

Dear Parent/Carers,
A very warm welcome back ! I hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

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

It was lovely to see so many of you on Monday for the parents meetings. If you have not managed to meet with your child's class teacher, please do arrange a suitable time with him/her as soon as possible.

Thought of the week: "If you want to be respected by others, the great thing is to respect yourself. Only by that, only by self-respect will you compel others to respect you". (**Fyodor Dostoyevsky**)

As always we celebrate the children's achievements

Headteacher's Award: Iya. M-6G

Gold Awards: Noor. A- 6Y, Yusuf. Q-6Y, Vlad. I-6Y

Achievement Awards for History/Geography: Arjun. R-1R, Inaya. U-1Y, Sakina. B-1G, Talha. A-1B, Mirthik. R-2R, Ekamjot. S-2Y, Asiyah. S-2G, David. L-2B, Muhammad .A-3R, Abaan. D-3Y, Rohan. D-3G, Nazim. B-3B, Yusuf. K-4R, Kanav. B-4Y, Zahid. S-4G, Adam. A-4B, Hana. P-5R, Luize. T-5Y, Chethan. M-5G, Yusra. A-6R, Sumaya. M-6Y, Iya. M-6G, Danyal. H-6B
Well done everyone!

Parent Governor Elections: We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. All parents who do not work at the school are eligible to apply. This role is voluntary and strategic and a firm commitment is required. You must attend two evening meetings, two day time committee meetings and one monitoring visit every term. A nomination form and the code of conduct for governors is available on our website: www.cranbrookprimaryschool.com under the section 'governors'. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by parents/guardians of a child currently on roll at this school. A husband/wife/partner cannot propose or second their own husband/wife or partner. The parent nominated should also supply a brief statement of not more than 100 words in support of his/her candidature. If there are more than two nominations, then a ballot will take place. Please return nominations to the school office marked 'clerk to the governors' by 4pm on **Wednesday 15th November 2023** (any nominations received after this date will be invalid). Please note that the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance.

In line with electoral guidance, the use of social media including WhatsApp is **not** permitted for the canvassing of candidates during elections. Candidates standing for election will be disqualified if any canvassing takes place on social media and/or WhatsApp by the candidates, friends or relatives.

For more information please see the attached leaflet.

Attendance: Good attendance= good progress

Attendance Monitoring Letter: Please be aware that the school will send out attendance monitoring letters if your child's attendance is below a certain percentage.

Absences: If your child is away from school, please contact us to let us know the reason. Please note that if your child is missing school too often due to ill-health, we will request medical evidence in line with the agreed policy. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents **will** receive a penalty notice, especially when flights have been booked prior to seeking authorisation, even if special circumstances apply, as they are only authorised at the headteacher's discretion and only up to 3 days.

Uniform / Jewellery: As always, I would ask for your support in ensuring that children follow the school's uniform policy each day and that they wear no jewellery to school. All children should wear sensible shoes or trainers. No sandals please, as these are unsuitable for the playground. Headscarves should be white.

Uniform can be purchased from Rupens: 98/100 Meads Lane, Seven Kings, Essex IG3 8QN.

For PE we would like all children to wear a T-shirt of the colour of their class: Red, Blue, Yellow or Green.

Reception School Applications for September 2024

All **parents/carers of children in the Nursery** are required to submit their child's application for Primary School by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Parents/carers are required to submit three supporting documents as proof of residency along with the application. To complete the application please log on to www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions

If you miss this deadline, your child may not get a school place.

Scholastic Book Fair: Next week, the Scholastic book fair will be joining us at Cranbrook Primary School! From Wednesday the 8th of November to Tuesday the 14th of November, the book fair will be on in the small hall from 3pm.

There will be a wide range of books available for all ages – it is the perfect opportunity to stock up for Christmas!

In addition, we have 5 x £5 vouchers to be won! To enter, please ask your child/children to write a book review of their favourite story. You can send it to 3Y for Kelly, by Wednesday 8th November at 12pm. For more information please see the leaflet attached.

We look forward to seeing you all at the fair!

Readathon-Amount raised: A huge thank you to all who supported our readathon! The children have read their way to raising a massive **£1480** for new books for the school! Without your support, this would not have been possible so thank you again.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Poppies for sale: Once again as a lead up to Remembrance Day next week, poppies and bracelets will be on sale from Friday 3rd November. Children are invited to bring in donations for a poppy/bracelet.

Sensible Shoes/Coats: Now that the weather has turned very cold, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school and is dressed appropriately in full uniform. Please also ensure that sensible shoes are worn to school.

Flu Vaccinations on Friday 10th and Monday 27th November

2023: 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 you will be 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

Working with the charity-"Make it happen" to raise awareness on Cyber Safety

We are lucky to work with the charity 'Make it Happen and the sponsors JP Morgan to raise awareness about cyber safety. This week the whole school homework is an 'App competition'. Your child will come home with a form to complete their ideas. The winning entry will have the opportunity to have their app made by specialists and go to the launch event. Please see the leaflet attached or visit the school homepage to find out more. All the best!

Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme: Cranbrook Primary School have launched a new initiative called 'Cranbrook Coats for Kids'. This is an initiative that was trialled last autumn with considerable success.

This will be an annual programme to provide practical support to families who may need it during the autumn term.

As the cold weather approaches, we would like to ensure that all of our pupils have a winter coat to wear to school.

The Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme aims to provide a winter coat for pupils who attend Cranbrook School whose parents do not have the funds to purchase one.

The coats will be new and of a satisfactory school standard.

We would therefore like to invite parents, carers, staff or members of the local community who are in a position to do so to make a small monetary donation.

As a school we can then purchase winter coats for those children whose family are unable to purchase one.

The Cranbrook Coats for Kids Scheme is a wonderful way to support our local community and to make a huge difference to the lives of many.

Please contact Beverley Boothe or the school office on 0208 518 2562 if you wish to make a donation.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

Term Dates for 2023-2024

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

Wednesday 22nd November-Year 3R/3Y- Trip to Natural History Museum

Thursday 23rd November-Year 3B/3G Trip to Natural History Museum

Friday 24th November- 4R/4G-Visit to Redbridge Museum

Wednesday 29th November- 4Y-Visit to Redbridge Museum

Thursday 30th November- 4B-Visit to Redbridge Museum

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-
Tuesday 23rd July 2024

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

Inset Days 2023-2024:

26th February 2024

3rd June 2024

Online Safety, TikTok and Other Social

Media Checklists:

While **cybersecurity** protects **devices** and **networks** from harm by third parties, Online Safety protects the **people** using them from harm by the devices and networks (and therefore third parties) through awareness, education, information and technology. Online Safety is being aware of the nature of the possible threats a person could encounter whilst engaging in activity through the Internet, these could be security threats, protecting and managing personal data, online reputation management, and avoiding harmful or illegal content.

*Please create/go over some rules with your children about online safety and screen time. Remind them of how important online safety is.

Please click on the link below for more information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/> Thank you for all your support.

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