EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26th March

No Clubs or Booster sessions all week

Monday: Year 4 djembe drum concert - Studio Hall
         9am. Gymnastic Club 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Tuesday: Mitcham Town Community Trust Celebration
         Evening 4pm - 5pm - Crescent Hall
Wednesday: Parent Gym 8:30am - 11:00am. Rocksteady
         Year 1 Magician Show 1pm - 2pm. Easter Fair - Main Hall and
         Studio Hall 3:30pm - 5pm
Thursday: School will close at 2:15pm.
Friday: Good Friday - Start of the Easter holidays

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES (9am)

27th - April - Amber
4th May - Jade

FUTURE EVENTS

29th March - Last day of term NB: there will be
no after-school facilities except for Happy Faces
(until 5.00 p.m.) and the school will close at
2:15pm
9th - 12th April - Easter School for Year 6
16th April - First day back to school - except for
Nursery
16th April - Nursery home visits
17th April - Nursery Open Day - New starters
18th April - Nursery first day back to school

LETTER FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of my promises to myself, and to the school, was that I would write at least one message a term for the school newsletter: I honestly don’t know where this term has gone, so I hasten to write this now, before it’s too late!

This has been another busy term for the school (I know: which term isn’t busy?). Highlights for me have been the outstanding success of the school’s Year 5 and 6 football team in winning the ESFA Danone Cup - South East England Regional Final cup recently (15.03.2018); and the opportunity all Governors had to visit the school on our Governors’ Day. It’s not always easy for us to visit the school during working hours, so these Governors’ Days are a real treat, and this one was no exception. I particularly enjoyed visiting the Early Years provision, and seeing the excellent work Mrs Caird and her colleagues do.

I am also pleased to note the first Parents’ Forum, which was held earlier this month. I think this is a great innovation: I’m sorry I couldn’t attend the inaugural meeting (I was in an all-day meeting at work), but I look forward to future such meetings. A good relationship between the school and the parents and carers of the children who attend the school is essential to the children’s success, so I hope this will be a useful development.

Finally, I know the closing of the school because of the snow was, to put it no more strongly, an inconvenience for parents (though I also realise that some people found it difficult to get to and from the school in the days before it was closed). I am aware, also, that the text messaging system didn’t work as well as it should have; but the London Borough of Merton are looking into this for us. I would also like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Mr Turner, the school Site Manager, who got up incredibly early that week to clear the snow, and finally advised Mrs Hick that it would be too dangerous, for staff, parents and pupils, to open the school on 2nd March.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, if you think there is anything you think I, or the wider governing body, should be aware of, you can always contact me through the school office.

With my best wishes for the Easter Break
Yours

Ben Harris
Chair of Governors
Cranmer Primary School
SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS!

After winning the Morden Cluster tournament in November, the Year Five and Six Football team stormed to victory in the Borough finals to grab a ticket to the County Finals in Whyteleafe. Cranmer turned up as underdogs, never having reached this stage before, but left as Surrey County Champions with outstanding performances all round. Surely the Danone South-East England Finals (15.3.18) would be where the journey ended, or were these boys just starting to get warmed up?

The team had to show their commitment by arriving at the crack of dawn for a 7:15am minibus to Thamesmead. As Kofie (team captain) mentions in his handwritten account, ‘When I arrived at Cranmer ready for one of the biggest tournaments of my life, I was thinking of the impossible.’ Cranmer arrived together with the champions of twelve counties, who were all getting warmed up and ready to do battle. Cranmer were drawn in Group B along with the winners of Inner-London, Kent and Norfolk.

After a quick warm up, the first whistle sounded, Cranmer (Surrey Champions) vs Danson (Kent Champions). Cranmer weathered an early storm, and then went on the attack, looking menacing each time they surged forward. Even though we dominated the majority of the game, peppering the goal of the opponents and rattling their cross-bar, the game finished 0-0. Another challenge took place against Woodlands, the winners of the Norfolk County, with a tight 0-0 stalemate.

At this point, all the teams in the group had cancelled each other out with 0-0 draws, so it would go down to the final two games. Whoever could hold their nerves would progress through, but anything less than a first place group finish, would mean it was time for the long journey home. In an all-or-nothing encounter with St Mary Magdelene, of Inner-London, Cranmer came out fighting, with Josh narrowly missing out in a one-on-one with the keeper. With Jabari screaming down the wing, Alan laying off inch-perfect passes and Tom and Kofie dominating the midfield, Joshua then bagged himself two goals to send Cranmer soaring to the top of the table. The defence didn't give an inch as Sheldon, Ryan and Adin made sure no goals were conceded on their watch. With the final game (Norfolk vs Kent) finishing 0-1, Cranmer had done the business and were on their way to the finals.

Our boys composed themselves for two more games to decide who would be crowned champions. Much like the group games, the high quality of the teams in the finals meant that after the winners of group A, B, and C had played each other, all was square. Cranmer, in spite of being the dominant team, would be involved in a three-way penalty shootout with Ocklynge of Sussex and Gerrard’s Cross of Buckinghamshire.

Fortunately, Cranmer had England’s number one between the sticks. Adin’s call to action... Did he answer that call? Well, he brushed his nerves aside, stood tall and pulled off two outstanding saves to put the pressure on our opponents. What about the Cranmer penalties? Well, with both schools missing two each and Cranmer scoring their first three, with cool finishes from Ryan, Tom and Kofie, Sheldon took to the stage for the penalty that would see us crowned South-East of England Champions. One big deep breath and the ball was buried. Jabari scored the fifth penalty just for fun!

Once again, Mr Gentry and Mr Fowler were ecstatic! Both on and off the pitch, the journey has been an absolute pleasure. Cranmer now go marching on to the England National Finals! As our Captain Kofie states, ‘We are simply the best!’
**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: Annabelle, Scarlett, Runaz, Jeyshiyah, Rand, Emaan, Tehseen, Aurora, Sabah-Ud-Din, Raheim, Andre, Livni, Hussein, Georgi, Amber, Theo, Sahana and Neeja.

**EARTH HOUR**

This year Earth Hour is on Saturday 24th March at 8:30pm

Earth Hour is a worldwide grassroots movement unifying people to protect the planet and is organised by WWF. WWF engages a massive mainstream community on a broad range of environmental issues. Earth Hour was famously started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia in 2007. Since then it has grown to engage more than 7000 cities and towns worldwide, and the one-hour event continues to remain the key driver of the now larger movement.

Visit [http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/](http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/) to find out more!

**NURSERY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Please note: You can find all key dates on our website and you can sync our school calendar with your own. Please contact the office for more information.

**HAPPY FACES PROVISION**

29th March - Happy Faces After-School Club will be open between 2:15pm - 5:00pm

16th April - Wrap and Little Smilers Closed (Breakfast Club and After-School Club open as usual)

17th April - Wrap closed (Breakfast Club, After-School Club and Little Smilers open as usual)
Congratulations to Garnet Class for achieving the top attendance score of 98.7% for the week beginning 12th March 2018

Cranmer visits the Royal Festival Hall

Some of our Cranmer musicians travelled into London on Monday to watch and participate in the ‘Sound Out! 50th Anniversary Schools’ Concert’ conducted by the London Sinfonietta. The children experienced a variety of modern classical pieces, learning about their different musical features along the way. They were even present for the premier of a brand new piece of music, 'Sound Steps', composed by primary children in Haringey and Enfield. The music was inspiring, but one of the highlights of the day was visiting the singing lift. Why not visit the Royal Festival Hall and listen for yourself?

Year 4 Djembe Drum Concert - Monday 26th March

The Year 4 children have been learning the djembe drums in weekly lessons since the very start of the year and they are ready to show off their skills! They will be playing their djembes for the final time on Monday, 26th March, in a special concert before commencing their samba lessons after Easter. Please come and support them at 9.00am in the Studio Hall!
Thought for the Week

‘Thought for the week’ is a weekly quote to bring you encouragement, inspiration and wisdom from people from all walks of life. These inspirational thoughts promote reflection. We hope the message in these motivational words gives you something to reflect upon in the week ahead.

Mrs N. Lone would be interested to hear your thoughts.
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:** 12th March 2018 – 16th March 2018

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<td><strong>Yarusha</strong> – Trying hard to check her sentences make sense. <strong>Muhammad</strong> – Eating all his lunch.</td>
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<td><strong>Scarlett</strong> – Being brave and saying her line in the Assembly. <strong>Ameen</strong> – Getting better at eating his lunch. Playing nicely with his peers.</td>
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<td><strong>Kristen</strong> – Always working hard and being polite. <strong>Ayomide</strong> – Good listening in the canteen.</td>
<td><strong>Fred</strong> – Making a big effort with his handwriting. <strong>Leila</strong> – Eating her food and being polite.</td>
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<td><strong>Saraiya</strong> – Great reading and effort with her writing. <strong>Tehseen</strong> – For making good choices and good listening.</td>
<td><strong>Aurora</strong> – Outstanding work in English and including an amazing simile in her writing. <strong>Aadam</strong> – Good listening all week.</td>
<td><strong>Lily-Rose</strong> – For outstanding Maths work. <strong>Ella</strong> – Well behaved during lunchtime.</td>
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<td><strong>Hiba</strong> – For a lovely story in English. <strong>Nawin</strong> – Always being polite.</td>
<td><strong>Jerusha</strong> – Being on target with her reading and writing excellent reviews. <strong>Maya</strong> – Very polite and plays nicely.</td>
<td><strong>Tanees</strong> – Great effort in his writing. <strong>Tanees</strong> – Lines up really well.</td>
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<td><strong>Pranneeta</strong> – Outstanding behaviour whilst the teacher was away. <strong>Eunice</strong> – For being respectful and caring to others.</td>
<td><strong>Deja</strong> – Pushing herself in her work! Well done. <strong>Darren</strong> – Always happy during lunchtime play.</td>
<td><strong>Rhiannon</strong> – Always using amazing vocabulary in all conversations with children and adults. <strong>Si Ying</strong> – Outstanding behaviour at lunchtimes.</td>
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<td><strong>Bethany</strong> – Working extremely hard and challenging herself. <strong>Kanye</strong> – Looking after his friends.</td>
<td><strong>Renee</strong> – Working hard in all areas. <strong>Adam</strong> – Always behaving well.</td>
<td><strong>Aaron</strong> – Much improved attitude to his work which has allowed big progress. <strong>Rosie</strong> – Always playing well with others and helpful to staff.</td>
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<td><strong>Meher</strong> – For working hard to edit her writing. <strong>Lucy</strong> – Showing respect always.</td>
<td><strong>Aaron</strong> – Improved efforts in English. <strong>Jokisan</strong> – Being polite to both staff and other pupils.</td>
<td><strong>Umayr</strong> – Good attitude to his work. Participating in class. <strong>Jada</strong> – Playing nicely with her friends.</td>
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Cranmer Parent Forum

‘Cranmer: creating a community of caring, collaborative, critical and creative thinkers.’

Cranmer is proposing to create a Parent Forum as a means to further develop communication between the school and parents.

We wish to develop parent feedback to gain parental views on what we are doing well and where we can make improvements.

As Cranmer is a large three-form entry school, we are hoping to appoint two parent forum representatives per year group. This will be total of 16 parent representatives. It is anticipated that the Parent Forum will meet 5 times per year. Twice in the Autumn and Summer Terms and once in the Spring Term.

Year Group Rep Role Summary:

- To act as the key link between the core leadership team and the year group parents. The year group representative will be instrumental in helping the school achieve its vision and in facilitating better communication between the school and parents.
- Communicate regularly with parents, by the best means for the parents/carers of their particular year group, to ensure that parents are aware of important activities and issues affecting the School. Such means might include: face-to-face conversations, email, phone, WhatsApp groups, etc.
- Provide feedback to the class teacher/Headteacher on general questions, issues or concerns raised by parents.

If you would be interested in this exciting role please contact the Heads PA on headspa@crannmer.merton.sch.uk or call on 020 8648 2621 option 5
Easter Fair
Wednesday 28th March
3.30pm Main Hall & Studio Hall

ENTRY AT MAIN RECEPTION OR STUDIO DOOR ONLY

The CPTA is hosting their Easter Fair...... come and join us for Chocolate tombola, Easter crafts, bouncy castle, Pokémon tin can alley, face painting and much more!!!!!!!
Easter Appeal

HELP US TO FUND AN INTERACTIVE PLAY SCREEN, AND BRING JOY TO OUR YOUNGEST PATIENTS

Make a difference to our youngest patients’ hospital stay, and give a gift that will last beyond Easter and for years to come.

TO DONATE £3 PLEASE TEXT SGHC62 £3 TO 70070

If you would still like to donate eggs, please hand them in to the Fundraising Office, Ground Floor, Grosvenor Wing, between 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding Good Friday)

For more information on how you can get involved, please call us on 020 8725 4522 or email us at giving@stgeorges.nhs.uk

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