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Newsletter

Childhood Seasonal Flu Vaccination Programme

The Department of Health is introducing a programme of immunisation against influenza over the coming years for all children aged 2 to 16 inclusive.

After a series of pilot programmes across the country, this is being rolled out to all children in school **Years 1 & 2** in mainstream schools during the Autumn term 2015 and to all children and staff in special schools. Lincolnshire Community Health Services School Nursing service has been commissioned to deliver this. The School Nursing service is very experienced in delivery of school-based vaccination programmes and participated in the childhood seasonal flu pilot to Years 7 & 8 in mainstream secondary schools and to all staff and pupils in identified special schools during 2014-15.

The majority of children will receive the Fluenz Tetra® nasal vaccine. This is a live vaccine and is used because it provides the most effective protection against flu in children. However there are a small number of children who should not have a nasal vaccine because of their health condition. These include:

Children with severe asthma.

Children who are very wheezy on the day of vaccination.

Children who have previously experienced a severe allergic reaction to eggs or to any part of the vaccine.

Children who have a condition that weakens their immune system or who live in a family where a family member has a severely weakened immune system, e.g. bone marrow transplant.

Children with certain health conditions are at higher risk of complications if they get flu.

These conditions include asthma, having a lowered immunity due to disease or treatment, a heart condition or a disability. Children with any of these health conditions who are unable to have the nasal spray will be offered the injectable flu vaccine. Any children in these groups who have never previously had a flu vaccination will require two doses four weeks apart. The second dose is given at the GP surgery.

Prior to vaccination day, nursing staff will gain consent from parents/guardians to administer the vaccine to their child. You will receive consent forms and letters next week.

This is only for Year 1 and 2 children.

On Monday 12th October 2015 at 2.30pm the nursing team will be available in Cranwell Primary School to explain the process and answer any concerns. This is planned to take no more than 30 minutes.

The vaccination date will be 3rd November, starting at 9.00am.



Safety Big Breakfast

Come and join us at our next Big Breakfast on Thursday 22nd October in the school hall to mark the start of our Safety Day. The doors open at 8:15am and we look forward to enjoying breakfast together at the usual cost of £1 per person. All profits will go towards the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. Remember...bring the whole family!!

Parent Evenings

Parent Evenings have been arranged for the week beginning 19th October 2015. You should have received an appointment request letter outlining possible times to meet with your child's class teacher. When these have been sent back into school, teachers will work together to ensure siblings who are in different classes have appointment times close together. The School Governors will be in school during Parent Interviews, providing refreshments and answering any questions you may have.

The traditional Bookfair will be available while Parent Interviews are taking place. The stalls will be displayed within the school hall for children to purchase books. Children will have the opportunity during the week to visit the Bookfair with their class.



Safety Day

There will be limited parking at school on Thursday 22nd October due to the Whole School Safety Day. At drop-off and pick up time there should not be an issue, however, during the school day, parents will be unable to park on the school drive as it will be used for explaining to the children about vehicle safety. A large lorry will be situated on the drive along with various emergency response vehicles. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



Thurston Trip

Our annual trip to the Thurston Outdoor Education Centre in Coniston, Cumbria has already been offered to our year 5 children, followed by the Year 6 children who have not been before. Places will be reserved quickly. If your child is currently in Year Five or Six (and hasn't been before) and is interested, then you must apply for a place immediately to avoid disappointment. Please contact either Mr Chris Wilson or Mr Daz Carter if interested.



The Cranwell Mail

Friday 1st October 2015

YOUR DAILY FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER

£1.20

Career Ideas for Students



High Visibility Jackets donated to the children.

On 1st October 2015 at 8:30am, Cranwell Primary School's Year 6's went to a Construction Event in Lincoln Showground. They went there to take part in activities and to get ideas for what they want to be when they are older. Before they went to enjoy their fun activities each child was given a free high visibility jacket.

"There were a lot of activities today and all of them were really good. They also gave me lots of ideas of what I want to be when I grow up," exclaimed Erin, 5/6B. There were a lot of students that day and everyone took part.

"My favourite activity was the woodwork as we learnt a lot of different cuts and how to use lots of different tools," stated Ella, also in 5/6B.

This group, who did woodwork, used the following tools: a saw, wood template, set square and a pencil. The template was to make sure the Birdmouth, Seat Cut and Plum Cut (names of different types of cuts) were all correct. Each child received a bag and a leaflet on this.

Their second activity was all about team work. They had to make a tetrahedron out of sticks and four elastic bands. After that they had to get four of the tetrahedron and attach them together with six elastic bands. Then they had to do the tricky part, which was making another three and attaching them with six elastic bands. At last they had finished their task, which was to touch the ceiling with it! After that the children went back to the Epic Centre to eat their lunch.

"This activity was one of my favourites because it was including teamwork! Also because I was the manager and I had to tell everyone what to do and I got this information about what to do from the engineer," exclaimed Emily, 5/6B.

Their third activity was to build a bridge with cards and planks of hard wood with metal on them to attach the cards. After making the bridge, they walked over it with a great sense of pride because it was so stable.

Their last activity was about construction maths and measuring. They used a lot of equipment like: measuring tape, laser measurer and much more. After they knew how to use all of the equipment, they did activities on them to complete jobs.

"I had a really good day and hope to go next year in High School," stated Ella, 5/6B.

Before they left, they returned to the Epic Centre and the people who worked there handed out awards to the people who did really well in their activity.

Cranwell Primary School received the award for the Best School Overall!

After that they went onto their coach and went back to school, returning at 3:30pm, where their parents were waiting for them.

By Ella Brincat-Smith
Year 5/6B Reporter

Rivers

Class 5/6B have been studying the course of a river. Find below, Gary Thomas' 'Journey of a River' written from the viewpoint of a dragonfly. Well done, Gary!

Journey of a River

I can see the wonderful river starting at the source, forming a purring stream. High up in the mountains, I can see the river winding its twisted way in the gemstone-blue valley below. Moving along the purring stream I notice the water hopping happily over the rocks. The babbling stream was getting stronger when suddenly I came upon a waterfall. The strumming water vaulted over the mossy green boulders. Then suddenly I started to fly down the waterfall half way down my wing suddenly got wet and instead of flying I began falling. When I reached the plunge pool I began to travel the rest of the way on the water which was good and bad. It was good because I could rest my wings, but it was a lot worse because bugs are not meant to be in water because they can die. But luckily I found a log to sit on to dry my wings. I finally came to two bends in the river but I had no choice because the river current was pulling the log that I was sitting on so I had to go left which was the fast bend, but luckily at the end of the fast bend there were two more bends, and like last time I got pulled into the current, but happily I went into the slow bend. This bend was a lot longer than the fast bend. I finally got to the flood plains and my wings were dry so I could fly again. As soon as I started to fly again it was a lot easier because I could pick where I wanted to go, rather than the choice being made for me.

By Gary Thomas Class 5/6B



Dingle Dangle Scarecrows!

The children in F2L have enjoyed singing along to the song 'I am a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and have been busy looking at shapes and printing their own scarecrows to go in their outside planters. The children selected the colours and shapes they wished to use to create their scarecrow and printed out their design with help from our volunteer Emily.



E-Safety

We have arranged a free E-Safety workshop available for all parents which will take place on **Wednesday 14th October 2015 at 3:30pm.**

You should have received a letter with a slip which needs to be returned to school. Please can all parents return the slip even if you do not wish to attend. Many thanks.

Upcoming Events:

Free E-Safety Training for Parents:

Wednesday 14th October 2015 @ 3:30pm

Parent Interviews & Bookfair:

Week beginning 19th October 2015

Big Breakfast & Whole School Safety Day:

Thursday 22nd October 2015

PTA Disco:

Wednesday 4th November 2015

This Academic year:

Term 1 ends: Thurs 22nd October 2015

Term 2: Mon 2nd November – Thurs 17th December 2015

Term 3: Tuesday 5th January – Fri 12th February 2016

Term 4: Monday 22nd February – Wed 23rd March 2016

Term 5: Monday 11th April – Friday 27th May 2016

Term 6: Monday 6th June – Thursday 21st July 2016

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