EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 9TH FEBRUARY

**Monday:** Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6.50pm; NO Street Dance or Fencing Club's today.

**Tuesday:** Year 5 & 6 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 4, 5 & 6 Street Dance club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Intermediate Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**Wednesday:** Toby Carvery Chef School with Jade class 10.00am - 12.00pm; Parents' Evening 2.15pm - 4.50pm (SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2.00pm);

**Thursday:** Arrive Alive Workshop for Year 6 9.30am - 10.15am; Year 1 Street Dance club 3.30pm - 4.00pm; Year 3 & 4 Football club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Choir 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Homework club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Beginners Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

**Friday:** Swimming Quartz class 2.00pm - 2.30pm; Turquoise class 2.30pm - 3.00pm; Opal class 3.00pm - 3.30pm; Year 1 & 2 Football club 3.20pm - 4.00pm; KS2 Basketball club 3.20pm - 4.20pm.

**FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES**

6th March ~ Opal
13th March ~ Attendance Assembly
20th March ~ Crystal
27th March ~ Year 4 Spring Assembly 9am and 10am

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

Parent Consultation Meetings:
Monday 9th Feb 3:30 - 7pm
Wednesday 11th Feb 2:15-5:30pm (School will close at 2.00 pm)
Sayers Croft Information Meeting - 25th Feb at 6:30pm
Book week 2nd - 6th March (World book day 5th March)

PLEASE NOTE: Happy Faces will be closing at 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11th February, due to the early start of Parent Consultations (2.00 p.m.) Late Club will be running from 2.00 p.m.-4.10pm with a charge of £3.50 per hour or part thereof.

**Quote of the week:** ‘Where there is love there is life’. Mahatma Gandhi

**EGG UPDATE!**

Year 1 and 2 decided this week that maybe the egg has not been hatching because it has been too cold up on the roof!

‘We all wrote a letter to Mr Turner and he moved the egg down from the roof and took it to the staff room’ - Poppy Year 1

But after careful research the children have some frightening news...

‘Be careful because us eggspirts think it is a fire breathing dragon!’ - Ronni Year 2

‘Look out there is a dragon egg in Cranmer Court!’ - Olivia Year 1

**YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED...**

**YEAR TWO ASSESSMENT EVENING MEETING**

Thursday 5th March 2015 at 6.30pm

We would like to invite you to a meeting about the assessments that will take place in the summer term of Year 2. This is an informative meeting about the assessment process, how to help your child and a chance to see some examples of what the assessments will look like.

There will be a crèche available for your child.

**Cranmer's Golden Rule**

‘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.
Congratulations to Opal and Ruby Classes for all achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 26th January. Well done to them!

**MATHS, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK**

Maths, Science and Engineering week kick started with popping candy! Children explored the processes taking place as well as timed how long it took them to dissolve candy in their mouths. Year 6 were of course the quickest! Classes also had the opportunity to discover other scientific and mathematical ideas at the Science museum with some classes managing to enter the Launch Pad. During the week, all classes combined their Science as well as Maths knowledge and skills to engineer edible products, which they sold at the EAT IT EXTRAVAGANZA to raise money for Golden Time board games. To end the week, Key Stage Two held a Hat Parade in the upstairs corridor, which was fabulous! Key Stage One had their hat parade in the studio where the children's hats were tested with a hairdryer for being windproof and tipping water to check if the hats were waterproof. It was great fun. The winners are awarded certificates.

‘GOLDEN TEA TIME’

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. They are: Euran, Leila, Esmee, Aswin, Keya, Amelia, Ana, Zack, Bethany, Brooke, Suryanna, Kaila, Aishvin, Faizan, Zahra, Brandon and Jasper

PARENTS’ OPEN EVENINGS

ADVANCE NOTICE

These will take place on Monday February 9th and on Wednesday February 11th. These are important mid-year consultations regarding pupil progress and targets for learning. Nursery Parents meetings will be happening during the week of Monday 2nd March - information to follow.

We do hope you will put these dates in your diaries together with the fact that the school closes at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11th February. We are always so appreciative of parents’ support at these meetings and we are very committed to working in partnership with you.

**SAWERS CROFT INFORMATION MEETING**

Please note: there will be a meeting on Wednesday 25th February at 6.30pm in the studio hall to go through final details of the year 3 Sayers Croft trip.

A crèche will be available.

**HALF TERM IS ALMOST HERE**

Cranmer finishes on Friday 13th February for the half term break. School resumes on Monday 23rd February.

We do wish all Cranmer friends and families a happy half term break.
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS IN MITCHAM

Learn new craft of sewing and expand your creativity... feel proud of making your own useful things in our fun filled and relaxing workshops for beginners.

WORKSHOP FOR KIDS (ages 7-14) Date 15 Feb 2015 from 10.00-1.00
Kids learn to make their own tote bag with their name’s initial appliquéd on the bag.
Duration 3 hours, cost £18 per child
Kids get a tissue pack cover project to take home as a gift

WORKSHOP FOR GROWNUPS AND MUMS - Date 24 Feb 2015 from 10.00-1.00
Learn to make appliquéd cushion with hand stitching and lots of tips
Duration 3 hours, cost £18 per person

For both the workshops material and equipment are provided by us

Please contact
Bhumika P on 07941 969 388 or email on threadofoccasions@gmail.com for details and booking
Places are limited for each workshop

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are proud of our school and its uniform and our policy is that all pupils should wear uniform.

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.

We have noticed recently that quite a few children are wearing boots in school – please note that black school shoes must be brought into school in which to change into. A letter will be sent home to parents of children not wearing the correct uniform.

WE'RE COLLECTING AGAIN!

Once again we will be collecting 'Active Kids' voucher from Sainsbury's. These will be available between: 28th January - 5th May 2015. We can redeem them for sports equipment. As always, the collection box is in the reception area.

Thank you so much.

Sainsbury's

BBC CHILDREN'S STORYWRITING COMPETITION

The fabulous BBC children's storywriting competition, 500 words is back and bigger than ever. This year’s competition is supported by the Duchess of Cornwall with the final being broadcast live from St James’s Palace on Friday 29th May 2015.

The writers of the top 50 stories will all be invited and the six winning stories will be read out on air by a famous narrator. The deadline for submitting entries is 7pm on 26th February 2015 so if you have a cracking idea for a story, get writing today.

Visit www.500words.external.bbc.co.uk

UPDATE ON HEADTEACHER RECRUITMENT

Yesterday saw our headteacher assessment day. We were very proud of all our children at Cranmer but particularly those who interviewed the two candidates on behalf of the school council, took part in lesson observations and were in assembly. Both candidates were incredibly complimentary about how well behaved, confident and articulate the pupils were. We will let you know further information as soon as we are able to. Gary Stanton and Simon Kardosh - Co-Chairs of Governors
CONGRATULATIONS TO CRANMER

We were very excited to receive a letter last week from Rt Hon David Laws MP, Minister of State for Schools, congratulating Cranmer on how well pupils from every background do in their progress and attainment by the time they leave our school at the end of KS2. We would like to congratulate all pupils, staff and parents for all that they do to ensure that everyone achieves their full potential.

Rt Hon David Laws MP
Minister of State for Schools
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Our ref: PPA2015/102653/CL111

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CRANMER PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DISADVANTAGED PUPIL RESULTS

Dear Mrs Whymark,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and congratulate your school on the improvement in the key stage 2 results of your disadvantaged pupils since 2011.

Your results show that you have improved in terms of the progress and attainment achieved by your disadvantaged pupils since 2011, and that you are highly effective in educating your disadvantaged pupils. It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for secondary school.

Although you missed qualifying for the Pupil Premium Awards this year, I hope that you can build on your success through the summer 2015 results for disadvantaged pupils. If so, you may win a prize of £1000 next year in the 2016 Awards. You may also be invited to apply to win up to £100,000. You can find out more about the awards at www.pupilpremiumawards.com.

I would like to congratulate your staff, governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils. Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with others schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP