

Dear Parent/Carers,
A very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children in **Nursery** and **Reception!** I do hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, and wish all our new children a happy and successful time here.

As always, the children have returned with great enthusiasm and excitement. From what I saw, so have the parents!

I would like to say that it is both an honour and privilege to be appointed by the school governing body as the new Headteacher of Cranbrook Primary School. I have taught at CPS for ten wonderful years, in different leadership positions, serving and getting to know our ever changing community. I take pride in what has been achieved over the years and look forward to leading the school into a new stage of its journey. Thank you for your support over the years and I look forward to your continued support in achieving greater heights. I'm sure I will meet most of you at the school gates and parent workshops which are coming up soon!

Thought of the week: "By staying on top of your reactions you will be able to develop patience and tolerance; two distinct traits required for achieving long-term success". **(Annabelle Higgins)**

School Uniform Information in preparation for September 2023: At Cranbrook, pupils are expected to wear full uniform when participating in learning and at all school events both within and outside of the normal school day (unless stipulated by the school). We believe wearing uniform helps children to develop a strong group identity and a sense of loyalty to their school, as well as encouraging a pride in their appearance. Working with parents, carers and guardian we aim to ensure that all children arrive to school appropriately dressed for safety and weather conditions.

Girls: Jade round neck sweatshirt with school logo, dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers and white polo shirt (with or without school logo). In summer girls can wear a green and white check dress.

Boys: Jade round neck sweatshirt with school logo, dark grey trousers and white polo shirt (with or without school logo). In summer dark grey smart shorts can be worn. No jogger, jeans or leggings to be worn as trousers.

Nursery: As above (sweatshirt and white polo shirt) with dark grey trouser or jogging bottoms if preferred.

Footwear

Sensible flat black shoes or boots in winter – trainers, flip-flops or backless sandals or shoes are not acceptable.

Hair Accessories: Girls must wear conservative hair accessories in green, black and white without embellishments.

Headscarf: Girls can wear white, black or green cotton scarves to school.

Footwear: Sensible flat black shoes or boots in winter – trainers, flip-flops or backless sandals or shoes are not acceptable.

Children must wear dark grey socks and tights.

PE Kits: Plain crew neck t-shirt in the colour of the child's class- red, blue, yellow or green. Plain black jogging bottoms or shorts in summer and a plain black sweatshirt for colder weather. Astro Turf football trainers will be used for both indoor and outdoor PE.

School Uniform is supplied by Rupens: 98/100 Meads Lane, Seven Kings, Ilford Essex IG3 8QN, **Tel: 020 8590 3734**



On-line-Safety

In order to develop children's awareness of keeping themselves safe online, we are promoting the following strategies. Please support us by reinforcing these with your child.

ZIP IT – Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.

BLOCK IT – Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.

FLAG IT – Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Mobile Free Zone: Please ensure you do not use your mobile phone on the school site.

"Greet your child with a smile NOT a mobile."

Year Group Parent Workshops : Year Group Parent workshops will take place at **9.15am in the main hall and then in classes till 9.45am** on the relevant dates as outlined below:

Year6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year1	Rec
12th Sept	13th Sept	14th Sept	15th Sept	19th Sept	20th Sept	21st Sept

Please make a note of the dates above. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to find out what your children will be doing and see them at work in class.

Attendance: Please remember-Good attendance=**good progress**

Punctuality: Please be punctual in the mornings and at the end of the day.

Redbridge 11+ Plus Test Forms: If your child is sitting the exam, please ensure that your form is submitted to the school as soon as possible.

Please remember that from Monday, all children will make their way into class by themselves. We will still have some support staff on doors and senior staff on gates to assist them.

Warm Weather: As the weather is much warmer, please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed with hats and sun cream applied before school. I would also encourage you to send in a bottle of water, labelled with his/her name, which can be topped up throughout the day, as all classes have access to drinking water.

Free Positive Parenting Course: Dear Parents/Carers, Cranbrook School is offering a free parenting course for parents/carers. This is an 8 week course which will start on Monday 11th September from 9am – 11am. It will take place every Monday at Cranbrook School. You will learn new strategies to help you to manage your child's behaviour, as well as learning how to manage their big emotions using positive parenting techniques. You will be taught in a fun, interactive, non-judgemental way, whilst developing new skills along the way. Refreshments will be provided and a certificate will be awarded at the end of the course. Places are limited so please phone 0208 518 2562 to reserve a place. Please note that there is no crèche available for this course.

Clubs: Please refer to the School website to view the clubs running this term from Monday 11th September. All clubs will need to be booked directly through the club provider. Please do not send any money into the school, except when indicated on the club letter, as per the instructions all monies should be given directly to the club provider as requested. All clubs are subject to availability and are on a first come basis. If you wish for your child to join a club, please apply for a place as soon as possible, as per the instructions on the website leaflets.

Year 6 - Permission to walk home: If you wish for your Year 6 child to walk home alone, please provide a signed letter giving your permission for them to do so. Please hand the letter to the school office and let your child's teacher know.

School Dinner Menu: Please check the school website for the menu, so that you can book your child's dinner in advance. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school office.

Parking: Please take great care in our car parks. It is a privilege to have them, so let's use them safely and appropriately. Please use the space for parking and avoid the yellow zig zag area.

Medication for Year 6 Residential trip 2023

Dear Parents, If your son/daughter is on the residential trip to Maes Y Lade in September 2023, please can I ask that medication is in school by Tuesday 19th September 2023 no later. Please note that parents are required to complete a medical consent form for each medication that is provided for their child.

Children with asthma pumps already in school, do not need to provide anything else. However if your child takes their brown pump, this must be in school by Tuesday 19th September 2023. Consent form to be completed

Important: All medication must go to Meena, our Welfare Officer. Consent forms will need completing for any medication that is taken, this includes brown Asthma pumps, Hay fever tablets such as piriton or cetirizine and any other medication that is regularly taken by your child at home. Please also note certain medication can only be accepted if it has been prescribed by the GP so it is important that you speak to Meena as soon as possible, who will be happy to assist you. Thank you!

Emergency Contact Numbers: For **Safeguarding** reasons, we require at least 2 numbers to contact you in case of emergency. If you have changed your number or moved house, please let the school office have the latest information.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key Dates for this Term

Term Dates for 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Monday 4th September- Wednesday 20th December 2023

Wednesday 6th September-School reopens for all children

Half term break: Monday 23rd October-Friday 27th October 2023

Spring Term 2024: Thursday 4th January- Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term break: Monday 19th February- Friday 23rd February 2024

Summer Term 2024: Monday 15th April- to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term break: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Inset Days 2023-2024:

4th & 5th September 2023,

30th October 2023

26th February 2024

3rd June 2024

Tuesday 12th September-Wednesday 20th September -Year Group Parents workshops:

Year 6: 12th September

Year 5: 13th September

Year 4: 14th September

Year 3: 15th September

Year 2: 19th September

Year 1: 20th September

Reception: 21st September

Half term break: Monday 23rd October 2023-Friday 27th October 2023-Please note, the school will be closed for pupils on Inset days.

Universal Free School Meals: Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. However, families on low income (less than £15,000) still need to apply for free school meals, so that the school continues to receive the funding to pay for these and for other little extras.

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