Thanks to Miss Ferguson the weekly newsletter can be downloaded from our Cranmer website www.cranmer.merton.sch.uk.

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 7th SEPTEMBER

Monday: Year 5 & 6 Victorian day  
Tuesday: Year 3 Transition Meeting 6.30pm  
Wednesday: Year 1 Transition Meeting 6.30pm  
Thursday: Year 2 Transition Meeting 6.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: Due to a huge amount of interest choir will start on Wednesday 16th September.

WELCOME TO NEW CRANMER FAMILIES AND WELCOME BACK TO ALL CRANMER FAMILIES & FRIENDS

We do extend a very warm welcome to all, and a particular welcome to parents and carers joining Cranmer for the first time. We welcomed the children back on Friday at our first whole school assembly for this new academic year. We aim to provide the very best education for each and every child here. Alongside this we aim to work with parents in an open and mutually respectful way. Please always feel free to contact your child’s class teacher, or your child’s phase leader, should you wish to do so. At the end of this newsletter is information relating to this and the ways in which this can be done.

Quote of the week: "Always do your best. What you plant now you will harvest later." - Og Mandino

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We are delighted to have Mrs Hick, our new Headteacher join us this term. Welcome to our new teaching staff: Miss Noushin, Mr Mann, Miss Frost, Miss Doherty, Miss Fryer, Miss Hughes and our new LSA Mrs Ginn.

We also welcome back Mrs Murray-Jones, Miss Best and Miss Thompson from maternity leave.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW HEADTEACHER

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you and your family had a positive summer break. I am delighted to be the Headteacher at Cranmer and I am looking forward to working with you and your children over the coming years.

I will be holding two sessions for parents in order to meet you and discover your views on what is working well at Cranmer and your dreams for the future.

These will be held at Cranmer Crescent at 8:50am on Tuesday 8th September and at Cranmer Court at 6:00pm on Wednesday 23rd September. Please feel free to attend whichever session suits you best.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend.

‘To work hard and be respectful every day; to believe and achieve, that’s the Cranmer way.’

Cranmer’s Golden Rule is a crucial component of our ethos and high standards. The Golden Rule underpins all that we do and applies equally to children, staff and the school community.
SEPTEMBER TRANSITION MEETINGS FOR PARENTS
WITH CHILDREN IN PHASE 1 (YEARS 1,2,&3) IN THE STUDIO HALL

Tuesday 8th September - 6:30pm Year 3 Parents
Wednesday 9th September- 6:30pm Year 1 Parents
Thursday 10th September - 6:30pm Year 2 Parents

These meetings are designed to offer parents information about the year ahead; the meetings will outline expectations for the year and how we are planning to do all we can to ensure that the children enjoy their learning. Please put the dates in your diaries. A crèche will be available.

YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Year 3 will begin swimming lessons on Friday 11th September.
The lesson times are:
Turquoise 2pm - 2.30pm
Quartz 2.30pm - 3.00pm
Opal 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Opal class may be collected from Canons Leisure Centre after their lesson.
If you are able to assist with walking the children to and from Canons, please let your child’s class teacher know. Your help would be very much appreciated!

CONTACTING THE HEADTEACHER

As Headteacher I am committed to being available and will always endeavour to be here to respond to parents’ requests to see me. If parents wish to contact me, and are unable to come into school, I can be contacted via my PA Miss Ferguson on the school number 020 8648 2621 - or via email on Headteacher@cranmer.merton.sch.uk.
It is always best to make an appointment if you wish to see me just to ensure I am here for you.

DO YOU HAVE A QUERY, A POSITIVE COMMENT, SUGGESTION OR A CONCERN?

We do suggest that parents contact their child’s class teacher; firstly, with any issues regarding a child’s progress and any class related matters. Then, parents are invited to contact the Assistant Head who line manages your child’s class teacher with any unresolved concerns. Miss Caird is our Assistant Head overseeing Nursery and Reception classes; Mrs N Lone is our Assistant Head overseeing Years 1, 2 & 3 for the Cranmer Crescent building. Mrs Magill is our Assistant Head for the Cranmer Court building overseeing Emerald, Onyx, Moonstone, Quartz, Jet and Starlite and Mr Smith is our Assistant Head for Years 4, 5 & 6 within the Cranmer Crescent building. You can contact them via email on office@cranmer.merton.sch.uk stating who you wish to contact or via the school number on 0208 6482621.

OUR TEXT SYSTEM

We use our text system to be able to communicate reminders or urgent messages to parents and carers. Please note however we cannot respond to any replies. If you have an enquiry please contact the school office on 02086482621 or via email on office@cranmer.merton.sch.uk
If you haven’t received a text via your mobile phone then your mobile telephone number needs to be updated on our information system. Contact the school office urgently to do this please.
SCHOOL UNIFORM - LOOKING AND BEING SMART AT CRANMER!

We tell the children that looking smart helps them to feel smart at school. The children have returned looking very smart and ready for their new school year. We have a strong uniform code which we do ask all parents to respect. We are delighted that Cranmer pupils are known for their smart uniform and it is part of the ethos of the school, to be outstanding, in all that we do. Please ensure that your child complies fully with the uniform standards; our policy is that all pupils should wear uniform. Children should have their top buttons done up and their ties looking smart. Hair should be tidy, with shoulder length / long hair tied back with navy blue or black hairbands. We do not permit unacceptable fashion styles such as steps, lines, cutouts, mohican’s etc...Shirts should be tucked in and children should have black school shoes and black/navy winter coats/waterproofs. No open-toed sandals are permitted in the summer (health and safety when running in playground etc.). No earrings other than small studs are allowed; the ear studs are to be worn in the lobe, not in the upper ear.

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<td>* Cranmer Bookbag</td>
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<td>Boys and girls are expected to wear sensible school shoes (black). Boots, canvas shoes, open toed sandals, trainers and shoes with heels of more than 2.5 cm are not acceptable. Boots can be worn to and from school in the winter and school shoes brought to change into for the classroom.</td>
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<td><strong>Boys &amp; Girls PE / Games Kit</strong></td>
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<td>* Plain navy shorts or plain navy jogging bottoms</td>
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Cranmer Term Dates 2015-2016

Autumn term 2015
- Tuesday 1st September 2015 ~ Staff training day
- First day for children: Thursday 4th September 2015
- Half term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2015
- Last day for the children: Friday 18th December 2015

Spring term 2016
- Monday 4th January 2015 ~ Staff training day
- First day for children: Tuesday 5th January 2016
- Friday 12th February 2016 ~ Inset day
- Half term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2016
- Last day for the children: Thursday 24th March 2016

Summer term 2016
- First day for the children: Monday 11th April 2016
- Half term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2016
- Monday 1st June 2015 ~ Staff training day
- Last day for the children: Tuesday 19th July 2016

Special Leave and attendance
Children of school age who are registered at school must, by law, attend that school regularly. Regular attendance is important, not just because the law requires it but because it is the best way of ensuring that a child makes the most of the educational opportunities which are available to him/her. There may be occasions when a child has to miss school—for example if he or she is unwell. Any other absence should be kept to an absolute minimum. In particular, parents must avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday. Satisfactory attendance is counted as attendance at or above 96%.

What the law says
The law makes it clear that parents do not have any right to take a child out of school for the purpose of a term time holiday. The regulations do state that Head Teachers may, in certain exceptional circumstances, grant up to 10 school days leave in a school year, but parents should not expect such leave to be granted as a right. Headteachers can no longer discretionally authorise holiday leave during term time. At Cranmer governors have decided that these exceptional circumstances will only be considered if a child’s attendance is already at or above satisfactory attendance levels of 96% for the ‘rolling’ year prior to a special leave application being made.

The following reasons do not constitute an acceptable reason for leave to be granted during term time:
- Availability of cheap holidays
- Availability of desired accommodation
- Poor weather experienced during school holiday periods
- Overlap with the beginning or end of term

How to apply for special leave during term time
Go to the office and ask for a special leave form—this must be done at least 2 weeks in advance of your proposed leave dates. Fill in the form for the attention of the Headteacher. You should expect to hear from us within 5 working days. Term time holidays cannot be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances which might justify it and evidence provided accordingly. The form can be downloaded from the school website.

What if I decide to go anyway? – What will happen?
If you take your child on holiday regardless then this will be counted as unauthorised absence—this is the same as truancy and is treated in the same way—a referral to Education Welfare. Truancy is dealt with severely by the law and you risk fine and prosecution.