**Cranmer Primary School**

**Newsletter**

**EVENTS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 17th December**

Please note: There will be no clubs or booster sessions this week. All clubs will commence week beginning 14th January 2019.

**Monday:**  
Choir trip to BUPA Fieldway

**Tuesday:**  
No planned events

**Wednesday:**  
Last day for Nursery pupils  
Choir trip to Abbeyfield Care Home  
Rocksteady concert Reception & KS1 Parents: 9.00am - 9.30am  
Rocksteady concert KS2 Parents 9.40am - 10.10am

**Thursday:**  
Nursery closed for home visits

**Friday:**  
Nursery closed for home visits  
Last day of term - school finishes at 2.15pm

**Friday Assemblies**

11th January - Amethyst  
18th January - Onyx  
25th January - Moonstone

**FUTURE EVENTS**

7th Jan  
School closed - INSET day

8th Jan  
First day back to school (except Nursery)

9th Jan  
First day back for existing Nursery pupils  
123 Magic Parenting session 9.00am - Sunstone room  
Year 6 Evacuee Day

11th Jan  
Beauty and the Beast Pantomime

14th Jan  
Parents' healthy lives workshop 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Sunstone room

15th Jan  
Year 4 Viking day

21st Jan  
G&T music concert 'Stringfever' at New Wimbledon theatre  
Parents' healthy lives workshop 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Sunstone room  
Swimming Gala Trials

Jan 23rd  
Ruby class trip to Wimbledon Synagogue

123 Magic Parenting session 9.00am - Sunstone room

Jan 24th  
Amber class trip to Wimbledon Synagogue

**Goodbye and Good Luck!**

We are very sad to say that Miss Whadcock and Miss McArdle will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up teaching posts in Australia at the start of the new academic year.

Miss Whadcock and Miss McArdle joined Cranmer as student teachers and have now been with us for nearly three years. Miss Whadcock has taught in Year Two and coordinated Religious Education across the school. Miss McArdle has taught in Year One, taken a lead on helping to develop our school environment with her wonderful gardening skills, and of course, introduced Biggles (the school dog) to the school community.

They are fantastic teachers, who will be greatly missed by the staff, parents and children of Cranmer. We hope that you will join us in wishing them every success as they take this new and exciting step in their careers.
Message from Chair of Governors

To all members of the Cranmer Primary School community

Once again, I write an end-of-year message to you all, unsure where the term, indeed the last year has gone! This has been another challenging year for Cranmer, not least because of the preparation for the OfSTED inspection that took place not long before the end of the summer term. I know how hard the whole staff body worked to prepare for the inspection, and I think the overall result, that the school is “Good”, was a fair one; the work Ms Hick and the team continue to do well. I am sure, the school will get the grade it deserves, that of “Outstanding”, in the next inspection.

I want to take this opportunity, once again, to thank the CPTA for all their hard work during the year, not least for the recent Christmas Fair.

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 you think I, or the wider governing body, should be aware of, please don’t hesitate to contact me through the school office. This last term, I was pleased to note the very impressive results children at the school achieved at the end of the last academic year and the creation of Citrine class, which I intend to say more about at the end of next term.

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

Best wishes
Ben Harris

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 Ms 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: Aaron, Hugo, Shruthi, Kivani, Rand, Lauren, Keshav, Ariana, Lucy, Maja, Veirra, Darren, Renee, Alexia and Chaya.

Congratulations to Quartz Class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 3rd December. Well done to them!
Eco Corner

This week, the children in Amethyst have been getting into the holiday season with the production of 'Babushka'. They have also been thinking about how this time of year can lead to a lot of unnecessary waste of paper. Using empty kitchen roll tubes, left over from the wonderful Christmas decorations made last week, the children have created a unique gift box, thinking about the 3R’s (Recycle, Reuse, Reduce).

What will you do this Christmas to help the environment? Why not try this holiday challenge? Get crafty, see what you can make using a used kitchen roll. Why not take a picture and send it in with your child next half term?

Even better, why not send in your wonderful creations? We would love to see them. Have fun!!
It has been another incredible week for our Year 5 and 6 football team.

On the 7th December, our boys competed in the borough finals. It was raining on and off all day, so the group stage matches were played in wet and windy conditions, however the team progressed to the knock out stages with a convincing 2-0 win in the opening match. We drew the second and showed remarkable resilience by coming back from 1-0 down, to draw the third match. Cranmer finished second in the group and in the quarter finals, were up against the top-ranked team in the tournament; a team which beat Cranmer in last year’s final (an incredibly close game). This year however, there was redemption! In the opening stages of the match Cranmer was awarded a corner, Kamau put the ball on a plate for Ryan, who leapt up from a crowd of players to meet the cross; after some commotion he bundled the ball in. Kamau then set Jabari through on goal for our second goal and to win the game!

The semi-final saw Cranmer play our local rivals, SS Peter and Paul. In a game which would have been worthy of the final, saw Cranmer play some of the best football that we have seen all season! Ryan hit the bar from another corner from Kamau having leapt up like a salmon again through a crowded box! After a catalogue of chances and some great saves from the SS Peter and Paul keeper, it ended 0-0, this was in no small part due to Eric, who expertly marshalled their striker, not allowing him any clear cut chances. The game went to penalties and sadly for SS Peter and Paul, they hit the bar on their penalty and having expertly dispatched our own penalties, Cranmer were in the final for a second year in a row!

The final was against St John Fisher, who the boys had drawn against earlier that day, in the group stages. Like last year, it was an incredibly tight game with both teams making chances and without the heroics of Alan, in goal, making some important saves, the match may have been lost. There was a chance, late on, from Salif, which agonisingly went just wide of the post. For the second time that day, the boys were in a penalty shootout and there was heart break for the team as our first penalty was saved!

With yet more heroics from Alan, who saved not one, but two penalties! Burying our remaining penalties, Cranmer were crowned borough final CHAMPIONS! As ever, I can’t mention everyone’s exploits, but needless to say, the team played some incredible football and were worthy winners on the day, which was highlighted by the fact that the boys yet again won the REfspect reward for the team showing the best sportsmanship (which is voted on by all the schools in attendance). A huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 team for their amazing effort!

The player of the tournament was Wakeel, for his hard work, commitment and bravery. He works tirelessly in his defensive duties and is a solid foundation, the team can go forward and grab the goals, knowing that Wakeel will always be there.

(Squad: Ryan, Cameron, Jabari, Kamau, Eric, Wakeel, Lewis, Salif, Alan)
On Wednesday the 21st of November 2018 at 11:00, I was ready to play in the cluster tournament. When we were in the changing room I got number 10. I was very excited to go to the Harris Morden to play a tournament. When we were walking we were singing the Cranmer football team song. When we arrived at Harris Morden we had a snack to get energy for our match. When we started the match I didn’t start but the final score was (0-0). In the next match we played against Halsmere and beat them 1-0 Sheldon scored a last minute goal. In the next match we beat St teresas 2-0 and Jabari scored a backheel. Then we versed St Peters and Pauls and we won 1-0 then we done a team huddle with liberty for the penalty shoot out. Then we got the respect award and we qualified for the borough finals. After that we went to school and celebrated in the changing rooms.

Gymnastics Champion

Ella, from Opal class, participated in a gymnastics competition on Sunday 2nd December at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre.

She won two gold medals for bars and vault, a silver medal for beam and a bronze medal for a floor routine. Best of all, she was also crowned Miss Winter Wonderland for the overall winner in her group (age 7s).

Well done Ella!
Last week, Year 6 went on a very exciting school trip to KidZania in West London.

KidZania is an indoor working city just for children. A key purpose of the venue is to help provide children with an opportunity to experience life in real working world scenarios as ‘pretend’ adults. From police officers to airline pilots, from fire fighters to veterinary nurses, from window cleaners to radio presenters; you name it and KidZania has that job available.

Year 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable time, whilst earning hundreds of Kidzos (KidZania money) in the process.
Last Friday, the CPTA hosted the Christmas Fair and we raised an amazing £1437.47. We would like to thank all the staff, parents and carers that volunteered their time. We hope you all had a great time and won lots of festive goodies.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
Cranmer PTA

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.

Capital FM Radio Visit

Mr Gayle, one of our Year 6 teachers, had arranged for some of the presenters from Capital FM radio to visit Cranmer last Friday in order to officially open our Christmas Fair.

The presenters were very happy to come along, however, they were asked to be back in the studio, on air by 3pm, which meant the timings clashed.

Despite this, all the team at Capital FM have wished Cranmer every success for our Christmas fair.

After School Club information for the Last Day of Term – Friday 21st December

Late Club will be closed on the last day of term as school finishes at 2:15pm on that day. A late charge of £1 per minute, per child will apply for those not collected on time.

Happy Faces will be open on the last day of term; however, they will close at 5:00pm. Late charges will apply at £1 per minute, per child. Please ensure you book to secure your child’s place. Please note this is only for existing parents.
New Disability Database and M-Card Application Process

The Merton Disability Database for children and young people has been re-launched this week and a new M-Card application process is in place that families may need to be made aware of.

The Disability Database is a voluntary register of children who have a disability or Special Educational Need. The M-Card is a concession card issued by Merton Council. It is used by parents / carers to raise awareness that a child has SEND when accessing services such as some leisure activities. For more information, visit the Disability Database page or the M-Card page on the Local Offer website.

Parents now just select the My Account option at the top of each website page on the Local Offer at merton.gov.uk/localoffer and set up a secure account. They can then apply to join the Disability Database, apply for an M-Card, renew an M-Card or update their details, all using a single online form.

Details required during application have been reduced so that we are not collecting data that is not needed and the application process is simpler. We cannot accept paper applications anymore, so please do direct parents to the Local Offer website to apply.

Changes to take note of:

- For new applications for M-Cards, evidence of eligibility is now required. Children must be aged 18 or under and parents / carers must upload evidence of meeting one of the following criteria when applying:
  - Child Tax Credit to include the disabled child element or Universal Credit with child element and additional disabled child element (lower and higher), or
  - A letter confirming current receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) at Middle or Upper level or Personal Independence Payment for the child, or
  - A letter from a medical or educational professional confirming there is a complex health need that impacts significantly on getting about or accessing services

- M-Cards issued under the old system remain valid until their expiry date. (Cards expire two years after being issued)
- M-Cards that expire up to 31 October 2020 can be renewed without submitting evidence of eligibility
- From November 2020, when a parent/carer renews an M-Card, they will be required to upload evidence that the child/young person does meet the eligibility criteria
- The M-card itself has been redesigned and a photograph is no longer required to apply for / renew a card

Families on the Disability Database with valid M-Cards will be contacted to explain the changes and guide them into registering with and using the new system.

We will continue to work with families, practitioners and professionals over the coming months to develop the M-Card offer. Charles Valler, our Local Offer Information Officer would welcome any feedback or suggestions and can be contacted by email sent to localoffer@merton.gov.uk
**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.

**DATE:** 3rd December 2018 – 7th December 2018

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<td><strong>Yousif</strong> - Trying hard with his reading.</td>
<td><strong>Dinuki</strong> - For her fantastic writing.</td>
<td><strong>Aamina</strong> - Amazing work in Phonics.</td>
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<td><strong>Molly</strong> - Trying so hard with Phonics this week.</td>
<td><strong>Fatuma</strong> - Working hard on her writing.</td>
<td><strong>Alexander</strong> - Excellent reading and Phonics.</td>
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<td><strong>Aareshan</strong> - Lining up nicely.</td>
<td><strong>Annabelle</strong> - Beautiful behaviour in the canteen.</td>
<td><strong>Ashlyn</strong> - Eating all her food every day.</td>
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<td><strong>Mikolaj</strong> - Amazing work in English and always following the Bee rules.</td>
<td><strong>Abinila</strong> - Always following the Bee rules and trying her best.</td>
<td><strong>Lauren</strong> - Always working hard and beginning to use reasoning skills in Maths.</td>
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<td><strong>Asiya</strong> - Being helpful and polite</td>
<td><strong>Meeya</strong> - Always being polite and well behaved.</td>
<td><strong>Angela</strong> - Being helpful and eating her food.</td>
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<td><strong>Zara</strong> - Working hard on her information text about Lions.</td>
<td><strong>NKaiya</strong> - Using paragraphs in her writing.</td>
<td><strong>Elif</strong> - Amazing writing in her factfile.</td>
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<td><strong>Naimah</strong> - Lining up nicely.</td>
<td><strong>Tyrese</strong> - Being polite, helpful and lining up nicely.</td>
<td><strong>Adam</strong> - Eating all his food.</td>
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<td><strong>Kathy</strong> - Trying extra hard and participating more.</td>
<td><strong>Ruby</strong> - Developing her independence and persevering when things get tricky.</td>
<td><strong>Malakai</strong> - Great story writing.</td>
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<td><strong>Leila</strong> - Being polite and always eating her lunch.</td>
<td><strong>Tanees</strong> - Lining up nicely and being polite.</td>
<td><strong>Molly</strong> - Playing nicely with her friends.</td>
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<td><strong>Skye</strong> - Always behaving well and showing respect.</td>
<td><strong>Khyber</strong> - Changing his behaviour and attitude.</td>
<td><strong>Deja</strong> - Always following the Golden rules.</td>
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<td><strong>Sandra</strong> - Always polite and helpful</td>
<td><strong>Jack</strong> - Being helpful at lunchtime.</td>
<td><strong>Humza</strong> - Always polite and kind to others.</td>
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<td><strong>Steven</strong> - Always sharing his creative masterpieces.</td>
<td><strong>Topaz class</strong> - Receiving compliments from 2 different members of Public about their conduct on school trip.</td>
<td><strong>Olivia-Joy</strong> - For amazing grammar progress.</td>
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