**Cranmer Primary School Newsletter**

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

15th December 2017

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**EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 18th December**

**Monday:** Nursery home visits. Year 2 trip to Mitcham fire station.

**Tuesday:** Nursery home visits.

**Wednesday:** Nursery Open Morning 9am. Last day of term!

**Thursday:** School closed – Christmas school holiday.

**Friday:** School closed – Christmas school holiday.

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**FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES**

(9am)

12th January – Amethyst

**FUTURE EVENTS**

- Nursery Home Visits – 18th & 19th December
- Nursery Open Morning – 20th December.
- Last Day of term Reception – Year 6 - 20th December – 2:15pm finish

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**Quote of the week:** “May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears” - Nelson Mandela

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**Message from the Chair of Governors**

To all members of the Cranmer Primary School community - Parents, Carers and Pupils,

I was privileged, earlier this week, to see the EYFS end-of-term performance, a truly heartwarming and uplifting experience. As a governor, I don’t get as many opportunities as I would like to see the school in action, but this was, to me, a prime example of Cranmer at its best, and it summed up what we as Governors are trying to achieve: we all want Cranmer to be a place where pupils can be the best they can in a safe, happy, professional environment, in which teaching and learning can flourish. In our various committees, and through regular visits to the school, we do our best to support Mrs Hick and her team to provide that environment for the children; to hold them to account so that we can be sure all children achieve.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the CPTA for all their hard work during the year, in particular for their magnificent response to the tragic death of Liam at the end of last year, and the installation of the pirate ship in the playground. I intend to write at least one article per term for the school newsletter about what we are doing as governors: in the meantime, if you think there is anything I, or the wider governing body, should be aware of, don’t hesitate to contact me through the school office.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable holiday period, however you celebrate it.

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**Cranmer’s Golden Rule**

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 Jade Class for achieving the top attendance score of 99.6% for the week beginning 4th December.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Stitch Design, our school uniform service providers, will be closed from the 20th December, until January 2nd.
Any orders placed prior to the 20th December, will be processed, and despatched the following working day, as usual.
Any orders placed after that will NOT be processed until the New Year.

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The school’s Christmas postboxes are now up and ready to receive pupil post in both the Crescent and Court reception offices!
Please ensure that all cards are addressed with the child’s name and their class so they may be delivered!

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 click on the ‘Our School’ tab, on the right hand side 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. We will aim to text you by 7:30am at the latest on the morning of closure.

SLIME

Children are NOT allowed to bring slime or slime ingredients into school. There have been a few incidents where slime has become stuck in the carpet which has been quite difficult to remove.

We thank you for your help and cooperation with this.

NO INTERNET ACCESS? You can ring 020 8408 7508, an automated voice message will ask for a 7 digit DFE 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.
The P4C Corner

Can you discuss this question at home?

Question of the week:

**EYFS and Year 1**

Would you travel with wheels or wings?

**Year 2 – 6**

Are rules a good thing?

Mrs N Lone would love to hear the children's responses and the views that they share during these discussions.

You could record what they say using a Post-it Note or a speech bubble. You could even ask them to express their views in other ways such as drawings, making models or using computing.

Pick up a speech bubble template from the office and return any responses to your child’s class teacher.

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**HAPPY FACES OPEN**
**WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

Happy Faces will be open on the last day of term (Wednesday 20th December), however they will close at 5:00pm. Late Charges will apply at £1.00 per minute. Please ensure you book to secure your child's place. Please note this is only for existing parents.

**LATE CLUB CLOSED**
**WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER**

Late Club will be closed on the last day of term (Wednesday 20th December) as school finishes at 2:15pm on that day. A Late Charge will apply at £1.00 per minute per child for those not collected on time.

**NURSERY DATES**

The last day for Nursery is **Friday 15th December 2017**.

The Nursery team will be visiting children at home on the 18th and 19th of December.

All of the new Nursery children are invited to an open morning on the 20th December 9am-10am.

**END OF TERM & 2018 START DATES**

Cranmer closes next **Wednesday 20th December at 2:15pm** for the start of the Christmas Holidays. Children come back to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.

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Sentence starters to use:-

- I think
- In my opinion
- I agree
- I disagree

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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.

**DATE:** 4th December - 8th December 2017

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<td>Aiden - for trying hard with his learning. Jenicka - well behaved and friendly.</td>
<td>Aganya - for always trying her hardest. Anna - for playing nicely in the playground.</td>
<td>Amish - for an amazing first week! Trying hard and being brave. Oliver - for looking after his friends in the playground.</td>
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<td>Preston - for excellent hard work in maths this week. Well done! Natalia - fantastic lining up!</td>
<td>Ryan - for working really hard in maths this week. Jania - for always behaving well.</td>
<td>Dermal - for a great first two weeks in Gold Class. Demario - for showing respect and being kind to his friends.</td>
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<td>Nearah - working well with her work. Listening well on the carpet, being respectful and kind. Zoe - for keeping the Golden Rule.</td>
<td>Elif - for being an excellent role model and always being kind to her classmates. Peter - for showing respect and always behaving well.</td>
<td>Andrey - for having a really good week focusing hard in class and with his writing. Dezire - for keeping the Golden Rule.</td>
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<td>Shriya - for trying hard with her work. Dhairya - for eating his lunch sensibly and being well behaved.</td>
<td>Olivia - for always working hard and being a fantastic role model for her friends. Ibrahim - always eats his lunch and well mannered.</td>
<td>Tanees - for great effort in his writing. Aiden - for being well behaved.</td>
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<td>Michael - for improving his independence and working by himself in the mornings. Safayah - for always showing respect.</td>
<td>Nithusiga - always tries very hard in English and maths. Sets a good example to her peers. Keya - always outstanding at lunchtimes.</td>
<td>Wakeel - for consistent improvement in maths. Aakarshana - for being kind to others.</td>
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<td>Apina - for her amazing effort in lessons. Bethany - for having a good week and following instructions.</td>
<td>Faez - excellent story writing. Talia - for playing well with other children.</td>
<td>Emmanuel - for settling in well to Cranmer and trying his best in class. Alberto - for helping friends in the playground.</td>
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<td>Madyn - for positively taking on feedback in his writing. Meher - polite and pleasant always. Fantastic at lunch times.</td>
<td>Tom - for his improved efforts in all areas of his learning. Tom Junior - for being a good friend at lunch times.</td>
<td>Mathurshan - for hard work in all lessons and showing resilience in his learning. Fayaz - for always thinking of others and wonderful at lunch times.</td>
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Local History Sale

15 & 16 December, 10am – 4pm
Whether you are a history enthusiast, or need a gift for someone special – this sale promises something for everyone.

Sale items include Merton history books, historic maps, postcards, souvenirs and special offers.

Merton Heritage Centre,
2nd floor, Morden Library,
Merton Civic Centre,
London Road. Morden. SM4 5DX

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