Newsletter

Date: Friday 11th September

Working together for all children to prosper, be full of hope and be excited about their future!

Welcome Back to Cranford Primary!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to Cranford Primary for the new school year. The children have made a fantastic start and it has been lovely to see classrooms full of smiles, enthusiasm and learning once again.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Acorns children, who have started school for the very first time. They have settled into school brilliantly and have already become a very happy part of our Cranford family. We are so pleased to have them with us!







Great Start to the Year

The first few weeks of a new school year are always busy as we establish new routines, get to know new faces and settle back into school life. I have been incredibly impressed by how well the children have responded. They have shown our Cranford values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**, and it has been a pleasure to see them supporting one another and getting stuck into their learning. Thank you to all our families for helping the children to make such a positive start.



A New Name for Our Site Supervisor!

We have had a little change of name over the summer! Many of you will know our Site Supervisor, **Mrs Bale**. She is now **Mrs Boddington**, having married her long-term partner, Lawrence, over the summer. We would like to wish them both a huge congratulations and every happiness for the future. We hope you had a wonderful day, Mrs Boddington!

New SENCO

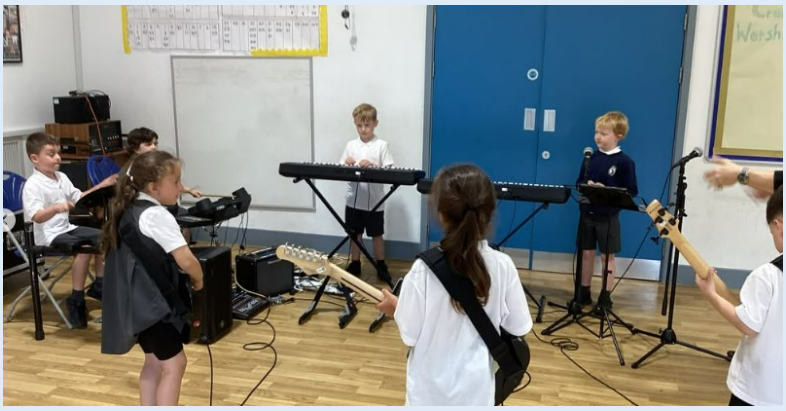
We are also delighted to welcome **Jessica Pearson-Poole**, our new SENCO, to Cranford Primary. Jessica has already made a great start and is getting to know our children, families and staff. We are very pleased to have her as part of our team and look forward to working with her to continue to ensure that all of our children receive the support they need to thrive.



Rocking out with Rock Steady

I am sure you will remember the awesome Rocksteady Assembly that the children enjoyed at the end of last year. We had such a great time that we thought we should invite them back to become a regular part of Team Cranford. The new music clubs – which takes place on Wednesday afternoons - have got off to a fantastic start, giving children the opportunity to learn and play music together as part of a band. I think we have some budding rock stars in a midst! It has been brilliant to see the children developing their confidence, trying new instruments and, most importantly, having lots of fun making music!









Introducing Our New School Council

Our School Councillors were elected by their classmates and were presented with their School Council badges today. We are incredibly proud of them for putting themselves forward and taking on this important role within our school. Our School Council gives children the opportunity to have their voices heard, share ideas and help to make Cranford an even better place for everyone. We are looking forward to seeing them working together and representing the views of their classmates throughout the year. Their first project will be a special food collection linked to Harvest. The children will be helping to collect donations for the Kettering Food Bank, supporting local families who may need a little extra help.



New Sports Equipment – Thanks to Our School Council!

You may remember that our School Council organised fundraising activities last year, with every class taking part to raise money for new equipment for the children.

We are delighted to have now been able to use the money raised to purchase new sports and playground equipment. The children have already been enjoying using it, and it is fantastic to see their hard work from last year making a real difference to school life. A huge thank you to our School Council and to all the children and families who supported their fundraising. What a brilliant example of the Cranford community working together!













We have so many exciting adventures in store during the Autumn Term so make sure to check out the Key dates section of this newsletter. Thank you once again for the incredibly positive start you have helped us to make. We are very proud of our children and excited about everything that the year ahead will bring. Have a lovely weekend with you families and see you on the school gates next week for more fun!

Mr Tyman

A Prayer for the New School Year

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us back together
at the beginning of a new school year.

Thank you for our school,
for our friends, our teachers and our families,
and for all the new opportunities that lie ahead.

Help us to be Ready, Respectful and Safe
as we learn, play and grow together.

Be with those who are joining our school for the first time.
Help them to feel welcome, happy and cared for.

Give us courage when we try something new,
kindness when someone needs a friend,
and patience when things don't go as planned.

Help us to remember that we are all special and valued,
and that we can make a difference to the lives of others.

Bless our school community throughout this year
and guide us in all that we do.

Amen.

Safeguarding Matters

If you have any concerns about the well being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Tyman (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads :Mrs Payne, Mrs Molsher and Mr Mr Morris. For out of hours concerns please contact the Northamptonshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on:

0300 176 7000 or out of hours (**01604) 626938**

I hope you found our monthly Internet Safety Newsletter to be of help! If you have any concerns or questions about this area please do contact the school office.

Autumn Term 2

Monday 14/09/2026– Kettering Food Bank Assembly
Monday 14/09/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Friday 18/09/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 21/09/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Friday 25/09/2026– MacMillan Cake Sale– more details to follow
Friday 25/09/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 28/09/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Monday 28/09/2026– Whole School Flue vaccinations
Wednesday 30/09/2026– Harvest Festival 9am St Johns Church, Cranford—all welcome!
Friday 02/10/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 05/10/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Monday 05/10/2026– Pro-Strike Event– more details to follow
Wednesday 07/10/2026– Year 6 Trip to Peterborough Cathedral
Friday 09/10/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 12/10/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Tuesday 13/10/2026– Parents Evening– more details to follow
Wednesday 14/10/2026– Parents Evening– more details to follow
Wednesday 14/10/2026- KS2 Cross Country Event– selected children will be notified
Friday 16/10/2026– RE Day– Spirituality at Cranford
F**riday 16/10/2026**– No Celebration assembly due to RE Day
Monday 19/10/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Friday 23/10/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Friday 23/10/2026– End of Term

Half Term

Monday 02/11/2026– Training day
Tuesday 03/11/2026– Start of Term
Wednesday 04/11/2026– Key Stage 2 Girls Football Tournament– selected children will be notified
Friday 06/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 09/11/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele Whole class session
Tuesday 10/11/2026– Remembrance Service with Rev Jez– sorry no parents!
Friday 13/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 16/11/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Monday 16/11/2026– Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 19/11/2026– Tempest Individual School Photos
Friday 20/11/2026– Children in Need
Friday 20/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 23/11/2026– Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 25/11/2026– Key Stage 2 Net/Wall Festival
Friday 27/11/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 30/11/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Tuesday 01/12/2026– KS2 Sports Hall Athletics
Friday 04/12/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 07/12/2026- Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 09/12/2026- Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 09/12/2026– Carols in the Community
Friday 11/12/2026– Celebration Assembly 9am
Monday 14/12/2026-Sycamores Class– Ukulele whole class session
Wednesday 16/12/2026– Key Stage 2 Carol Service– more details to follow
Thursday 17/12/2026– School Panto (Peter Pan)– Kettering Lighthouse– more details to follow
Friday 18/12/2026– Last Day of Term– Mufti/Christmas Jumpers– Christmas Party