



Cranwell Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas.

Welcome to all our new families and we hope that you settle quickly. The school has an open door policy therefore, please come and see us via the new front office if you have any concerns or queries.

If It Snows...

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision will not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading.

Reminder of School Times

School starts for all children at 8:55am. School finishes at 3:05pm for the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 and 3:15pm for Key Stage 2.

Please note: these are times when class 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 onto the school premises and must wait outside the gates.

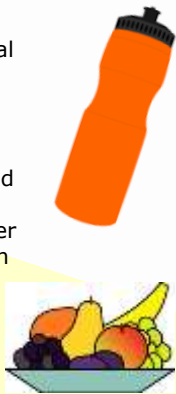
Lunchboxes

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 School Coordinator



Grandparents' Day

The annual Grandparents' Day has been arranged for Friday 25th May 2018, which is the last day of term 5. Further details and invitations will be sent out later this term, however, knowing the date gives families the opportunity to begin arrangements.

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!

Toast

Toast will be available on Tuesday break times.

Please send any money in a purse or named and sealed envelope to avoid any confusion. 20p a slice



Be smart on the internet

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information - such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name - to people you are chatting with online.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, text messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems - they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidSMART.org.uk

Visit Childnet's KidSmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by joining hands with people all around the world.



'Teach Your Monster to Read'

Is your child starting to read? Looking for an easy way to help them? Try the free website: www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Teach your Monster to Read: First Steps is a new, free game to practise the first steps of reading.

Combining top quality games design with essential learning, the game is built on the principles of synthetic phonics and follows the teaching sequence of the Letters and Sounds programme.



Absence from School

If your child is absent from school please contact the school by leaving a message on the answerphone on each day of the absence. When your child returns to school, please follow this up by a letter explaining the reasons for absence.

Term-time Absence

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

Applications due to work commitments must include evidence provided from the parent's employer.

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!

Next PTA Meeting

On Friday 12th January at 2pm the PTA will be meeting in school. The PTA will be reviewing the Christmas Fayre, and discussing projects and events for this year. We welcome new parents and anyone looking to meet people. It would be lovely to see some new faces.

Please come along if you can. Everyone is welcome!

Starting School in 2018?

Is your child starting school in September 2018? Visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions to apply for a place.

The online admissions system is available for parents and carers who would like to apply for a Reception/Foundation Stage place. Children who are born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are due to start Reception in September 2018.

Film Club

We are delighted to inform you that FILMCLUB will be showing its next film of this academic year on Wednesday 10th January 2018. It will be a chance for your child to experience a variety of films in a safe, happy and structured setting.

Our FILMCLUB aims to make a wide range of films available, which challenge, unite, educate, amaze and inspire.

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 'Shaun the Sheep'. This film has a U rating and is classified as suitable for all.



Twenty years after his first appearance, Wallace and Gromit's cheeky sidekick finally gets his own big screen adventure in this delightful comedy from British animation studio Aardman. Life on the farm is pretty carefree for Shaun and his friends. Bored of the daily routine, Shaun decides to take the day off, but after some very silly, mischievous behaviour he and the rest of the flock are forced to head into the big city to try and rescue the hapless Farmer who has lost his memory. Packed full of slapstick humour and wonderful visual comedy, this dialogue free stop-motion animation will be adored by children of all ages.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher

Assessment Time

SATs week for Key Stage 2 is nationally arranged for the week beginning 14th May 2018. 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 11th June 2018 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.

Nut & Mollusc Allergies

We currently have children in school who have severe nut and mollusc allergies. Please can I ask parents to ensure that no packed lunches or snacks include nuts/peanut butter/chocolate spread containing nuts, etc nor crustaceans such as crabs, shrimp and lobsters, and molluscs such as oysters and snails.

Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Upcoming Events

Next PTA Meeting:

Friday 12th January 2018 @ 14:00 in School

This Academic year:

Term 3 ends : Friday 9th Feb 2018;
Term 4: Monday 19th Feb – Wed 28th March 2018;
Term 5 : Monday 16th Apr – Friday 25th May 2018;
Term 6 : Monday 4th Jun – Friday 20th July 2018;

Academic Year 2018-2019:

Term 1 Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th Oct 2018;
Term 2: Tuesday 30th Oct – Tuesday 20th Dec 2018;
Term 3: Wed 7th January – Fri 15th Feb 2019;
Term 4: Mon 25th Feb – Fri 5th Apr 2019;
Term 5 : Tuesday 23rd Apr – Friday 24th May 2019;
Term 6 : Mon 3rd Jun – Friday 19th July 2019;

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