



Cranford CE Primary Newsletter

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

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that this Newsletter finds you and your family well and that you are enjoying the well earned break with your families. Christmas is such a busy time for all of us and Cranford Primary School is no exception. I wanted to share with you some of the exciting activities that the children enjoyed in the run up to this special time of year!

The last day of the school term is traditionally 'Party Day'. The children had a great time playing party games and having fun with their friends. We were incredibly excited to be visited by Father Christmas who delivered some fabulous gifts to each class.



We had a great time on Thursday when the children showed off their special skills in our Christmas Talent Show. The whole school loved watching the children perform and we were blown away by their confidence and the range of brilliant acts!



It was lovely to be able to visit St John the Baptist on Wednesday to share some traditional Christmas Carols. The singing was beautiful, and it was lovely to be able to reflect on the true meaning of this time of year. Well done to all the children for their wonderful acting and singing and thank you also to Rev Jez for his inspirational words.



Talking of fabulous singing, we managed to get out and about in the community to spread some Christmas Cheer! The school choir entertained shoppers at Tesco's with some brilliant rendition of Christmas Carols, and I was so impressed with their behaviour and efforts. We managed to raise some extra money to help fund their next trip out to Young Voices. We also found time for the whole school to go out into the local community and sing to the good people of Cranford.



We were so very proud of Acorns and Elms class for their brilliant Nativity performances in the last week of term. We couldn't believe how wonderful the show was! The show was so funny, charming and packed full of character, just like the children themselves! A big thank you to all the adults in Acorns and Elms for putting on such an amazing show!



Amid all the festivities, we announced the sad news that Mrs Holland would be leaving us in the New Year for an exciting new role. The whole school community wishes Mrs Holland every success in the future; she has contributed so much to our school over the last 5 ½ years and has been instrumental in transforming our early years and phonics provision. More importantly, she has given our children the very best start to their lives at school with her kindness, enthusiasm and commitment. Gill, we will miss you very much and remember that you will always be a big part of our school (and our children's) lives.



Phew! What an amazing few weeks! I think we are all ready for a break and I hope you all have an amazing holiday period. We have so many exciting plans for the New Year so make sure to have a look at the key dates for the Spring Term at the end of the Newsletter. Until the New Year, many thanks for all your support over the last year and Merry Christmas!!

Mr Tyman

This holy time of year

God of hope,
Let us be grateful during this holy time of year.
Help us to show generosity and love
to those who have lost their loved ones and homes.

Help us to pray for those who are persecuted
for their rights and faith.
Guide them with your light, bring them out of their darkness.
Guide us to be men and women for others,
So that we may all celebrate and rejoice at
the coming of Christ.
Help us to be faith filled and hopeful for the futures of all our
brothers and sisters worldwide.
Help us to support each other with our generosity.

Amen.

Supporting the Cranford FOCs

As many of you will know, the Friends of Cranford Primary School do an incredible job of raising money for our school. The list of activities and events that they organise is vast: School discos, Chocolate bingo, Christmas Wreath Making, Easter Egg Raffles, The School Sleep Over.... The list goes on and on. These events add so much colour and excitement to the children's lives at school. Unfortunately, Lizzie and the Team are crying out for some new recruits to help when organising these events and bringing some new ideas to the table.

We would like to appoint a parent from each year group within the school so that all children are represented equally. If you could help and support the team, then please get in touch with the FOCs through their email below or myself through the school office.

focs-cranford@hotmail.com

Key Term Dates:

Monday 06/01/2025- Training Day

Tuesday 07/01/2025- Start of Term

Thursday 09/01/2025- Taekwondo Breakfast Club

Friday 10/01/2025- Celebration Assembly

Monday 13/01/2025- Young Voices Choir Practice 3.15pm

Tuesday 14/01/2025- Acorns Forest School

Tuesday 14/01/2025- Bishop of Peterborough to visit

Tuesday 14/01/2025- Small Schools Year 5/6 Cup Final

Thursday 16/01/2025- Sycamores Ukulele

Friday 17/01/2025- Celebration Assembly

Monday 20/01/2025- Young Voices Choir Practice 3.15pm

Tuesday 21/01/2025- Acorns Forest School

Thursday 23/01/2025- Sycamores Ukulele

Friday 24/01/2025- Celebration Assembly

Monday 27/01/2025- Young Voices Choir Practice 3.15pm

Monday 27/01/2025- Cranford AGC

Tuesday 28/01/2025- Acorns Forest School

Thursday 30/01/2025- Sycamores Ukulele

Friday 31/01/2025- Celebration Assembly

Monday 03/02/2025- Young Voices Choir Practice 3.15pm

Tuesday 04/02/2025- Acorns Forest School

Thursday 06/02/2025- Sycamores Ukulele

Friday 07/02/2025- Celebration Assembly

Monday 10/02/2025- Young Voices Choir Practice 3.15pm

Tuesday 11/02/2025- Acorns Forest School

Thursday 13/02/2025- Sycamores Ukulele

Friday 14/02/2025- Celebration Assembly

Friday 14/02/2025- End 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: <https://nationalcollege.com/mobile-app>