Cranmer Primary School Newsletter

THE STUDY CENTRE IS OPEN FOR QUIET FAMILY READING FROM 8:15am to 8:40am EVERYDAY!

Thanks to Mrs Duffell, the weekly newsletter can be downloaded from our Cranmer website www.cranmer.merton.sch.uk

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 8th DECEMBER

**Monday:** Year 5 trip to Imperial War Museum 9.00am - 3.00pm; Year 6 trip to HMS Belfast 9.00am - 3.00pm; Year 4, 5 & 6 Street Dance club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 5 & 6 Fencing club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**Tuesday:** AM Nursery Christmas Performance 9.00am - 9.30am; PM Nursery Christmas performance 1.30pm - 2.00pm; Diamond & Pearl classes Christmas Workshop 1.15pm - 3.00pm; KS1 Multiskills club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; KS1 Art club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 3 & 4 Rugby club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 2 & 3 Street Dance club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Clay Club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**Wednesday:** Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am - 10.00am; KS1 Lego club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Chess club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Choir 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 3 Multiskills club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 5 & 6 Basketball club 3.30pm - 4.20pm;

**Thursday:** Reception Christmas performance 1.30pm - 2.00pm; Year 1 Street Dance club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; Homework club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**Friday:** Eco assembly (all family and friends are warmly invited) 9.00am - 9.30am; Quartz class swimming 2.00pm - 2.30pm - this is the last session; Opal class swimming 2.30pm - 3.00pm; Turquoise class swimming 3.00pm - 3.30pm; Year 4 Basketball club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 5 & 6 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**PLEASE NOTE:** The last swimming session for year 3 this term is Friday 5th Swimming for year 3 will resume on Friday 9th Jan

**Quote of the week:** Never let the odds keep you from doing what you know in your heart you were meant to do. ~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

Eco/School Council

FUTURE EVENTS

8th December - PTA meeting 9am in the study centre

9th - 18th December - Christmas performances (see overleaf)

19th December - Last day of term (2.15 p.m. Finish)

6th January - Spring term starts

TERRIFIC TUDOR WORKSHOP

On Monday morning Year 3 and 4 classes went to the Studio for a Tudor workshop. We got into our topic groups and had artefacts, my group had two hats, we had to find out which was rich and which was poor, and all we got it right.

Then Mr Evans took out a map of the battle of Bosworth and told us all about the battle. Henry Tudor’s army was small but Richard’s was big. Then Lord Stanley came along but would not say whose side he was on. Henry Tudor’s army were struggling and then Stanley helped Henry Tudor. Then out of nowhere someone stabbed Richard and he was dead. Then Henry Tudor and Stanley stripped his clothes and armour off and went to the nearby town to show everyone in the town that Richard was dead. Then we asked questions about the battle of Bosworth until break time.

I had a very fun morning. ~ as reported by Jessica Jade Class

Cranmer’s Golden Rule

‘To work hard and be respectful every day; to believe and achieve, that’s the Cranmer way.’
Congratulations to Ruby Class for achieving the top attendance score of 99.3% for the week beginning 24th November. Well done to them!

Our whole school attendance was 96.8% for the week beginning 24th November, this is excellent - thank you all for your support!

BOYS CHESS CLUB

Oscar and Nevy, from Ruby class, represented Cranmer’s Chess Club in the Primary Schools Champions’ League Chess Tournament which took place at Wimbledon Park Primary School on Sunday 23rd November. This was their third tournament so they are getting even more familiar with the process and although, as always, there was some tough competition, they both had a fun afternoon and did really well. They were presented with a medal at the award ceremony at the end of the day. Paul, their chess instructor, was there as usual, to cheer them on.

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Nursery AM: 9th December 09:00
Nursery PM: 9th December 13:30
Reception: 10th December 09:30 and 11th December 13:30

Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas showings:
- 15th December 13:30 to 15:00 (1 form & 2 form)
- 16th December 09:30 to 11:00 (1 form & 2 form)
- 16th December 13:30 to 15:00 (2 form only)

Years 4, 5 & 6 Christmas showings (including Jet class):
- 17th December 13:45 to 15:00 and 19:00 to 21:00
- 18th December 13:45 to 15:00 and 19:00 to 21:00

Please note: there are 2 tickets available per family, due to health and safety capacity in the school halls.

HAPPY FACES & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED
FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER

Happy Faces and After School Club will be closed on the last day of term (Friday 19th December) however Breakfast Club, Wrap Around and Little Smilers will still run.

BOTH Happy Faces and Late Club will not run as School finishes at 2.15 p.m. on that day.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Abi from Quartz class has been awarded a 'Little Star' award - we are very proud of her!

ONE FOR YOUR DIARY!

The next PTA meeting is Monday 8th December at 9am, in the study centre
CPTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you so much to the CPTA, the CPTA committee, and to all staff, parents and friends who ran stalls, donated goods and made the event such a success!

Thank you for your support. The fair took £1,908.39

'COLDEN TEATIME'

Every Friday afternoon, children who have been especially chosen by their class teacher for following Cranmer’s golden rule, will be able to have tea with Mrs Whymark. One child will be chosen from each class as a reward for their hard work, respect for others, and as a celebration of their achievements.

The children who were chosen this week were:~ Si, Harini, Louie, Talia, Mikah, Acksaraa, Zahrah, Abbiga, Lucy, Tamzin, Jack, Abdulla, Joshua, David, Vladimira, Praveenra and

SCHOOL OPEN OR CLOSED INFORMATION - JUST IN CASE!

In snowy conditions, we do aim to be open if it is safe and possible to do so. We thought a timely reminder may be a good idea, just in case we have a White Christmas and beyond! To find out if we are open please go to the school website www.cranmer.merton.sch.uk in the right hand corner there is an ‘Are We Open’ box. Click on this and it will take you to ‘Open Check’. Scroll down to the ‘Merton’ LA and then to ‘Cranmer Primary’ to view the school open or closed message. Alternatively you can access ‘Open Check’ via the Merton Council website www.merton.gov.uk go to the ‘schools’ section; or directly to http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck. Also, we will send a text to all parents and carers on our new texting service. We will aim to text you by 7:30am at the latest on the morning of closure.

NO INTERNET ACCESS? You can ring 020 8408 7508, an automated voice message will ask for a 7 digit DCSF number for Cranmer, which is 315 2082; the same details which appear on the website will be ‘read’ to you. We do ask that you ring this number, rather than the school number, as it unlikely that there will be anyone at school to answer your call. Our aim is to inform parents via the Open Check system as soon as possible and by 7:30am, at the latest, on the day of closure.

CONTACTING THE HEADTEACHER

As Headteacher I am committed to being available and will always endeavor 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 Natalie 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.
## CRANMER TERM DATES 2014-2015

### Autumn term 2014
- Last day for the children: Friday 19th December 2014 2:15pm finish - no Happy Faces or Late club will be running on the last day

### Spring term 2015
- **Monday 5th January 2015 ~ Staff training day**
- First day for children: Tuesday 6th January 2015
- Half term: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2015
- Last day for the children: Friday 27th March 2015

### Summer term 2015
- First day for the children: Monday 13th April 2015
- Half term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2015
- **Monday 1st June 2015 ~ Staff training day**
- Last day for the children: Friday 17th July 2015

### Autumn term 2015
- **Tues 1st Sept ~ Staff training day**
- First day for children in Y1 - Y6: Wednesday 2nd September 2015
- Home / setting visits for new Reception pupils 2nd - 3rd September 2015
- Friday 4th September staggered start for Reception pupils (exact start dates for individual pupils will be provided)
- Thursday 10th September Reception pupils full time in school
- Half term: Mon 26 Oct 2015 to Fri 30 Oct 2015
- Last day for the children: Fri 18 Dec 2015

---

## AN IMPORTANT LETTER

You should have received on Wednesday 3rd December a letter from the Co-Chairs of Governors and Mrs Whymark regarding her new appointment as Head of Junior School, Dulwich College Suzhou, China. Mrs Whymark will be leaving Cranmer at the end of the academic year in July. Mrs Whymark would like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents for their very kind words of support and good wishes.

Below is a copy of the governors letter to parents:

---

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

It is with considerable regret that the Governing Body has to announce that Mrs Whymark, the Headteacher, has submitted her resignation, to take effect from the end of Summer Term 2015, as she has accepted the offer of the post of Head of the Junior School of Dulwich College Suzhou, China.

Mrs Whymark has made an enormous contribution to the success of Cranmer Primary School since she first came to the school in September 2006, first as Assistant Headteacher; then sharing the Headteacher role with Ms Leeves; and finally assuming the role of sole Headteacher with effect from April 2013, on Mrs Leeves’ retirement. She has steered the school through two very successful OFSTED inspections, and has overseen the building and opening of the fantastic new Cranmer Court building, while at the same time working tirelessly with her staff to ensure the very high teaching and learning standards of which Cranmer can justly be proud.

Please rest assured that a Recruitment panel, which includes both co-chairs and the vice-chair of the Governing Body, has been convened. We will work with the London Borough of Merton to identify a suitable successor for Mrs Whymark, and to ensure a smooth transition of school leadership.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Governing Body (through Mrs Gentry, Clerk to the Governors) if you have any questions about any of this.