



Cranford C E Primary School

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

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th January 2021

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Headteacher: Mr R Albert

I hope that my first newsletter of the first term finds you safe and well.

To begin, I'd like to thank you all for your efforts and support since the return to school. Between yourselves and the school, we have managed to keep our entire cohort (give or take 'normal' absences) of pupils learning a full curriculum be they on-site or at home. Our team effort is amazing and I would favourably judge our provision against any school that I know of.

You'll be reassured to know that I continue to monitor the standards of teaching and learning and you won't be surprised to hear that I'm pleased by what I've seen. Many of you have been in touch with messages of gratitude and each and every is shared and treasured. It can be easy to forget, when the pressure is on, that the message from the Government and Scientists is to stay/work at home wherever possible so my colleagues really appreciate your positive comments when they are all coming on site on a daily basis. The government guidance of working from home has impacted on some of the staff's own childcare arrangements but I feel it says a lot about their interest in/love of our pupils that they still manage to get online and deliver their lessons.

When I have joined zoom sessions, I have noticed a couple of things that I would be very grateful if you could pick up with your children—especially those in KS2—and I have listed them below. Most of these are minor issues but they are not things that would be accepted in an on-site lesson and nor will they be via a 'live learning' link.

As it stands, all pupils are set to be invited back on-site after the February half term. I think, in these circumstances, it's probably a good idea to 'expect the worst and hope for the best' but I remain confident in what we are delivering now and moving forwards. Both the staff and myself cannot wait to have all of the children back but as you'll appreciate this can only happen when the guidance tells us it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, take care of yourselves and I'll see you either at the gate or *Mr Albert* onscreen!

Parents & Carers—please share the below with your children:

When in your zoom lessons:

- You should not be eating.
- You should be dressed appropriately which means no hoods or hats on. If you cannot manage this, we will change back to you wearing your school uniform.
- Your camera should be switched on so your teacher can see you (unless there are technical issues).
- If you are not using your adult's log-on name, you should only display your first name. We don't need to see silly names!
- Remember that the lesson is for you, not your brothers or sisters (they should have their own lessons), or relatives (they have already done their learning!). Your teachers are teaching YOU nobody else.
- Do not use the chat function—you can talk to your teachers. This will be disabled moving forward.

Your Parents & Carers have already had these guidelines but you should be able to manage these yourselves.

These are normal lessons so we expect your behaviour to be exactly the same.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 28th January :

FOCS Zoom Meeting 6pm

Friday 12th February :

End of Term

Monday 22nd February :

Start of Term

Friday 26th March :

End of Term

Monday 12th April :

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 13th April :

Start of Term



Friends Of Cranford School

Last year, before the pandemic, we started putting together a new committee and had 'enlisted' Katie Bettison-Thorn from Acorns Class, Alex Murphy from Elms Class and Lizzy Stizaker from Sycamores Class to help the school fund raise and deliver social events. Whilst events may need to take a back-seat at the moment, we do have several projects in mind that could be achieved with such funding:

- The introduction of include an electronic library system along with a librarian to visit and train Reading Ambassadors and catalogue our books for the electronic system ;
- A wider, updated non-fiction reading catalogue;
- An all-weather surface for under our fab new gazebo

If you think you may be able to help, I'd like to invite you to a short Zoom meeting on:

Thursday 28th January
18:00 - 18:30

The meeting will be solely to put you in touch with each other and get things moving. Please contact the office if you can make it and they'll send you an invite.

A prayer for strength

Dear Lord

At this time,

Many are tempted by fear, anxiety and perhaps despair.

Some have lost loved ones, some have lost their jobs and
their income.

Most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow
of their daily lives.

It is now, we must remember to turn to You, our beloved
Saviour,

In trust and complete abandonment, so as to rest in Your
merciful hands.

To rest knowing we are secure, in Your hands, despite the
uncertainty of life.

To help us raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down
in fear.

We ask this in your name, Lord, now and always,
Amen



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what's happening....

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, Mr Tyman or Miss Kirby (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.

Contact Details



Please remember to contact the school office if you change, or have changed, your address, telephone numbers or email address.