



Cranwell Primary School *Newsletter*

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope very much that you and your families enjoyed a safe and pleasant summer holiday, and that you have all returned fresh and ready for the new school year. I would like to welcome the new children and their families to the school.

Class allocations have been decided the same as every year. With the high transition of children leaving and entering the school during the summer, this task could only be completed the day before the children return to school.

Classes are allocated mainly through age criteria. Special Needs Children (SEN) and friendship groups are taken into account along with ratios of girls and boys. Finally, discussions and planning take place involving all teaching members of the school.

Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher

Timings of the School Day

School starts for everyone at 8:55am. School finishes at 3:05pm for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, and 3:15pm for Key Stage Two. Please note: these are the times when lessons finish. Please allow 5 to 10 minutes for your child to pack his/her school bag and put on their coat. Please do not send your child before 8:45am when staff become responsible for children on the playgrounds. Children arriving before 8:45am are not allowed on to the school premises.

Late Arrival

Pupils arriving after the beginning of the school session should enter by the main entrance and inform the school secretary of their arrival. Registers can then be kept up to date and amended. Children arriving late or departing early are recorded within the school office where attendance figures will be calculated.

School Captains

I am delighted to announce that Harriet Stratford and Lucas Denham have been selected as School Captains. Harriet's and Lucas's roles include: representing the school at award ceremonies, accompanying guests around the school, presenting the



Foundation Stage and Key Stage One children with merit badges, leading the School Council and various other duties. The School Captains are role models to the rest of the children in the school, displaying the appropriate manners and kindness we expect throughout our school. Well done to them both!

Ordering Hot Meals

Please remember that infant classes are provided with Universal Infant Free School Meals. Children in Key Stage 2 are required to purchase their hot meals through Ideal School Meals, our hot food provider, or parents may wish to send in a packed lunch instead. Children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One also receive a piece of fruit each day through a Government initiative.

Foundation Stage Settle Quickly

The new children in Foundation Stage have enjoyed their first few days at school. We wish to express our thanks to the parents of the Foundation Stage children, who have openly encouraged a positive start for their children, how brave they have been! Well done Foundation Stage, and fantastic smiling! This is an important milestone in their young lives and we aim to make the experience a very pleasant one for all concerned. We appreciate that this is not only important for the children, but also for parents as they see their children embark on their educational journey.

Already the children have been learning about each other and how to care for each other, making their class rules together, getting used to routines as well as becoming familiar with their classroom and the school.



Lunchboxes

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx ...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family. Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!

Healthy Snacks at Playtime

Just a gentle reminder that your child needs a healthy snack for break time and a water bottle to take into their class. Whilst some of the cereal bars do offer health benefits, they also contain a high level of sugar which is detrimental to your child's teeth, leading to tooth decay. Fresh fruit and vegetables, raisins or cheese for their morning snack are the best choices and we would ask children to save their other snacks for lunchtime. If your child has access to fresh water throughout the day, then they are able to remain hydrated and concentration levels are improved, aiding good progression. Many thanks for your support and understanding in this area.

Mrs Birchenall - Healthy Schools Coordinator



Term-time Absence

Due to Government legislation, head teachers **may not grant any leave** of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Forms to apply for term-time absence are available from the school office. If you have any queries concerning this issue, please speak to the office staff who will be pleased to help!

The School Gates

Please can parents not stand immediately in front of the silver gates at the front of school. This will allow children to easily exit the school and locate their parents. Staff and visitors will require vehicle access in and out of the staff car park, therefore, if you do stand on the yellow hatched box, please be vigilant for vehicles entering and leaving the premises and kindly move to one side. Additionally, in the morning, please can parents not stand in front of the blue gates at the entrance of the Foundation Stage / Key Stage 1 playground, but move to the side once you have dropped off your child.

At the end of the school day, KS1 staff will keep children until their parents are located in the parent waiting area. The further back parents wait, the easier it is for staff to see, and allows the children to make their way safely through the gate to join you. Thank you to those parents who stand in the same position every evening, this makes you easier to spot! Once you have collected your child/children, please can you vacate the silver gate area immediately to allow other children through. At the beginning of the year this process can often be a little busy, particularly with the building work, however, with your support on this matter, it does become easier. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Please note: all gates are locked at the end of the school day. If parents wish to enter the building to speak to staff, they must enter through the reception area. Thank you.

Nut Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter etc. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Reading Together

Are you able to give up half an hour?
Would you be able to listen to some of our children read?
Could you listen to readers from 9 until 9.30am, or 2.30 – 3pm?
Even if it's just one day per week?
Please contact Mrs Tracey Bonfield or Mrs Sally Linfitt in the school office for more details. Thank you!

Before and After School Club

We have the provision of a before and after school club here at school. Details concerning how to book places are available on the School's Website at www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/BeforeandAfterSchoolClub
The club will run between the hours of 7:30am – 8:45 am and 3:05pm – 5:30pm, during term time only.
School will accept Childcare Vouchers from selected providers.

Individual Photographs

On Thursday 21st September, the school photographer will be taking individual photographs. Family photographs together with pre-school are available in the morning from 8:30am. Please enter the school via the school reception if you wish to have a family photograph.



Parentmail

Please remember to check your emails daily as school news and information will be sent via ParentMail. If you have not signed up or updated your email address, please do so via the school office: enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk

Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office is notified of any change in your contact details.

Medical Info & Absences

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment, if possible, can you please send a note into the class teacher giving prior notice. Please notify the school office of all absences either by email or phone, followed up by a note to the class teacher on return, stating reasons. If your child has been ill with sickness and / or diarrhea, please keep them off school for 48 hours to ensure a full recovery.

Music Tuition

Here at Cranwell, we are very proud of the large numbers of children who take part in music lessons at school. At the start of the new academic year, we would like you to consider taking advantage of the high quality music teaching that we have on offer which is competitively priced. Currently there are vacancies for the following tuition: Drums, Brass, Singing, Woodwind, Guitar/Ukelele and Strings. There is currently a waiting list for Piano tuition.

Please contact the school office if you are interested and they will put you in touch with the relevant teacher. If your child already has lessons, the teacher will contact you directly. Most lessons will commence the week beginning Monday 12th September.

Upcoming Events:

Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) AGM:

Friday 15th September 2017
Meet at 9am for Coffee.

Individual Photographs:

Thursday 21st September 2017

Parent Evenings:

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th October 2017

This Academic year:

Term 1 ends: 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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