

Our Children Today, Our Future Tomorrow,



Newsletter 02
13th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: "It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change".

(Queen Elizabeth)

Dear Parents/Carers, welcome back to another exciting academic year! Our children have settled in very well.

This is our first full week and routines are being established.

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

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.

Gold Awards: Yaqub. H-6Y (from last Year)

Achievement Awards for Reading: Sarina. H-1R, Alessandro. D-1Y, Kaijah. J-1G, Aasim. M-1B, Lisan. K-3R, Zoya. A-3Y, Ahmad. I,-3G, Musawar. Q-3BFaiyaz. A-2R, Aaima. H-2Y, Aman. S-2G, Mohammed. A-2B, Gesea. S-4R, Abdullah. O-4Y, Aliyah. M-Arya.K-4B, Hana. P-5R, Hassan. A-5Y, Ayesha. J-5G, Behzad. H-5B, Joseph. S-6R, Anirudh. M, Dario. S-6G, Rafi. M-6B

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 these goals

Nursery Places:

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

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

Year 2	Year1	Rec
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 learning in class. Other important info & messages will also be shared.

Attendance: Please remember-Good attendance= good progress

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.

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.

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 : cchopraevans@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.

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.

Clubs: Please refer to the School website to view the clubs running this term from Monday 18th 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.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Medication for Year 6 Residential trip 2023:

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!

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 (HAF) programmes (HAF is funded by the Government and run by 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.

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:

4th & 5th September 2023,

30th October 2023-Parent/Carer consultations

26th February 2024

3rd June 2024

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

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 on Inset days, but will be open for in person parent/carers consultations.

Food /Nut Allergies: Please make sure you do not send any food containing nuts in your child's packed lunch due to allergies.

Mariam Chowdry-6 Red

Mariam Chowdry class 6 Red completed the 5 miles trek with her mother to Brecon's Beacons Natural Park in Wales for the Forgotten Women's charity. She helped fundraise with her mother and was able to go over her target and raised £260 from friends and family. Mariam who is generally very quiet and shy child surprisingly was very active and super speedy when completing the trek. She was one of the youngest members to carry out the Trek and she was fabulous. Well done Mariam!

Cassim Bana

Head teacher

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