



# Cranwell Primary School

## Newsletter

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Term 5  
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### 100<sup>th</sup> Newsletter!!

I can't believe it is now three and a half years since I became Headteacher, and I am now writing our 100<sup>th</sup> Newsletter!

A great deal has happened since that first edition, and the newsletters have hopefully kept you fully informed with upcoming events and have also celebrated what the children have been achieving in school.

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Headteacher

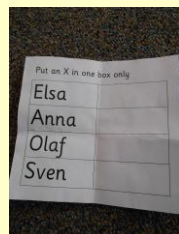
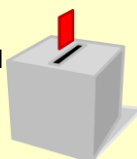
### Election Time in F2L

The children have been studying a picture of the Houses of Parliament. They discussed the General Election and talked about how grown-ups would be able to vote to decide who went inside and was in charge of making the rules that run our schools, hospitals and police force!

Staff then explained to the children that they would have their own election in the classroom. The children would vote to decide which 'Frozen' character could be displayed on our end cupboard. The children went off to design a poster that would persuade the others to vote for a certain character. The children were then shown the voting form and listened carefully as they were told to place a cross next to the name of the character they wanted to vote for. They then enjoyed placing their crosses next to their chosen character. Next the children folded their voting slips into half before posting them into the ballot box.

The class then opened the box and looked at the voting slips. On the Interactive Whiteboard they created a table, and for each vote a star was placed under the character's name. The children carefully watched as the votes built up and discussed who was winning. The class then had to count all the votes. The children identified who came first and second. They discovered that we had a draw for third place with four stars each.

The children had elected Elsa to go on our cupboard!



After designing their own aliens the children enthusiastically applied their previous knowledge of using a pattern to create their own aliens. They enjoyed thinking of their own medium that they required, which ensured that the aliens had the exact desired features. Last week the aliens informed us of their names and favourite food. So we have been very busy counting, sorting, grouping, sharing, doubling and halving rainbow drops before feeding them!



### Comments from Parents

I showed Lottie the polling station and I asked her if she knew what 'voting' meant. I was so pleased to hear she had learned all about it and that you had had a class vote to select a Frozen character. It's lovely to see the pictures. What a wonderful way to explain it to the children.

Ruby has enjoyed telling us all about this. She described the 'big building' that the country is run from and that she has to post her vote after putting an x on the paper.

She also ordered us both to vote for Elsa when we went to vote!!!!

Caitlin commented; "I'm happy that Elsa won. I still like Olaf but I was helping Elsa to win so I voted for her. She has powers what she can freeze stuff. She has an ice palace in the movie."

In some other classes discussions took place about the Election. Children discussed the importance of democracy and the right to vote. Children talked about how they experience democracy through voting for the School's House captains, voting for Class School Council representatives and offer suggestions for class rules which are discussed, persuading each other which are the best which are then passed by votes. Other discussions took place concerning leaders and how important they are and the qualities they must have. Our School Captains, Sarah Durham and Edward Arch were highlighted as displaying these qualities.



## MacMillan Mile

The Whole School will be joining RAFC Cranwell on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 to help raise money for the MacMillan Trust. Parents are welcome to join us on the day. More details to follow.

## Kidzone

If your child/children attend Kidzone can we please ask that you inform them of any changes to collection within the school day, ie. if your child has gone home unwell, attending after school clubs or is absent.

## Grandparent's Day

With Grandparent's Day fast approaching preparations are well underway.

If your family's Grandparents wish to attend on 22nd May please complete the request form on the letter received. Please note this is for Grandparents only. I am sure that you will respect and understand the school's position that the day **must** be a Grandparent's day only due to the volume of adults / children in school. Some 400 Grandparents attend the event and it is therefore impossible to cater for any additional adults.

Grandparent's are able to take their grandchildren out for lunch, however children must be back into school by 1.00 p.m. for registration. Children are able to leave at 2.45 pm with Grandparents, however, Parents **MUST** authorise both of these actions by written confirmation to the School office.

If no written confirmation is received by the School office in advance of this day children will remain in school until collected by Parents.

Please note: hot dinners can not be cancelled at this late date, and payments are unable to be refunded.

Please note for security reasons, Grandparent's will be issued with invitations and will require them on the day. A family carer may accompany infirm or disabled visitors.

## Parent's Afternoon

Parents' Afternoon will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May from 1.15pm. You will have the opportunity to tour the school with your children and join in with activities.

If you have not already requested an invitation, forms are available from the school office.

At 1:30pm the Foundation Stage will be performing a play in the hall called 'The Queen's Knickers' and Classes 2C, 1M & 1B will be singing.

At 2:15pm the Drama group will be performing their current play 'Robin Hood'.

Doors will open just before 1.15pm and refreshments will be served during the afternoon.

## Sports' Days

This year's Sports' Days will be held on:

**Key Stage One Sports' Day** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July @ 1:15pm

**Key Stage Two Sports' Day** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 1:15pm.

## School BBQ

The School Annual BBQ will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 from 17:00 - 19:30. More details to follow.

## Year Six SATs

Good luck to the Year Six children who are completing their SATs testing.

**SATs** tests are compulsory national tests for primary school pupils. Children in England are required to take Standard Assessment Tests (**SATs**) at the age of 11 (school year 6).

## Sun Protection

With the weather slowly improving and becoming warmer, please can parents ensure children are fully prepared. When required, please can sun block be applied prior to children coming to school, and the children have a sun hat with them.

Children should all have water bottles provided from home that they can use in class. Plastic drinks bottles and hats are available for purchase in the school office.

## Dates

### SATs Week

This Week

### Parent's Afternoon

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

### Grandparent's Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

### MacMillan Mile

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015 leaving school @ 11:30am

### Experiences' Day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Whole School Picnic/Fun Afternoon

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

### School BBQ

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 from 5:00pm till 7:30pm

### Key Stage One Sports' Day

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015 @ 1:15pm

### Key Stage Two Sports' Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015 @ 1:15pm

### This Academic year:

Term 5 ends – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015

Term 6: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015

### Next Academic year:

Term 1: Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

Term 2: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Term 3: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Term 4: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Term 5: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Term 6: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

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