

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

It seems like a long time since our last Newsletter; I trust that you and your families enjoyed a restful Half Term. This Half Term is very short, and it is hard to believe that we will soon be celebrating Easter. The past few weeks have been busy ones for the school, and it is a pleasure to be able to share the children's latest adventures with you.

As a school we have worked hard to develop our science curriculum and it has become traditional to invite our friend Atomic Tom into Cranford during National Science Week. The children are always amazed by Tom's brilliant experiments, and he certainly brings a little 'awe and wonder' into his assemblies.







Each class enjoyed their own bespoke workshop packed full of exciting investigative Science. I know that the children will have taken away lasting memories from the day.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have been looking to further develop our links with the local community this year. It is my strong belief that small schools like Cranford should be at the heart of their community and it has been so rewarding for the children to be able to enjoy activities with some of the more 'mature' members of the Cranford village. This week, it was Year 5's turn and they had a

wonderful time making Easter Cakes. It was lovely to see the boys having such a great time; they even got to sing happy birthday to one of the esteemed members of Cranford 'Friday Club'.

We have continued to participate in a wide range of sporting activities since half term.





Oaks class showed off their basketball skills in the Kettering Sports Tournament. The children performed brilliantly and received several commendations for their excellent teamwork and good manners.



Not to be outdone, our Sycamore's New Age Curling Team carried on their brilliant run of form by competing in the District Finals. Giving the children such a range of sporting opportunities is so important to developing their self confidence and promoting healthy lifestyles which will stand them in good stead in the future.

The next few weeks will be busy ones for the school, I am sure I will be seeing many of you for Parents Evening and the Easter Church Service. On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your kind words regarding the birth of my new baby son, Ezra. It has been so sweet how many of the children have asked me to bring him into school; however, they seem less keen on changing nappies. Have a wonderful weekend and fingers crossed for some fine weather! See you on the school gates next week.

Mr Tyman



Spring is a breath of fresh air, cool — not cold, gentle — not bold. Its life sprouting up from the ground, the birds and insect sounds. A reminder of renewal, a marvel from You. Your gift to me is deserving of all the thanks and praise I can offer. Blessed are You, Creator of seasons.



Key Term Dates:

Monday 18/03/2024- Year 4 Swimming

Monday 18/03/2024- Mrs Kemp's Year 5/6 Choir After School

Tuesday 19/03/2024- Parents Evening/Book Fair (cash only)

Tuesday 19/03/2024- Oaks Class Samba Sessions

Tuesday 19/03/2024- Whole Class Tempest School Photos – all children to wear school uniform, there will be no PE

Wednesday 20/03/2024 - Parents Evening/Book Fair (cash only)

Thursday 21/03/2024- Whole School RE Day

Friday 22/03 /2024- Celebration Assembly

Friday 22/03/2024- Year 5 to visit Village Hall - community work

Monday 25/03/2024- Mrs Kemp's Year 5/6 Choir After School - CANCELLED

Monday 25/03/2024- Mrs Kemp's Parents Evening/Book Fair (cash only)

Monday 25/03/2024- Cranford School Governors Meeting

Monday 25/03/2024- Year 4 Swimming

Tuesday 26/03/2024- Oaks Class Samba Sessions - Performance to Parents 11am

Tuesday 26/03/2024- Year 2 Cricket Festival - more info to follow

Wednesday 27/03/2024- Year 5/6 Netball Tournament - more info to follow

Wednesday 27/03/2024- FOCS Disco - 6pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 28/03/2024- Easter Service in Church 9.15am

Thursday 28/03/2024- Thursday Night Girls Football Year 5/6

Thursday 28/03/2024- End of Term! Please remember there is no LASK After School Club

Monday 15/04/2024- Start of term 😊

Safeguarding Matters

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

If you are concerned about the well-being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mrs Holt, Mr Tyman or Mrs Holland, our safeguarding leads. For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) on:

0300 126 7000 or out of hours: 01604 626 938

Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is vitally important but also an increasing challenge for parents and carers as children now have so much more access than ever before to the virtual world. We teach online safety in school and to support you at home we would highly recommend downloading the free National Online Safety app which has free guides, resources and courses to keep you up to date. Information can be found on: <u>https://nationalcollege.com/mobile-app</u>