

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: "If we could look into each other's heart and understand the unique challenges each one of us face. I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance and care'. (Marvin. J. Ashton)

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 registered 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.

Headteacher's Award: Hanna Pandor-5R

Achievement Awards for Writing: Aleezay.T-1R, Aman. S-1Y, Ismail. H-1G, Yusuf. S-1B, Ayaan. M-2R, Sumaiyah. R-2Y, Iveith. B-2G, Zakariyah. K, Ayaan. K, Shivay. K, Muhammad. A-2B, Minha.F-3R, Khadija. O-3, Alessia. C-3G, Umaya. A-3B, Chidemubi. A-4R, Harrison. K-4Y, Deen. M-4G, Goffredo. C-4B, Safa. S-5R, Inaya. H-5Y, Aalia. W-5G, Safwan. H-5B

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. An online tutorial explaining how to complete your application form can be accessed by visiting: 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 31st 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 25th September and will be repeated on Monday 2nd, 9th and 16th 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

Holidays and travel abroad during term time:

Please note that it is school and Local authority policy **not to authorise** holidays during term time. Parents who choose to take their child out for this reason, will be fined **£120** per child per parent. Please do your best to avoid this.

Please also note that your child is at serious risk of losing the school place if lengthy absences occur.

Attendance: Good attendance= good progress

WYSaR dates for Reception & Year 1 :

We are once again happy to invite you to the 'Wear your slippers and Read' - WYSaR mornings from **8.45am-9.05am** at Cranbrook Primary. This is a great opportunity for you to promote a love of reading with your child. You can join in with or without slippers as long as you have a passion for books! Come along to find out more about it. Following are the dates for Reception & Year 1: **Reception: Thursdays**

Year 1: Fridays

Parent Meetings-Monday 30th October - 8.30am-3.30pm *appointments to be booked via School Ping

In the following weeks you will receive more information about how to book your appointment with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress. This term we will offer face to face meetings on **Monday 30th October** from 8.30am-3.30pm.

Half Term Disco-Wednesday 11th and 18th October 2023-Non-uniform day:

Dear parents carers, we will be hosting a half term disco to raise money for the school. It will be held on **Wednesday 11th October for years 4,5 and 6** and **Wednesday 18th October for Reception and years 1,2 and 3**. It will run from 3:30pm to 4:30 pm.

The theme is 'Be bright be seen' and so we ask the children to wear bright clothing on the day. The cost of entry is **£5**, which will include a drink and a snack. Trinkets will also be available for sale for 50p and £1. Payments to reserve your place can be made via School Ping under payments. Please see the flyer attached for more information

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:

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 filed 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.

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

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: 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 are 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 2023**. 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 flyer which was sent with last week's newsletter.

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Head teacher

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