

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Thought of the week:** "Tolerance and compassion are qualities of fearless people". **(Paulo Coelho)**

**Nursery Places:** Please note, we still have a few Nursery places available. If you would like to apply, please contact the school office.

**The School gate opens at 8.45am:** Children must be in class promptly as staff are in class ready to work with them.

**The School gates will close at 9am:** Any children walking through the gates after 9am will be treated as late. There will be a short grace period to help our families establish this routine. You will get a gentle reminder if you are late.

**At home time the School gate will open at 3pm:**

The school gate will open at 3pm and close at 3.25pm. Please ensure that your children are supervised at all times and that your children are not in the gym area, grass verge, or on the stairs outside the admin block for safety reasons.

As always we celebrate the children's achievements:

**Achievement Awards for Maths:** Manha. I-1R, Aman. S-1Y, Sarfaraz. R-1G, Aisha. T-1B, Muhid.S-2R, Matei. I-2Y, Haris. R-2G, Shivay. K-2B, Gurpreet. G-3R, Adiyan. K-3Y, Aryan. A-3G, Izaan. A-3B, Harry. M-4R, Emanuella. O-4Y, Siam. M-4B, Haaniya. S-4B, Hemish. B-5R, Taz. S-5Y, Zariya. S-5G, Maya. D-5B, Yeshanee. G-6R, Haider. C-6Y, Poomika. K-6B, Anirudh. M-6Y,

Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Pupils

Please ensure that you visit the secondary school of your choice on the relevant open days/evenings over the next few weeks. Information is available on each school's website. Secondary School application forms should be completed online by logging on to [www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions)

An online tutorial explaining how to complete your application form can be accessed by visiting: [www.eadmissions.gov.uk](http://www.eadmissions.gov.uk)

Year 6 parents will receive a Secondary School Transition Pack with a step by step guide to help you to complete your application. This will be available to view on the school website.

**Please note: The deadline for the submission of applications, supporting documents and SIF Forms is the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

For those parents requiring additional support, Cranbrook will be holding a series of workshops to assist parents to complete their applications online. The first workshop will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and will be repeated on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October from 12 noon – 2.30pm in the Dance Studio. Please phone 0208 518 2562 to reserve a place as spaces are limited.

Please ensure that you bring the following items when attending the workshop: Your mobile phone, your email address, your username and password, Council Tax Number, Proof of Residency (e.g. A Utility bill dated within the last 3 months, Drivers Licence, TV Licence, Rent Book or Tenancy Agreement).

If your child has an EHC plan you will need to speak to the school Sendco or contact the Redbridge SEN team via email at: [senteam@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:senteam@redbridge.gov.uk)

**Year Group Parent Workshops :** Year Group Parent workshops for Reception will take place at **9am in the main hall** on the relevant date as outlined below :

Reception: 21st September

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

**Children with Special Educational needs - SEND**

**Updates:** Changes to our SEND team; As always the class teacher is responsible for ensuring the inclusion and progress of all children including those with special educational needs and in the first incidence should be your first port of contact. However due to the successful appointment of our new SENDCO last year, Chris Chopra Evans will be taking over as the SENDCO for children with SEND in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. He can be contacted on:

[chopraevans@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:chopraevans@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk)

Catherine Smith (Lead SENDCO) will now be taking over as SENDCO for Early years and Years 1-2 and can be contacted on [csmith@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:csmith@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk).

**Parental Concerns:** From time to time you may have a concern that you wish to discuss. Initially, I would encourage you to arrange a meeting with the class teacher to share the concern, so that it can be resolved. However, if the issue continues, please arrange to see a member of the senior staff team. Assistant Headteachers: Kimberly, Catriona, Catherine or Kelly or the phase leaders Rehana-Years 1-2 and Josie for EYFS.

**School Priorities for 2023-2024:**

- 1) To improve children's phonics and independent writing skills.
- 2) To achieve the Rights Respecting Silver Award.
- 3) To continue developing and refining our curriculum to sharpen the sequence of knowledge and skills.
- 4) To reduce the gap between the attainment of different groups, especially those with SEND.
- 5) To develop pupil voice and empowerment.

We hope that you will support us in achieving these goals

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Universal Free School Meals:** All primary school children in state-funded schools in London will receive Universal free school meals for the 2023/24 school year.

In addition to the above, we encourage parents who are in receipt of any of the following benefits to apply for FSM. These include:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**With this entitlement you may be eligible to other support packages ie:**

- **Food vouchers each term**
- **Household support fund**
- **Funding breakfast clubs**
- **The Holiday Activity Food programmes (HAF is funded by the government and run by the councils who help deliver the holiday clubs)**
- **This will also provide extra funding to the school to support vulnerable pupils and improve education outcomes.**

If you were not entitled to have a Free School Meal entitlement previously and your financial circumstances have changed, please ask at the office for a form to complete.

The office will assist you in your applying for the FSM entitlement should you be eligible and need any assistance with it.

## **Flu Vaccinations on Friday 10th and Monday 27th November 2023:**

Dear Parents We have the following dates for the flu vaccination which will take place on **Friday 10th November and Monday 27th November 2023** for all the children from Reception through to year 6 Please find the link below for the E-consent form. Please note that the portal shuts 2 days before the session so it is important parents complete the form as soon as possible. This year, your child will be offered the nasal spray as well as the gelatine free alternative which is an injection. The nasal spray is more effective for young people however, if any parent wishes for their child to receive the flu injection instead of the nasal spray, they will need to consent to the vaccination and then they are given the option of nasal spray or injection. The use of e-consent means that parents are notified that their child has been vaccinated immediately at the point of care. Please use this link which you can copy and paste into your Google search field and click on "START HERE " this will take you to the form which you need to complete for your child. <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/redbridge> If you have any questions please contact the Flu vaccination team on 0203 343 2400 option 3.

**Family Information Drop-in at FIND:** Please see the attached flyers for family information drop-in sessions at FIND.

## **Key Dates for this Term**

### **Term Dates for 2023-2024**

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

**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:**

**30th October 2023-Parent/Carer consultations**

**26th February 2024**

**3rd June 2024**

Year Group Parents workshops:

Reception: 21st September

**Half term break: Monday 23rd October 2023-Friday 27th October 2023-Please note, the school will be closed on Inset days, but will be open for in person parent/carers consultations.**

**Secondary School- Open Evenings:** Parents/carers, please note that there are open evenings at various Redbridge Secondary Schools, over the next few weeks. Our main feeder schools are Valentines, Wanstead and Beal High. All the dates and information is available on the Redbridge Council website. This is especially important for the current Year 6 pupils, who will be moving on at the end of the year.

Applications for Secondary School places for **September 2024** close at the end of **October 2022**. As usual, we will be offering sessions in school for parents who require support in completing the applications.

## **Usborne's Sponsored Reading Challenge from 2nd-9th October 2023**

Get prepared to Ready, Steady, Read! To celebrate libraries week, Cranbrook Primary are holding a sponsored read. Please see the attached letter for further details.

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