EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 12th OCTOBER

YEAR 6 TRIP TO SWANAGE

Monday: KS2 Streetdance 3.20pm - 4.20pm;
Tuesday: School Photographer (Individual photographs); Please note Year 6 and siblings will have their photographs taken next week; Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby 3.20pm - 4.20pm;
Wednesday: Year 3 & 4 Football 3.20pm - 4.20pm;
Thursday: Moonstone & Onyx classes trip 9.00am - 12.00pm; Year 2 Football 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Year 2 Streetdance 3.30pm - 4.30pm; Choir 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Homework club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Clay club 3.20pm - 4.20pm;
Friday: Year 5 & 6 Football 3.20pm - 4.20pm;

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FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES (9am)

October 16th - Jade
October 23rd - Harvest Year 3 (9am and 10am)
November 13th - Coral
November 20th - Topaz
4th December - Ruby
11th December - Quartz

FUTURE EVENTS

Year 6 School Journey 12th - 16th October
School Photographs (Individual Photos from Nursery to Year 5) 14th October
Rights Around the World - International week - 19th - 23rd October
School Photographs (Year 6 and Sibling Photos) 22nd October
HALF TERM 26th - 30th October
Anti-Bullying week 16th-20th November
CPTA Christmas Fayre 27th November

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‘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, Jet, Amber & Starlite Class for achieving the top attendance score of 99.3% for the week beginning 29th September. Well done to them.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Ms Ben-Idtmaine who has joined the teaching staff and is working in Diamond Class when Mrs Lane carries out the Assistant Headteacher Duties and Mrs Glendinning who is covering Mrs Khaturi’s maternity leave in Onyx class.

We hope you have a lovely time at Cranmer and we look forward to working with you!

‘GOLDEN 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 Hick. 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: Dylan, Ruby, Rihaam, Andre, Fiona, Emily, Afua, Kezia, Emani, Thuvaragan, Amina, Salim, Steven, Amirah, Abdullah, Lina and Jude.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Stanley Baker Studio will be coming in to take the school photographs on two days: 14th October for individual photos of children from Nursery to Year 5.

22nd October for Year 6 individual photos and sibling photos.

LOST PROPERTY

At Cranmer we do try to return any items that may have been misplaced. Please can you make sure to label all items, including clothing, clearly with your child’s name. If you happen to find out your child has come back with another pupil’s clothing, please return it to the lost property cupboards.

A POLITE REQUEST

Dear parents/carers, please can we ask that you do not arrive before 3pm on to the school site, as it can distract the children from their learning. We really appreciate your support and understanding.

Celebrating Rights, Arts and History at Cranmer

Week beginning 19th October

Our theme for this year’s action packed week is... “Get up, Stand up!”

Throughout the week, all children will learn about the history of children’s rights. Our EYFS children will learn about what children’s rights are will Years 1 - 6 will learn about Malala Yousafazi, a young Muslim girl who stood up for her rights and the freedom to learn.

In their Art and PSHE lessons, we will think about what freedom has meant to others throughout history and also to ourselves.

KS1 and KS2 will have the chance to take part in workshops, exploring dance and music around our central theme. We are looking forward to getting together as a whole school at the end of the week to see standout dances as well as a performance from Cranmer’s Choir.

Throughout the week, Cranmer will hold a "Read-A-Thon" - all money raised will be donated to the Lunchbowl Network’s work in Kibera.
STAR OF THE WEEK AND MIDDAY SUPERVISOR STAR OF THE WEEK

Every week one child is chosen from each class who has achieved especially marked results in work, behaviour or kindness.

Midday supervisors also award a star per class, per week for good lunchtime behaviour.

NB: Reception Classes do not join Star of the week Assemblies until the Spring Term. Children in Reception Classes receive their Star of the Week award in Class and a list of the awards for September will follow in next week’s newsletter.

DATE: 28th September – 4th October

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<td>Aidan – Following the Golden Rule and always smiling</td>
<td>Samantha – Always being good and kind to all her friends</td>
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<td>Minej - Lining up and walking sensibly and quietly to and from the canteen</td>
<td>Maya – Behaving well in the dinner hall and always eating her lunch</td>
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<td>Zachary - Amazing own work</td>
<td>Leila – Always being a fantastic classmate, helping her friends and being kind</td>
<td>Lucy – Joining in and trying her best with independent work</td>
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<td>Shivali - Well behaved on the field and lining up</td>
<td>Sienna – Behaving well</td>
<td>Shai - Playing nicely and helping others</td>
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<td>Dylan – Confidently using a number line to add and subtract</td>
<td>Louie – Helping other and increased participation in lessons</td>
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<td>Lewis - Being outstanding all week, Excellent manners and always putting his hand up</td>
<td>Hayden – Lining up nicely and not running in the line</td>
<td>Aidan – Always helping when collecting the class from the field</td>
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<td>Sowmiya - Stunning own work, making her own Rangoli pattern</td>
<td>Sujaanie – Always trying her best and listening to instructions first time</td>
<td>Sammy – Great attitude towards learning</td>
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<td>Tatenda - Polite and well behaved, especially in the corridor</td>
<td>Rakith – Being kind to everyone and being a great role model</td>
<td>Hussein – Being respectful and kind to his friends</td>
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<td>Fatima – Always following the Golden rule</td>
<td>Joe – Persevering with his tasks and making outstanding progress in Year 4!</td>
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<td>Abi – Being helpful in the canteen</td>
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<td>Anthony – Trying hard to improve his descriptive writing</td>
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<td>Olivia P - Showing maturity and good judgement</td>
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IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS’ PARENTS

The deadline for parents to make those important choices and hand in forms for secondary school transfer is fast approaching (31st October). Please submit these electronically to the London Borough or Merton, if applying to a Merton school. If any parents require any support or advice during this time, Merton has a ‘Choices Adviser’ Maryanne Rogers. She can be contacted on 020 8545 3769 or on Maryanne.rogers@merton.gov.uk for further assistance.
PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL

100% punctuality is the expectation at Cranmer because we believe that it is essential that pupils appreciate the importance of punctuality in work and in life. The school day at Cranmer starts at 8:40am and children should be ready to enter their classroom at this time.

Regular lateness disadvantages the child, as he/she is likely to miss the instructions for the day, this results in extra work for the teacher, disruption for the class, and, most importantly, can cause stress for the child. Children should arrive for the 8.40 am bell and for the start of registration. Children who arrive after 8.50 am are late. Lateness is recorded in the register as 'L'. The reason for late arrival is recorded as this information should be given by the parent/carer. Continual lateness is monitored and a letter sent to parents.

There are two lateness marks in the register: If a child arrives before 9.10 am the lateness mark is an 'L' for 'present late', but if a child arrives at or after 9.10 am when the register closes, it will be marked as 'U' for 'unauthorised absence'. Children arriving after the close of registers more than 10 times could make parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice (a fine of £100 for each parent/carer).

Please note the Mitcham Tramway path gate and the blue playground doors will be closed at 8.50 am. This will require anyone who needs to enter or exit the school site after this time to use the main Cranmer Road gate. Children who are late will only be able to enter the school building via the doors into the reception area; parents will have to sign their child in at the late book as normal.

BIKES & SCOOTERS ON SITE

Bikes and scooters are fun to ride, but please remember to dismount before you are on the school premises.

Please remember that although they are allowed to be left on the school site, during the school day, they are left at owners own risk and should be locked. They are not allowed to be left overnight.

PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015-16

You will be receiving a letter during October requesting your parental contribution for 2015-2016 is paid. We do ask for £10 per year per child. This system means that we no longer have to write to you from time to time to ask you to contribute towards events taking place in school. Some examples of events or items that we often ask you to contribute towards are theatre groups, science week events, International Arts weeks when we have special visitors; cookery activities, craft activities etc. In addition to this we are investing in various IT software programmes that children can access and use at home eg 'Bug Club', 'Fronter', 'I am Learning' etc. Costs for these continue to increase and we may not be unable to sustain these valuable educational enrichment activities without your help and support.

Please note that this £10 will not cover costs of trips out of school.

Governors felt that this may be helpful to parents; as it is just a 'one off' contribution rather than a number of requests during the year Thank you as always, we hope we can rely on your support – your children will benefit enormously from this.
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 Headteachers 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 discretional 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.
UNITY ALLSTARS PRIMARY CHEERLEADING

Are you a local primary school student? Would you like to take part in cheerleading?

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