



Cranwell Primary School Newsletter

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School Uniform

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting your child with issuing them with the correct school uniform. I have been very impressed with how smart our children look in their school and PE uniforms. Thank you.

It is our school policy that all children wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours.

Aims and objectives

Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school, the community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

We ask all parents who send their children to our school to please support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork.

Our School Uniform Policy:

- Jumper/Cardigan - Navy Blue
- Shirts/Blouses - Light/navy Blue or White
- Polo Shirt - Light Blue, navy or White
- Trousers/Shorts - Charcoal Grey or Black
- Pinafore Dresses/Skirts - Grey or Navy Blue
- Socks - Black, Grey or White
- Summer Dresses - Blue & White
- Shoes (not trainers) - Black (Please note: Shoes should be robust and high heels avoided)



A variety of clothing printed with the School Logo, including jumpers, cardigans and polo shirts may be obtained from the School Office.

All children should have a named P.E. Kit of plimsolls, trainers, dark coloured shorts/leggings and a **white** t-shirt. Infant children unable to fasten laces should be provided with slip-on plimsolls, these should be kept in a bag in the cloakroom. For children in KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) warmer clothes are required:

- Tracksuit
- Jogging bottoms
- Jumper, especially for the cooler months during terms 1, 2, 3 and 4 as some PE lessons will be conducted outside
- No jewellery to be worn at any time. All earrings must be removed prior to P.E lessons as members of staff may not touch/remove them
- No football or rugby shirts may be worn as an item of P.E kit
- No tight vest tops may be worn
- No hot pants/revealing shorts may be worn

Thank you for your support in this matter.

E-Safety - Do not ignore!

Why is it important to stay safe online?

The potential for the internet to be a valuable and fun resource for entertainment, making friends and learning is huge. But if you use the internet, you could be at risk of illegal activity or abuse - be it bullying, fraud or something more serious. Unlike seeing someone face to face, on the net, people aren't always what they first seem. Placing your child's name online and a picture of them in school uniform gives away a great deal of information that others may misuse and gain access to your child. In the same way you learn about safety when you leave the house, it is important to learn how to stay safe online. These are skills that will stay with you for life. See www.thinkuknow.co.uk for more details.

Training for parents has been arranged for Wednesday 1st November at 15:30 in the School Hall

Homework Policy

We listened to feedback from parents at our annual Parents' Forum and Parental Questionnaire and have reviewed our homework policy for the school. The school Governors have adopted the policy, which can be found attached to this letter.



Harvest Celebrations

Cranwell Village's St Andrew's Church will be conducting its Harvest Festival Celebration on Sunday 8th October 2017. Service commences at 11:00 and is followed by a buffet lunch in the Village Hall.

The School would like to support this occasion by collecting Harvest gifts, especially dry goods, which will be donated to Centrepoint Outreach at Boston.

Harvest Gifts can be brought into school by Wednesday 4th October 2017



Thurston Trip

Our annual trip to the Thurston Outdoor Education Centre in Coniston, Cumbria is about to be offered to our year 5 children. Places will be reserved quickly. If your child is currently in Year Five and is interested, then you must attend a presentation night which gives both parents and children the knowledge of what the trip entails, how to book a place and what your child needs to do to prepare for the trip. The meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 6:00pm in the School Hall.



Healthy Snacks

As part of our commitment to maintaining Healthy Schools status, we positively encourage the children to eat healthily and all children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack to eat at break. Please may I remind you that children can only have the following as a healthy snack:

- a piece of fresh fruit
- vegetables
- dried fruit in its natural state (without any covering)
- cheese

In addition to this, Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children all receive a piece of fresh fruit through a Government Initiative which they eat during their afternoon break. Key Stage 2 children have the option to buy a piece of fruit from the School Council run Fruit Tuck Shop at a cost of approximately 20p during their morning breaktime. (This will be up and running once the School Council have undergone their training).

The PTA have once again kindly offered to make toast on a Tuesday morning for all of the children in school to enjoy during morning break. The cost is 20p a slice and all proceeds raised go into the PTA fund. The children enjoy the hot buttery toast and very much look forward to Tuesday breaktimes! The PTA volunteers give up their free time to provide this facility and are always looking for volunteers to help in this mammoth task – if you can offer any help on a Tuesday morning in the Workshop then please contact the School Office or Mrs Karen Newton, the Chair of the PTA. Children are asked not to “share” their money with the other children.

Water Bottles - In order to ensure all the children remain hydrated and therefore aiding concentration, all children are encouraged to have access to fresh water during lessons. Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle that they can bring into school each day.

Please be aware that we currently have children within school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and who have prescribed Epi-pens within the school. It is therefore vitally important that children should not come to school with any nuts or any food items containing nuts such as: chocolate spread, hazelnut yoghurt, or cakes containing nuts. Please ensure that your child's packed lunch box does not contain nuts or nut products.

Many children like to bring in treats for their class when it is their birthday, however, we would politely ask that any sweet treats do not contain nuts or are hard sweets or lollipops as often the children will eat these as they leave the premises and they present an allergy risk or a choking hazard.

We appreciate your understanding in these matters.

Many thanks,
Mrs Birchenall and Miss Pettitt
Healthy Schools Coordinators

Road Safety

Can we please all take a little more care driving in and around the school area. Parking in and around school is often congested at drop off and collection times, as are most schools around England. I plea to all parents of our school, that you always consider where you park when dropping off and collecting your child. Yes, you may think you are parked sensibly and your car is not in the way or 'not harming anyone' where it is, but can children cross safely where you have parked? Will your car make it difficult for other cars to get past?

Please spare a thought for all the local residents living around the school perimeter, especially in Cherry Tree Crescent, Baghdad Road, Delhi Square and the Spar Car Park.

Please can we show full consideration and ensure we do not park on, or obstruct any driveways or paths.

School are aware of Lincolnshire Police's visits to these areas and are warning parents they are issuing tickets where appropriate. Many thanks for helping to respect our neighbours.

Supply MSAs Required

School requires Supply Midday Supervising Assistants (MSA) to cover sickness and absence of current staff. The role will be for 1.5 hours on the days required : 11.45am to 1.15pm.

The successful candidate must be willing to help within the hall for lunches, including setting up the hall with tables and chairs, cleaning equipment, managing waste collection and supervising the children. The role at times may also include outside play duties involving supervising the children, structuring and arranging games and play activities for the children across the school.

Patience and good behaviour management skills are essential, along with a good sense of humour. You will be supported by colleagues who are enthusiastic about their contribution to pupil development and table manners.

Application forms are available from the school office or via the school email address below. Applications should be made to Mr Wilson.

The appointment will be subject to both a full D.B.S. clearance, reference checks and appropriate health checks.

Closing date for applications :- Friday 6th October 2017.

Upcoming Events:

Next PTA Meeting:

Friday 6th October 2017 @ 14:00

Thurston Meeting for Y5 Pupils and Parents:

Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 18:00

Harvest Festival Dry Foods Donations:

By Wednesday 4th October 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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