

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: "Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely." (Roy. T. Bennett)

Black History Month: October is known as 'Black History Month'. Whilst we are proud of our all inclusive curriculum, where key figures and events from other cultures, ethnic races and Black History are taught all year round, we do still want to highlight and celebrate prominent and inspirational black figures this month being part of a national event. This month at Cranbrook, there will be various discussions and lessons taught in class and assemblies. The children will have a special homework project to complete on the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' - exploring the work of prominent, black, UK women.

We do hope that you will take this opportunity in celebrating and highlighting the achievements and successes of these key figures at home too.

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.

Achievement Awards for Science: Arsh. I-1R, Zain. K-1Y, Humayra. A-1G, M. Yusuf. S-1B, Sabah. S, Zaina. A-2R, Sajedul. A-2Y, Irfan. C-2G, Zaynah. B-2B, Mohammed. A-3R, Macey. K-3Y, Aiesha. K-3G, Aishah. S-3B, Reshaan. S-4R, Jamie. H-4Y, Inaaya. B-4G, Zayyan. H-4B, Ajwa. A-5R, Zoya. M-5Y, Aariz. A-5G, Aditya. P-5B, Georgie-Ann. B-6Y, Ismaeel. M-6G, Ibrahim. I6G (for Writing), Laila. S-6R, Ahnaf. H-6B

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

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.

Attendance: Good attendance= good progress

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.

DSP Photographs-Friday 13th October & Wednesday 18th October 2023: Please remember that individual photographs will take place on

Friday 13th October 2023 and sibling photographs will take place on **Wednesday 18th October 2023** throughout the school day. The children should be in full school uniform.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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 option 3.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

For **Safeguarding** purposes, we require at least two 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.

Food Allergies: Please note, no food, cakes, sweets etc should be sent to school for any occasion due to food allergies. We have many children who have allergies and would therefore, respectfully ask that you do not provide birthday treats.

Change of Weather

Now that the weather is changing, please ensure that your child brings a coat/jacket to school everyday, even if you drive him/her to school as all children do go out for play and lunchtimes. Please also ensure that sensible black shoes are worn to school.

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.

Key Dates for this Term

Term Dates for 2023-2024

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

Tuesday 10th October 2023- Year 6B/6G-Trip to Museum of London Docklands

Wednesday 11th October 2023-Year 6R/6Y-Trip to Museum of London Docklands

Wednesday 11th October 2023-Year 1-Visit to the Local Post Office

Wednesday 11th October 2023-Half Term Disco- Year 4,5 and 6, from 3.30-4.30pm in school

Friday 13th October 2023-DSP Individual Photographs

Wednesday 18th October 2023-DSP Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 18th October 2023-Half Term Disco- Reception-Year 3, from 3.30-4.30pm in school

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 from 8.30am-3.30pm in person

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.

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