Cranmer Primary School

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

Issue 7 – 23rd October 2020

Secondary School Applications

The deadline date for secondary school applications is **31st October 2020.** Information regarding Merton open days are at the end of this newsletter.

Please note all applications need to be completed online.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer to secondary admissions process, please contact:

School Admissions Team
Civic Centre
Morden
SM4 5DX
Email admissions@merton.gov.uk

Parents Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place between Monday 9th November – Friday 13th November.

You will be able to book your telephone appointment via Weduc from 4:30pm today.

Congratulations Miss Mitchell

Congratulations to Miss Mitchell our Onyx class teacher, who is getting married during the half term.

From Monday 2nd November, she will be using her married name, Mrs Powell.

We wish you all the best and hope you have a fabulous day.

New Drop off and Collection Times

From Monday 2nd November, there will be new arrangements for drop off and collection times.

Please click here for a letter with more information.

Job Vacancy at Cranmer

We have a vacancy in our school office. We are recruiting a 'School Communications Administrator and Personal Assistant to the Headteacher and Core Leadership Team'.
This is a part-time positon.
Please visit our website for more information.

Thank you from the 2112 Charity

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the children, families and staff, that have donated books for to our book drive. The book drive was a great success and I am so impressed by your generosity. This will be of great benefit to the children in Ghana.

Message from Mr Roughley

As we have almost reached the end of this half term, it is fair to say that this has been a term like no other and I want to start by saying a big 'thank you' to the staff who have worked extremely hard to make the return to school a smooth and positive experience for our children. There have been a number of things that have had to be done differently, but the staff have shown exceptional flexibility and adaptability. It's important to recognise that members of staff may also, like you, have concerns for the safety of their own families and loved ones at this time, so I am ever so grateful to them for the commitment they have shown, in whatever their role, to the children here at Cranmer. If you agree with me, then I'm sure the staff would appreciate you letting them know, whenever you get the chance to speak to them.

In a recent newsletter I said I would update you regarding any confirmed cases of Covid -19 so I can confirm that to date we have not had any positive cases here at Cranmer. If that changes, we will let you know as soon as we can.

It's been a busy first half term and there has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to make sure that the school is continuing to develop and improve our provision at the same time as managing the school in a Covid safe way. When I joined the school I wanted to look at six initial priority areas. These areas are outlined below.

1. **Reading** – I believe that being a confident reader is the key to great learning in all areas of the curriculum, alongside the desire to continue to foster a love of reading for our children. The staff have undertaken some further training, looked at increasing the range of resources available, including digital learning resources, looked at ways to help you support your children at home and we have exciting plans to develop the use of our school library.
2. **Extended Services** (Breakfast & After School Provision) – We have worked hard on this and have spent time planning and recruiting in order to be able to reopen the provision on Monday 9th November.
3. **Assessment & Intervention** – We have been busy investigating systems and procedures to help us to be able to more accurately assess children's attainment and progress, and most importantly to identify areas where individual children need further support so we can plan interventions even more effectively. You will hear more about this as we get nearer to the end of the Autumn term in December.
4. **Learning Environment** – We have ambitious plans to improve the learning environment for the children. In this, we include the standard of accommodation to ensure that it is fit for purpose. There has been training on how the classrooms displays can better support the children's learning and how displays around the school can demonstrate the breadth of learning which takes place at Cranmer and how well they reflect the rich diversity of our school community.
5. **Behaviour** – We have begun an extensive review of our school behaviour policy and we have been very much assisted by your responses to the recent behaviour survey. This process is well under way and we hope to be able to share with you a new behaviour policy quite soon.
6. **Communications** – We are focussing on ways to, not only, improve communication between school and parents, but also to help you to feel more able to communicate with school. We are currently advertising a role for a communications administrator who will focus on this aspect of school life, as well as helping us to develop our use of social media in order to demonstrate the great things that happen here at Cranmer to a wider audience. If this is a role you may be interested in, you will find details in this week's newsletter and on our website.

It's been great to see so many of you at the gates at the beginning and end of the day, so thank you for making me feel welcome. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first half term here and I'm very much looking forward to working with the staff here to continue the work we have started and to look for ways that we can make our school even better.

I wish you a good half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 2nd November.

Budding Musician in the family?!

Cranmer is now back to offering private and group music lessons!

Merton Music Foundation offers private lessons in **piano**, **flute** and **clarinet**, taught by a professional tutor. Lessons are taught in school weekly, and can be booked directly through the MMF website https://mmf.org.uk/lessons/

Though MMF's Music Centre is currently closed, their Crown Lane Studio site is COVID-secure and open, and they are offering a whole range of online lessons in **all instruments** until in-person can resume, if your instrument of choice is not offered in school. You can even trial online lessons, not chargeable if you choose not to sign up. For more information, see the MMF website above.

Rocksteady provides the true rock band experience to children of all ages. With the choice of learning the **electric guitar**, **keyboard**, **drums** or **vocals**, children are brought together into groups of those their own age to enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends. Find out more and book directly by visiting https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Visit the websites above, catch me outside Pearl Class, or ask the office for a call back if you wish to discuss any of Cranmer's music provision further ☺

Miss Fryer

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: 12th October- 16th October 2020

CRYSTAL Ameemah – always tries her hardest.	**EMERALD** Leo - for trying different foods at lunchtime.	**SAPPHIRE** Kai - for being a great friend to the children of Sapphire.
DIAMOND Ariella – always makes good choices and for working hard.	**ONYX** Nyla - consistently working hard and being a star.	**PEARL** Aaliyah - has made amazing progress in phonics and for making Miss Fryer proud.
AMETHYST Ashley – for building his confidence and joining in with class discussions.	**CORAL** Joshua – has worked really hard this week in all lessons.	**MOONSTONE** Jaeda – for her brilliant contributions to class discussions keep it up.
OPAL Aliya – excellent work and a great attitude.	**TURQUOISE** Ameen – for striving to do the best he can and helping others with the morning lessons.	**QUARTZ** Aganya - for clear, detailed answers in Maths.
AQUAMARINE Elizabeth – for her resilience in Maths.	**JADE** Emma – for her amazing writing and being kind and helpful.	**JET** Natalia – for working hard in Maths.
RUBY Daisy-Mai – for showing great resilience with her Maths work. Keep it up.	**AMBER** Ella – for always following the rules when playing with the outside equipment.	**STARLITE** Eishel – for settling into Starlite and being brave moving to a new school.
GARNET Keshav – for being a kind and a caring friend.	**TOPAZ** Mackenzie – for having a growth mind-set when it comes to his Maths.	**ANGELITE** Gani – for always being kind and respectful in class and outside.

Outstanding Attendance

Congratulations to Emerald class and Crystal class for achieving the top attendance score of 100% for the week beginning 12th October.

Well done to them!

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Accoutre
Centre for Learning

https://zoom.us/j/93775589888?pwd=MmQwSEY1ZkZyb290V21oVEFSc0ZGZz09

Meeting ID: 937 7558 9888 Passcode: 198588

We have the pleasure of inviting all your school pupils and their respective families to attend a free zoom event to celebrate Black History Month on Wednesday 28th October.

Our guest speakers include Brenda Emmanus (renowned BBC journalist and presenter), Dave Neita (Lawyer and poet) and Stephen Alambritis.

This event is hosted by Accoutre Centre for Learning, which provides free supplementary education with Maths, English and Black British history for children aged 7 through to 16 (website: http:/www.accoutre.org.uk).

Do visit our website for more information.

Warm wishes

Team at ACL

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Online Safety Advice

Early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity.

But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online,

Agree boundaries

Be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Explore together

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about what they do and what sites they like to visit. If they're happy to, ask them to show you. Talk to them about being a good friend online.

YouTube Kids

YouTube Kids has been designed as a child-friendly version of YouTube for 0-12 year olds. It gives parents tools to help tailor what videos their children can watch. YouTube Kids uses a mix of filters, human reviewers and parent feedback to minimise the risk of children seeing something inappropriate or harmful.

Official age rating: 0+

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
Chaucer Centre, Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX
To make a booking
office.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk
020 3963 0597
www.mertonmencap.org.uk
NHS
Merton
Clinical Commissioning Group
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Did you know your child's meal could be FREE?

School meals for children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are FREE to all pupils, but did you know that children in Years 3 to 6 could also get their hot school meal for FREE?

YOU COULD SAVE £400*

If you are in receipt of selected Government benefits e.g. Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to free nutritious school meals saving you approx. £400* a year!

*This saving will depend on the cost of a meal at your school.

Check if you're eligible and start saving today!

Head to: https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals

Or speak to your school office.

TRINITY SCHOOL

HALF TERM ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY Scoot, walk, run or ride Use parks & stay safe near roads	1km - Bronze 1.5km - Silver 2km - Gold	1.5km - Bronze 2km - Silver 2.5km - Gold	2km - Bronze 2.5km - Silver 3km - Gold	2.5km - Bronze 3km - Silver 3.5km - Gold	3km - Bronze 3.5km - Silver 4km - Gold
SUPER SKILLS Practice your skills of control and accuracy	Keepy Uppy	Wall Throws	Card Catch	Target Shot	Ball Control
WARRIOR CHALLENGE Channel your inner warrior to see how long you can keep going	Plank	Sit Ups	Wall Sit	Press Ups	Sally Up
HANG TOUGH Boost your strength and endurance	Squats	Long Jumps	Water Bottle Lifts	Mountain Climbers	Rebound Jumps
SELF CARE Spend time looking after your mental and physical health and your happiness	Write about, or draw 3 things that made you smile today Drink plenty of water	Spend 20 - 30 mins drawing or colouring Aim to eat 5 portions of fruit/veg each day	Read a few chapters of your current reading book Get at least 8hrs sleep each night	Spend time talking to your friends/family Reduce your screen time, particularly the hour before bed	Sing like no one is listening and/or dance like no one is watching! Listen to your favourite music

www.trinity-school.org/admissions

www.trinity-school.org/discover-trinity

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The Wombles are back in Wimbledon!

Love Wimbledon has two Covid-friendly activities that might just make their jobs a little easier:

Ultimate Halloween Pumpkin Hunt
Join our Ultimate Halloween Pumpkin Hunt 🎃🎃🎃 a FREE game you can play with family and friends whilst exploring Wimbledon Town Centre. Form a team (no more than 6), take on the challenges and compete for a chance to win great prizes. Play in your own time and as often as you like - fancy dress optional! Prizes include: £50 voucher at **Fielders**, dinner for four & a bottle of wine at **The Old Frizzle**, £25 voucher to spend at **Mai Thai**, a two-course dinner for four at **601 Queen's Rd** and 2 gift cards worth £25 to spend in **Elys Wimbledon**!
IT'S EASY AND FUN TO PLAY:

- Download the app
- Visit the pumpkin hotspots
- Complete the tasks
- Win a prize

17th October - 1st November. Suitable for all aged 5+
Full details here: https://lovewimbledon.org/whatson/ultimate-halloween-pumpkin-hunt/

Visit Wimbledon's new Wombles mural!
For many of us, the mention of The Wombles will bring back great childhood memories. Our furry favourites are back in full force and have come to the rescue to cover up unsightly graffiti in our town.
Our new Wombles mural (in partnership with The Wombles, The Graffiti Kings and South Western Railway) is 15m long and 4m, and strives to push an environmental message to all fellow Wimbledonians.

Why not head down to the mural with the kids and live out your childhood memories by snapping a picture with Great Uncle Bulgaria (and his cuppa), Tobermory, Alderney, Madame Cholet (with her basket of baked goodies) and the infamous Orinoco!

This is an exciting opportunity to supplement your children's environmental education. Take the kids along, fill them in on why The Wombles are our famous eco-warriers, and let them get inspired on what actions your family could take to do more for the local environment.

Remember that our town is full of free art for all! Why not make a day of it and get some great family pictures near our Rainbow Crossing, our Siren & Sage wall art, and the sites of Secret Wimbledon?

Read more here: https://lovewimbledon.org/news/the-wombles-are-back-in-wimbledon/

Merton Libraries Online Events October 2020

Skittleman

Children's magic entertainment

Monday, 5 October 4.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Solar System Superhero

Join Fizz Pop Science on a whizz through space with Stink the Solar System Superhero

Thursday, 8 October 4pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Puppet Show

Join Little House Story House for a special Black History Month event. Enjoy traditional songs and puppet stories.

Saturday 10 October 3.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Online crafts

Our colleagues Ruma and Laura will be doing easy crafts throughout the month of October. Try them at home with your kids.

Facebook

Alice in Wonderland*

Join Magical Quests for this fun show! You'll meet the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and more!

Wednesday 28 October, 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

MertonLibraries

MertonLibraries

MertonArtsSpace

Storytelling for Children

Celebrate Black History Month with storyteller Wendy Shearer who will be bringing Caribbean folktales, myths and legends to life.

Tuesday, 6 October 4pm
Zoom.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

We're Going on a Story Hunt!

Join storyteller John Kirk for a storytelling scavenger hunt.

Saturday, 10 October 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Rhymetimes

Join our colleague Caprice for rhymes and songs.

Monday 5, Wednesday 7 October 11am
Friday 9 October 12.30pm
Facebook Live

LibrariesWeek 5-10 OCTOBER 2020

Creative Writing Workshop*

Join artist Richard and the Merton Centre for Independent Living for a creative writing and poetry workshop based on your favourite stories.

Thursday 22 October, 11am
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

Storytelling for Adults*

Join storyteller Wendy Shearer for this Black History Month special storytime for adults

Friday 30 October, 7.30pm
Zoom. Booking required.
Tickets: www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

BBC THE NOVELS THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

***PLEASE NOTE**: These events will be filmed as part of the Novels That Shaped Our World Libraries Programme. If you don not wish to be part of the filming please let us know when booking.
Any queries please contact:
marketing.assistant@merton.gov.uk

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CITYLIT
INSPIRING PASSIONS - REALISING AMBITIONS

Free for Merton Family – Arts and Crafts activities for Parents & Carers to do with their children aged 3-10 years Half Term Fun –on Zoom

All inspired by Black History Month

Be creative and have fun together

Tuesday 27th October – Zoom session 1-3pm

Multicultural Story Telling, Rhythm and Rhyme

Join us to listen to Multicultural Stories, take part in singing and engage in rhythm and rhyme activities.

Recommended Materials: a shaker or something to tap on
(Water bottle with rice is fine!)

Thursday 29th October—Zoom session 1– 3pm

Make an African Djembe drum and paint an African Sunset

Learn about the origins of the African Djembe drum and make your own. Decorate it using African patterns and shapes.
Make an African sunset picture, learning how to blend colours and draw silhouettes of endangered animals.

Recommended Materials for each drum:	For African sunset collage:
Two paper cups, string, scissors, glue, balloon, rubber band, tape.	Paper, paints, brushes, black card or black marker or paper, scissors, pens, glue.

Friday 30th October – zoom session - 10am- 12pm

Fabric patterns and Flags of Africa

Enjoy learning about the patterns and flags that have shaped the map of Africa, drawing inspiration from them to create your own unique map.
Take part in our quiz to see what you have learnt!

Recommended Materials: paper card and scissors; colouring materials pens, crayons, paints.

To take part in these sessions you will need to complete an enrolment form.

To find out more or book a place, please contact
Helen.Sprogis@citylit.ac.uk 07818 896575 or Hayley.Holliday@citylit.ac.uk 07810 836811

Secondary School Admissions Information

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Open Evening Information – 2021 Intake

Due to the current situation regarding COVID-19, Merton schools have decided to replace their traditional open evenings with virtual events. Please check each school's website for up to date information.

The following table gives the information currently available together with the website address for each school.

Merton School	School web address and 2020 open event information
Harris Academy Merton	www.harrismerton.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Morden	www.harrismorden.org.uk for more information
Harris Academy Wimbledon	www.harriswimbledon.org.uk for more information
Raynes Park High School	www.rphs.org.uk Information will be available on the school website from 24th September 2020.
Ricards Lodge High School	www.ricardslodge.merton.sch.uk A virtual event is planned for Friday 2nd October 2020 from 4.00pm via the school website. The event will be available for viewing until close of applications.
Rutlish School	www.rutlish.merton.sch.uk Information will be available on the school website from 21 September.
St Mark's Church of England Academy	www.stmarksacademy.com for more information
Ursuline High School	www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Virtual open event on 17 September 5-9pm, to include a head teacher's talk, an opportunity to download the school prospectus, a virtual tour, a live Q&A session and a range of department videos where staff and students will share more about the life at Ursuline. To register for the virtual tour, please visit www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/sign-up-for-virtual-tour-2020/
Wimbledon College	www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk for more information

Open evening dates for schools outside Merton are available from individual school websites.

Important dates

The key dates for the Transfer to Secondary process can be found in the following table.

Please ensure that you meet the date for submitting your online application. Submitting a late application could seriously jeopardise your chances of being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

Date	Activity
September to October 2020	Online applications can be made.
23 October 2020	Recommended date for parents to submit their application if they are applying using a paper form.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Ursuline High School.
31 October 2020	Closing date for supplementary forms for Wimbledon College.
31 October 2020	Closing date for applications. Applications received after this date will be regarded as late.
10 December 2020	Last date to amend applications following selective school testing
11 December 2020	Closing date for applications that have been classified as 'late for good reason'. The reason and evidence must also be included with the application. For more information on late applications visit the website.
1 March 2021	Offer day. Letters are posted to applicants who applied using a paper form. Parents who applied online will be able to view the outcome of their application from the evening of 1 March.
May to June 2021	Admissions appeals.
July 2021	Students transferring to Merton secondary schools spend a day at their new school.

The John Fisher School Admission Arrangements 2021-2022

Parents and carers applying for places at The John Fisher School in Years 7 to 11 in the academic year 2021-2022 are asked to note the following statement in relation to Mass Attendance set out in the school's admission arrangements.

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark, the governing body of The John Fisher School has agreed the following statement as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent or carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is reintroduced by the Bishops."

Governing body of The John Fisher School
September 2020

For further information please visit the school website or contact the school directly at admissions@johnfisherschool.org

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Wimbledon College

Evidence of Catholic Practice in Supplementary Information Forms following the Coronavirus outbreak

On the advice of the Education Commission of the Archdiocese of Southwark the governing body of Wimbledon College has agreed the following statement in order to clarify how its faith-based oversubscription criteria will be interpreted whilst churches are closed or attendance at church is not possible due to COVID 19. This statement has been shared widely with parishes in order to ensure that determinations made by parish priests concerning regular practice of the faith are being made on a consistent basis.

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Harris Academy Merton Year 6 Virtual Open Event

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to present the Harris Academy Merton Virtual Open Day and thank you for your interest in your child joining our Academy's community in Year 7, September 2021. We are sure that you have many questions now and will do throughout the year, so we have compiled this handy FAQ booklet (here) to which you can refer.

If you need further clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to contact Ms A White, Assistant Principal - Year 7 Lead at the Academy. Information regarding the admissions process can be found on the Academy website.

St Mary's Catholic High School

Year 7 students from St Mary's Catholic School have produced a wonderful Year 5&6 transition booklet with a link to an introductory video.

Please click here to access the booklet.