Cranmer Primary School

'Creating a community of caring, collaborative, critical and creative thinkers.'

Issue 13 – 11th December 2020

FUTURE EVENTS

16th December

Christmas lunch

Nursery last day of term

17th December

Reception – Year 6 – Christmas Jumper Day

Nursery open day

Last day of term

4th January

Staff training – INSET Day

5th January

First day back for children

Tri-Golf Challenge

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have now enjoyed competing in Merton's Tri-Golf Challenge. Thank you to Merton School Sports Partnership for hosting these events. Well done to all the competitors for trying their best. This challenge has helped us to bring competition back into our sports after such a strange year. The children competed in their Cranmer houses against each other and also as a team against other schools in Merton! Results will be revealed soon.

The Wilson Hospital Access

From Monday 14th December, The Wilson Hospital will be used as a Covid-19 vaccine hub by appointment only, members of the public are asked to never just turn up as it will not be possible to admit them for vaccination until they have received an official notification.

The roll-out of premises is to enable every Borough and Ward across England to be ready to provide its population with Covid-19 vaccines as quickly as possible. It was only possible to take the decision to use the Wilson earlier this week, and teams have worked around the clock to get it ready on time.

The Wilson is a private car park, owned and managed by NHS Property Services Ltd. The gate will be manned from Monday, **so parents will no longer be able to use the carpark**. Please make alternative arrangements.

Message from Chair of Governors

As I seem to say every year, I write an end-of-year message to you all, unsure where the term, indeed the last year has gone! You don't need me to tell you, though, how different this year has been: and I don't want to say what you've already heard and experienced about how the pandemic has changed so much. I do want to pay tribute, though, to how the school has - and all the children, parents and carers have - risen to the extraordinary challenges we have all faced. I must also note that we have experienced one entirely virus-unrelated, though still very significant, change: we said goodbye to Mrs Hick, and welcomed Mr Roughley. The Governing Body have been very impressed by the speed with which Mr Roughley has settled in to his new role, and in particular how quickly he has identified, and started work on addressing, 6 key areas, not least the learning environment, and the successor provision to Happy Faces, after they sadly decided to terminate their partnership with us.

I was delighted that Cranmer was selected to design the Mayor of Merton's Christmas card - I didn't realise she used to work at Cranmer: before my time as a Governor!

I want to take this opportunity, once again to thank the PTA for all their hard work during the year.

As I noted last year, 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, don't hesitate to contact me through the school office. I should also note that we have a vacancy for parent governor; there will be more details elsewhere in the newsletter, but if you have any questions about the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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

Thank You

The children and grown-ups in Jasper class would lie to thank everyone who has donated toys for their classroom. Thank you very much!

Communication Survey

We are reviewing how we share information with parents / carers and would love to hear your feedback and suggestions for improvement.
Please complete the survey (link below) by 5pm next **Wednesday 16th December**. https://forms.gle/9Vz7sCBVdgWiKNDN9

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body. As a parent you can stand for election and can vote. Governors work in partnership with the Headteacher and Local Authority to manage the school.Please click here for more information on how to apply.

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Christmas Hamper Raffle

Cranmer Primary has received a lovely hamper donation from Community Champions to help with our fundraising efforts, and to say thank you for all that we do and continue to do, to help the community.

We are going hold a raffle for the hamper with tickets costing £1 each. The draw will take place on the **16th December**.

If you would like to purchase a ticket or two, you can do so via PayPal. Log into your PayPal account and send your payment to: fundraising@cranmer.merton.sch.uk

Numbers will be allocated in order of receipt of payment. Please use the reference "Christmas Hamper" when sending your payment through.

Christmas Post Reminder

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there will be NO Christmas whole school post box this year, however your child may still send Christmas cards within their class bubble.

Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday 17th December, we are inviting all pupils to take part in 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day'.
There is no need to buy a new jumper – you can always turn old sweaters into sparkly new creations. There are decorating templates online at **christmasjumperday.org/schools-pack** if you want to do this at home.
Simply using the weblink below to donate your £2 (or more if you are feeling generous…) or simply scan the code with your phone camera and donate directly to our team.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200009399?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=cjd200009399&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=46f49951701b48e08689b838b3df1dca

STAR OF THE WEEK

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

DATE: 30th November - 04th December 2020

CRYSTAL Thirusiya: For trying her best and listening.	**EMERALD** Marius: For always following Bee Rules.	**SAPPHIRE** Darcie: For being a good friend to the children in Sapphire.
DIAMOND Rehan: For working hard during Phonics.	**ONYX** Adam: For always contribution in class discussions and working hard independently.	**PEARL** Kuba: For being a kind and caring member of Pearl class.
AMETHYST Vipushan: For always working hard and being respectful.	**CORAL** Jakob: For a very descriptive story about Baba Yaga.	**MOONSTONE** Alex: For making really good effort with lunch times.
OPAL Teddy: For trying hard with his handwriting.	**TURQUOISE** Leila: For always participating positively in all learning.	**QUARTZ** Tommy-Jay: For excellent engagement in lessons.
AQUAMARINE Kristen: For trying her hardest in all her work.	**JADE** Marley: Working really hard and settling well on his return to school.	**JET** Lucy: For working hard in all areas.
RUBY Kaya: For being a great friend at lunchtime.	**AMBER** Raagavi: For always showing respect and being a fantastic role model.	**STARLITE** Hamza: For always participating and working hard.
GARNET Olivier: For trying so hard in his learning.	**TOPAZ** Julian: For his participation in singing the Christmas song.	**ANGELITE** Tanees: For his positive outlook on his learning.

Outstanding Attendance

Congratulations to Moonstone for achieving the top attendance score of 98.8% for the week beginning 30th November.

Well done to them!

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Keep your children safe online at Christmas – Parent Live Sessions on Facebook

Your children will have spent much more time on devices in 2020 – either for schoolwork or during leisure time. That is nothing to feel bad about, and we encourage the positive use of technology. However, as we prepare for online Christmas festivities, gifts of new devices or games, or perhaps online tutoring and catch-up sessions, we wanted to let you know about an opportunity to help keep your children safe online.

There will be live drop-in sessions for parents on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm on the @LGfLDigiSafe Facebook page** this December with tips for what to watch out for, how to stay safe, what to talk about and parental controls for new and existing devices, as well as the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Head to facebook.com/LGfLDigiSafe to sign up for a reminder on the day. The event will be run by experts in the DigiSafe team at LGfL.

Why not attend this event before you wrap new devices or let your children loose on their holiday games and apps.

Please also remember before buying Christmas presents that games have age ratings linked to their content, not their difficulty (games are rated 18 for the same reasons as films - inappropriate language and violence).

There are plenty of great reasons to make technology part of your Christmas, so remember to talk about positives with your child – one great way to find out what they do online and also have fun together is to ask them to show you what they do and to teach you to play their games.

Finally, if you need general help and support over the holidays, you can call the NSPCC / O2 parent online-safety helpline on 0808 800 5002 for general advice or help with parental control settings for your home internet or devices.

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JUST THINK 111 FIRST

When you think you need A&E, contact NHS 111 by phone or online.

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111 help us help you

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Wednesday 10am to 12 continuing in January 2021 dates TBC

Music and Story Telling

For parents /carers with their pre-school children.

Join us on Wednesday mornings, meet other families and help your little ones to socialise on line. Build your own and your child's self-confidence, have fun singing and develop your story telling skills.

Thursday 10 am to 12 noon 14th January to 4th February 2021

Parenting Skills, developing your strategies and understanding

Over 4 sessions we will;

- Identify the roles, responsibilities and the long term goal of a parent/carer.
- Recognise how the parenting role changes as their children grow and develop.
- Identify family values to underpin a Loving Discipline approach
- Practice tools and strategies to encourage independence and responsibility

For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.

For more information or to book a place please text or email, Hayley on 07810 836811

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Tuesday 10am to 12:00 19th January to 9th February 2021

Introduction to Digital Skills , feel confident on line

This course is perfect if you want to build up your confidence in using digital technology. We will look at what IT resources you have access to and how to use them.

Topics covered on this course include, how to; use the "Zoom" platform, download Apps, use google docs; create , name , save and send files.

For all of these courses you will need a smartphone or computer with Internet access.
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M.A.P.S.

Merton Autism Parent Service

For PARENTS of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders

A parent-led service offering practical advice and support about

- Communication
- Positive behaviour
- Friendships
- Anxiety
- Sensory issues
- Sleep

& more

Wednesdays 10am to 1pm, term-time

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