Cranmer Primary School Newsletter

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

12th December 2014

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

EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 15th DECEMBER

Monday: Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance (2 Form) 1.30pm - 3.00pm; Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance (1 Form) 1.30pm - 3.00pm;
Tuesday: Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance (2 Form) 9.30am - 11.00am; Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance (1 Form) 9.30am - 11.00am; Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Performance (2 Form) 1.30pm - 3.00pm;
Wednesday: Year 1 visit to Jimmy Spices 11.00am - 3.00pm; Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 1.45pm - 3.00pm; Chess club 3.20pm - 4.20pm; Last day for Nursery children; Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 7.00pm - 9.00pm;
Thursday: Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 1.45pm - 3.00pm; Year 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 7.00pm - 9.00pm;
Friday: Christmas Lunch; School finishes at 2.15pm; (PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO LATE CLUB OR HAPPY FACES TODAY);

FESTIVE FUN!

Well done To Mrs Hayes and her fantastic little helpers: Zak, Isaiah, Klaudia, and Roseanna who have done a brilliant job decorating the Crescent Christmas tree.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES 2015

16th January - Garnet
23rd January - Quartz
30th January - Amethyst

CHRISTMAS SHOWS

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.

Quote of the week: ‘A BETTER LIFE FOR EVERY CHILD - HELP KEEP THE PROMISE’ UNICEF.ORG.UK/PROMISE

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.
Very well done to Aqua Class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 1st December.
Well done to them!

POPPOY APPEAL

A huge thank you is in order for everyone that got involved or bought a poppy for this year’s appeal.
Together we raised a massive £206.26!
Well done.

CRANMER CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

The CPTA are organising the annual Christmas Hamper Raffle. The hamper includes a range of delicious goodies and treats donated by staff at the school. 1st Prize is the ‘Christmas Hamper’; 2nd Prize is a ‘Pamper Hamper’ and the 3rd Prize is an Indulgence Hamper. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have sold tickets already. The CPTA do appreciate it if you can buy and/or sell them, but this is voluntary. Any unsold tickets and money should be returned to Mrs Duffell by 12pm on Monday 15th December. Any parents who do not wish to sell or buy tickets can return the books. The raffle will be drawn on December 17th.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The school’s Christmas postbox is now ready to receive pupil post in the reception office. Please ensure that all cards are addressed with the child’s full name and class on!

‘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 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: Szymon, Andie, Arshia, Tatenda, Lewis, Alan, Deshaun, Neeja, Nikita, Emma, Gabi, Danielle, Zachary, Emily, Rashani and Milan!

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!

REPORTING PUPIL ABSENCE

Please ensure that you leave a message by 9:30am on the dedicated ABSENCE LINE (by pressing option 1 after ringing the school number). This applies equally for absence due to illness or medical appointments, even if your child will be due into school later after the appointment. All messages are picked up on the absence line and this will ensure that pupil absence is recorded accurately. Please do not try to get through to the office first thing in morning as this will ensure that our office line is kept clear for urgent phone calls. Please do not leave verbal messages with teachers regarding absence.
On your child’s return please provide a letter explaining the nature of the illness and any medical evidence.
SCHOOL OPEN OR CLOSED INFORMATION ~ THERE’S AN APP FOR THAT!

Open check have introduced an App for finding out whether school is open or closed. Please go to
http://map.lgfl.org.uk/opencheck and click on the Apple App store.

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.

NURTURE GROUP AT CRANMER - CAN YOU HELP?

We are very excited to have become a part of the Nurture Group project, which involves a number of schools in Merton. Nurture Groups are becoming increasingly important and well-established in primary and secondary schools across the country in providing effective support for children with social and emotional difficulties. Evidence shows that children who participate in Nurture Groups develop their confidence, learn to respond appropriately to others, become more engaged in learning and their behaviour improves.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE OR UNUSED DRESSING UP CLOTHES, BEANBAGS, BOARD GAMES, PUPPETS, CUSHIONS OR EVEN A SOFA IN GOOD CONDITION?

If you wish to donate any of the above items, please contact Ms Tilbury.

END OF TERM & 2015 START DATES

Cranmer closes next Friday 19th December at 2:15pm for the start of the Christmas Holidays. Please note there will be no late club on that day. Children come back to school on Tuesday 6th January.

NURSERY END OF TERM & START OF TERM DATES

The last day for the nursery children will be Wednesday 17th December in order that the nursery staff can carry out their important home visits on Thursday and Friday next week. On Tuesday 6th January 2015 the Nursery will hold its ‘Open Day’ for all the new nursery children and their families. This gives them the chance to get to know the nursery environment in a relaxed way. Then from Wednesday 7th January 2015 the nursery will be open as usual.
Project News:

Reflecting the Wandle: The Film launch in September was a huge success with over 300 people attending the outdoor premier at Merton Abbey Mills. The film is now available to purchase for £5, or borrow from the Living Wandle Team so you can hold your own community screenings.

Contact: livingwandle@wandleworld.co.uk if you would like to purchase or hold your own community screening. We would like to thank everyone who made this project such a success.

Wandle Flowing Through Time: Groundwork London along with volunteers and school children have created some artwork and a lovely book which takes you on a journey through memories and experiences of the Wandle. The book is available to purchase or a free PDF version is available. Contact Nicki.judje@groundwork.org.uk to get your copy. These pieces are currently on tour around the Wandle Valley and will be displayed at the New Horizons Centre on the 9th December as part of the Lunch Time Club from 1pm. If you would like to display them somewhere in your community please contact Nicki.judje@groundwork.org.uk.

Industrial Heritage Recording: Treasure Hunt—After an enjoyable walk along the lower Wandle during Tidetaste (where 25 people attended), the task of locating the lost treasures of the River Wandle has begun. There have been some sessions where volunteers have been searching for interesting artefacts that have been moved from the Wandle to other locations, there are plenty of chances to take part, see the events section for dates! There will be more weekday and weekend sessions in January. A Volunteer Handbook is available so people can join in at home. Contact the Budding Explorer to get a copy.

Merton Prior Recording—Groundwork London have been appointed to run this project, volunteers will be recording and documenting the changes being made at the Chapter House (another Living Wandle project). Volunteers will be taught the history of the chapter House, introduced to the planned restoration works and will learn about the project management and delivery phase. A short film will be created and uploaded on to the Living Wandle Digital Archive so people can see the Chapter House before, during and after.

Catchment Plan: Works to restore the River Wandle at Carshalton (Hackbridge and Sutterhill) are complete. The new banks reflect the natural meander of the River Wandle. This narrower channel also helps the river become more resilient to future drought, fish can now also move more freely along the river. Next spring there will be planting events so keep your eyes peeled for planting dates.

River Guardians: On Sunday 14th December you’ll have the chance to join the Wandle Trust combating pollution on the Wandle. Come down to Trewint Street in Earlsfield to hear how the Wandle Trust are using mushrooms to mop up pollution in the river! For more details, visit the Wandle Trust website.

Wandle Gateway: Works have begun in Foubert park! New gateways, improved seating and new signage will create a new visitor attraction as well as improve the health of residents by enabling the use of better connections to the Wandle Valley and Wandle. The Living Wandle Gateway project will help fund improvements to access/gateways to the park at Goat Bridge, Watremad Lane & London Road where the Regional Park signage will be employed. Several gateways will also be created as part of Merton Council’s connectivity cycle/pedal wood project.

Dates for the Diary—Free Events along the Wandle

9th December—Road show of the artwork, memories book & Vandalis showing @ New Horizon Centre part of the Lunch Time Club 1pm

10th December—Hunt for Wandle Treasures @ Croydon Archives 2-4pm

14th December- River clean up and MYCO information session Earlsfield 11-3pm

17th December—Hunt for Wandle treasures @ Sutton Local Studies Centre 2-4pm

11th January 2015—Wandle Trust clean up - Location TBC 11-3pm

8th February 2015—Wandle Trust clean up - Location TBC 11-3pm

8th March 2015—Wandle Trust clean up - Location TBC 11-3pm