



Cranwell Primary School

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Enjoy Half-Term

From everybody here at school, we hope you enjoy the break next week. We return to school on Monday 20th February.

Goalball

Congratulations to Joel Swann, Alfie Smith and Kieran Grundy who represented the school at a Goalball competition on Friday 3rd February. This is a particularly challenging sport, being blindfolded and having to aim the ball which has bells in, into the goal to score. The boys did exceptionally well to reach the finals and through commendable teamwork and communication they won the gold medal! It was a delight to see the boys working so well together and enjoying an up and coming sport.

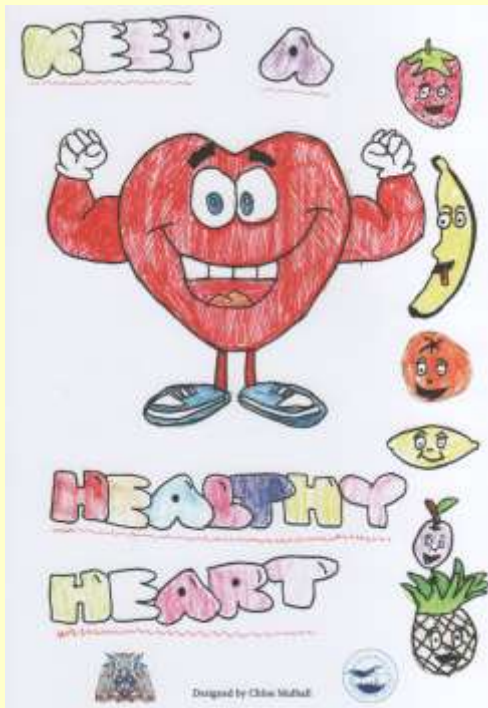
Reported by Miss Naomi Herbert.



Healthy Heart

Congratulations to Chloe Mulhall who was the winner of the 'Healthy Heart' poster competition. Chloe spent Friday morning last week at RAFC Media Centre, helping to prepare her poster for publication.

The poster competition was run in partnership with RAFC Medical Centre. Congratulations to the runners-up: Charlotte Burton and Olivia Cookson.



After the surprise of winning the healthy heart poster competition I was lucky enough to go and see my poster being printed. First I went to the graphics department. They scanned and photoshopped my poster so it was ready to print. The computer screens were massive and it was awesome to see my poster on them! After it had been printed, I took the first ever printed copy to the workshop, where I watched them make a frame for it - did you know they use blades made from diamonds to cut glass? When it was finished I had my photo taken again and then I took it back to school to show my class. I had a great morning - thank you to Mrs Stones for taking me and to everyone in the graphics department and workshop on camp.

Chloe Mulhall class 5/6B

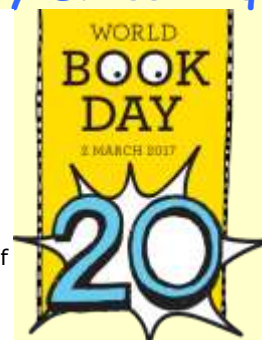
World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017 - Fancy Dress Required!

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

This is the 20th year there's been a World Book Day. On Thursday 2nd March 2017 our school will be celebrating reading. Our aim will be to further encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading. Throughout the day, children will be discovering more about famous authors, or enjoying reading a certain book which inspires them.

To help celebrate the occasion, we are asking the children to come to school dressed like their favourite book character. Children will also receive a book token to put towards buying a book of their choice.

Ideas of how to dress up can be found at: www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/



Books
Build
Brains



Parent Interviews

Parent Interviews will take place between the 20th and 22nd March 2017. A letter will be sent out nearer to the time.

Homework

As a school, we have been reviewing our Homework Policy, and this will continue over the next few months.

As a school, we wish to ensure that homework meets the Ofsted criteria for outstanding schools, being 'challenging' and... 'in line with the school's policy and as appropriate for the age and stage of pupils, that consolidates learning, deepens understanding and prepares pupils very well for work to come'.

Homework is a very tricky aspect of learning to get perfectly right due to the diversity of abilities within each year group and class.

We wish to try to make homework more consistent and more enjoyable.

You will not see a full change in the homework structure until Easter 2017.

We are delighted, however, with the introduction of Mathletics. Both children, and parents have commented on how enthused the children are with its introduction.

The children within the school council are currently discussing homework and how we can improve it.

Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 8th May 2017. All Year 6 children will be participating in the tests. Optional SATs for other year groups will be the following week.

Year Two SATs testing will take place throughout May, and therefore children need to be in school during this time.

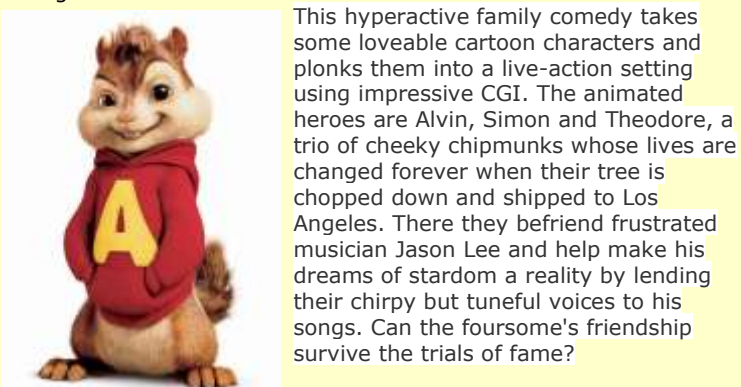
Year One Phonics Screening will be taking place during the week commencing 12th June 2017 and is a Government requirement. Therefore, please ensure your child is in school during this period. Absences during this time may be classified as unauthorised.

Film Club

We are delighted to inform you that FILMCLUB will be showing its next film of this academic year on Wednesday 22nd February 2017. It will be a chance for your child to experience a variety of films in a safe, happy and structured setting.

Our FILMCLUB will be running from immediately after school until 5.00pm. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a small charge of £2 to cover this.

We will be watching 'Alvin & the Chipmunks'. This film has a U rating and is classified as suitable for all.



This hyperactive family comedy takes some loveable cartoon characters and plonks them into a live-action setting using impressive CGI. The animated heroes are Alvin, Simon and Theodore, a trio of cheeky chipmunks whose lives are changed forever when their tree is chopped down and shipped to Los Angeles. There they befriend frustrated musician Jason Lee and help make his dreams of stardom a reality by lending their chirpy but tuneful voices to his songs. Can the foursome's friendship survive the trials of fame?

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher



Come along and plant a Snowdrop to remember those loved ones that are no longer with us.

The walk is to give people the chance to remember someone who has died and raise funds for bereaved families.

The event is in aid of Child Bereavement UK.

The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying, or when a child is facing bereavement.

It trains 7,000 people a year to help them better understand the needs of grieving families.

For more information please email community_initiatives@n-kesteven.gov.uk



A small donation to the charity will give you a snowdrop to plant in a specified area of remembrance.

www.facebook.com/SnowdropWalk



Upcoming Events:

Next PTA Meeting:

Tuesday 14th March 2017 @ 9.00am

Parent Interviews:

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd March 2017

Grandparents' Day:

Friday 26th May 2017

This Academic year:

Term 3 ends: - Friday 10th February 2017

Term 4: Mon 20th Feb - Fri 31st Mar 2017

Term 5 : Tuesday 18th Apr - Friday 26th May 2017

Term 6 : Mon 5th Jun - Wednesday 19th July 2017

Academic Year 2017-2018:

Term 1 Tuesday 5th September - Friday 20th Oct 2017

Term 2: Tuesday 31st Oct - Tuesday 19th Dec 2017

Term 3: Wed 3rd January - Fri 9th Feb 2018

Term 4: Mon 19th Feb - Wed 28th Mar 2018

Term 5 : Monday 16th Apr - Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6 : Mon 4th Jun - Friday 20th July 2018

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