Assembly 9am (Progress)
Wednesday 28th March—Easter Egg Rolling 1.30pm (Celebration)
Thursday 29th March—Easter Church Service 9.30am (Church)

Peterborough Diocese Educational Trust—Please visit our new PDET section on our website for the latest news and information from the school's Academy Trust.

Wednesday 28th February 2018

<u>Values Education - Our value for this half term is</u> 'Honesty'

John 1:6 "If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness we lie and do not live out the truth."

We have had a great start to this term already!

<u>Acorns</u>—The children have been embarking on their new term's theme of "Planes, Trains and Automobiles."

<u>Elms</u>—Elms had a great morning out last Tuesday when they visited Waitrose in Rushden to find out more about where our food comes from as part of their theme "Food Glorious Food."

<u>Sycamores</u> — Sycamores are off to Cadbury World in Birmingham as part of their theme "Choccy Woccy Doodah" on Friday 2nd March to learn the history behind the creation of the Cadbury factory and how chocolate is made.

<u>**Oaks</u>**— Oaks will be improving their historical and analytical skills by studying the similarities and differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta.</u>

Attendance for February- please note the expected attendance for the academic year 2017/2018 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.

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Presents</u> | Authorised Absence | Unauthorised Absence | <u>Possible</u> | <u>%</u> Attend |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Acorns | 436 | 10 | 2 | 448 | 97.32 |
| Elms | 678 | 24 | 2 | 704 | 96.31 |
| Sycamore | 762 | 44 | 2 | 808 | 94.31 |
| Oaks | 895 | 45 | 20 | 960 | 93.23 |

February Birthdays

Alexander, Daisy and Jorja