Cranmer Primary School

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

Issue 1 – 11th September 2020

Message from Mr Roughley

We've now reached the end of the first full week of the new term and I wanted to write to you to thank you for your cooperation, understanding and support as we have introduced and adjusted our procedures to ensure that you and your children are as safe as possible. It's been great to see the children return to school with lots of smiles and it's been good to meet many of you at the various gates and playgrounds around the school. I'm aware that some of you may not have seen the letter I sent out on the 2nd September, so to make sure that nobody misses out, here it is again.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new headteacher of Cranmer Primary School. My name is Martin Roughley and I am delighted to be joining the Cranmer family.

I want to begin by acknowledging the work of Wendy Hick as headteacher here and I'm sure you all wish her well in her retirement. Cranmer has a good reputation and this is in no small part as a result of the hard work and commitment of Wendy and the staff team in recent years. My responsibility is to maintain that high standard and where possible to make the school even better.

As I said earlier, I am delighted to have been appointed as headteacher here. I have been teaching for over 30 years and have been a primary headteacher for 17 years in the London boroughs of Croydon and Wandsworth.

Of course I am joining the school at the strangest of times and due to the Covid-19 pandemic this new school year is beginning in a very different way to previous Septembers. I am pleased to say the senior leadership of the school have put in place good plans and processes to enable your children to return to school in as safe a way as possible. We will do everything we can to make coming to school a hugely positive experience for every child and for you as parents.

It is incredibly important to me that children are taught to read, write, communicate and be good mathematicians and for all children to be the best they can be. I want children to develop skills and enjoy experiences across a wide curriculum. I want our children to develop the confidence to stand out from the crowd as they move through the various stages of their education and into adulthood. We aim to continue to provide and develop a first class learning environment in which to do this.

There is clearly a strong sense of community at Cranmer and it important that children are able to feel part of that community and to play their part in that community. Your place as parents and carers in that community is vital as we can only help the children to achieve their potential with your help and support.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your children and whilst it may be a little more difficult than usual to get to know you I hope that I am able to get to meet as many of you as possible in the next few weeks.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and in advance for your support both for your own children and school as a whole. If at any time I can be of any help to you then please feel free to get in touch with me through the school office.

Message from Chair of Governors

To all parents and carers of children at Cranmer,

I don't normally write a message for the first newsletter of the term, but these are exceptional times.

First of all, I would like to welcome all parents and carers of children who are starting their education at Cranmer this term. I hope and trust you will find your child's / children's time at the school to be a positive experience.

I would also like to welcome Martin Roughley as the new head teacher at the school. While Ms Hick will be a tough act to follow, Mr Roughley brings a wealth of experience from his previous posts, and my fellow governors look forward very much to working with him.

I know this new term will be different from any previous term at the school, and that for many children this will be the first time back at school since March. Please rest assured that the school team have done everything possible to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children at the school, as well as to continue to provide an excellent education.

I look forward to being able to visit the school again in person myself, and to seeing and hearing about the progress the children are making. I will write again towards the end of term with an update of what the governors have been focussing on; but in the meantime, if there are any matters you think need to be brought to my attention, I can always be contacted through the school office.

Best wishes

Ben Harris
Chair of Governors
Cranmer Primary School

Message from Ms Hick

Ms Hick wishes all of the Cranmer Family all the best for the future.

Message from Stitch Design MD

I have, regrettably, accepted we have to turn off our phone system for the next week, a decision many other businesses have already taken. This is not a decision taken lightly, but is necessary to enable our operations to continue to function efficiently, and allow us to deal with the current back-log of parents' emails.

If you do need to place an order, or contact us for any reason, please email schools@stitchdesign.co.uk, which we will continue to monitor and respond to.

I'm glad to say many of you will not have been affected by this; but, to all others, I apologise unreservedly. I take full responsibility for these problems and assure you that myself and my team will continue to work relentlessly until everything is fully resolved.

Uniform Delay

There have been supply issues with Stitch Design's manufacturer, due to this, some parents will experience delays with their school uniform deliveries.

Stitch Design are working hard to resolve these issues.

SEND Information

In the next two weeks you will be contacted by your child's Class Teacher if your child is on our SEND register or if they are considering whether your child may benefit from additional support.

If you have any questions about Inclusion or Special Educational Needs at Cranmer or would like Miss Doherty's support on any matter, she can be contacted on 02086482621 via the school office, or by email at inclusion@cranmer.merton.sch.uk

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

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School Meal Choices

Please note that your child's meal selection can only be changed every half term. Unfortunately, we are unable to facilitate changes during the half term.

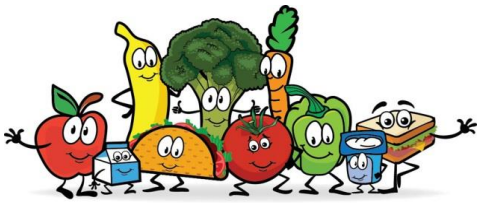
Letters can be found at the main office reception if you would like to change your selection for the upcoming half term. If you do not return an updated meal pattern, your previous meal selection will carry over.

If you haven't updated your selection and your child is due to have a school meal, but you have provided a packed lunch, **you will still be charged the full amount** for the school meal as he/she would have already been catered for. It is your responsibility to inform the school of any changes.

If you need to make changes for this half term, please do so by **Wednesday 16th September**.

Children starting Year 3 are no longer entitled to receive Free School Meals, therefore you will need to set up a ParentPay account to make payment.

The cost of a school meal is now £2.18.



Pirate Ship – Closed

We would like to remind parents that the pirate ship play area is currently closed and children are not allowed to enter the area before or after school.

This is a health and safety issue and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Update on - School Photographs

As we were unable to have class photographs taken last term, we have collaborated with an artist to create bespoke illustrations of each class.

Thank you to all parents who placed their orders, we expect them to be delivered by the end of September.

All photographs will be posted home.

CRANMER TERM DATES 2020 - 2021

Autumn Term 2020

- **Tuesday 1st September 2020 ~ Staff training day**
- **Wednesday 2nd September 2020~ Staff training day**
- First day for children in Y1 – Y6: Thursday 3rd September 2020
- Half term: Monday 26th October 2020 to Friday 30th October 2020
- Last day for the children: Thursday 17th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

- **Monday 4th January 2021 ~ Staff training day**
- First day for children: Tuesday 5th January 2021
- Half term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021
- **Monday 22nd February 2021 Staff training day (Cluster Inset)**
- Last day for the children: Wednesday 31st March 2021

Summer Term 2021

- First day for the children: Monday 19th April 2021
- **Monday 3rd May 2021– May Bank Holiday**
- Half term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021
- **Monday 7th June 2021 ~ Staff training day**
- Last Day for the Children Friday 23rd July 2021

Who's In Charge?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

Does your child threaten you?

Does your child hurt you?

Does your child intimidate you?

Do you feel you are losing control?

Do you want to handle conflict better?

If the answer is YES, then Who's in Charge is the programme for you.

Jigsaw4u's Who's In Charge? group is a 9-week programme for parents or carers of children (aged 8 to 12 years) living in Sutton or Merton who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment for parents to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help parents develop individual strategies for managing their child's behavior
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starting: Thursday 8th of October 2020, from 10:00am to 12:30pm

Location: TBA

Please note that we are aiming to run this group face to face (adhering to social distancing guidelines), however if this is not possible then we will run this group virtually, online- using Zoom.

Enquires:

Please call or email Gemma Sidaway – Family Support Lead:

Telephone: 0208 648 2621

Email: familysupport@cranmer.merton.sch.uk

*Please note that we will be running this programme for the next 2 years. Some groups will be for parents of 13-17yr olds. Other groups will be for parents of 8-12yr olds.

MITCHAM HERITAGE DAY

Saturday 12th September

Free events and activities across Cricket Green
10am - 4.30pm

Mitcham Heritage Day is almost here - come and enjoy the heritage on your doorstep and find out more about where you live. Here are just some of the things you can do for free:

- Guided walk around the gems of Mitcham Cricket Green - led by Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage
- Heritage Shorts - learn more about Mitcham Cricket Green at different historic locations
- Cricket Green School - visit the remains of the Grade II listed arch of 14th Century Hall Place
- Mitcham Cricket Club - enjoy a game of cricket on the ground celebrated as the oldest in the world
- Mitcham Parish Church - enjoy two heritage displays and a graveyard tour
- The Canons - visit an exhibition about the Lottery funded project
- Wandle Industrial Museum - enjoy outdoor exhibitions, and a series of talks

Find out more and download the special programme from our website - https://mitchamcricketgreen.org.uk/mitcham-heritage-day/

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.

Ursuline High School

Wimbledon
Crescent Road, SW20 8HA
www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk

Catholic Education - Extraordinary Women

We welcome parents, carers and students seeking Year 7 entry for 2021 to this 'Outstanding' Roman Catholic Girls' School

Virtual Open Event
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2020

5.00-9.00pm

SIGN UP HERE

www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/sign-up-for-virtual-tour-2020/

THE ONE OFF VIRTUAL EVENT WILL FEATURE...

A LIVE Q&A CHAT

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE SCHOOL

HEADTEACHERS TALK

WELCOME VIDEOS FROM SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS