

Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Autumn Term 2017-2018

Newsletter 5



3rd November 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term holiday. Thank you to everyone who brought in a bottle today towards the PTA Christmas Fair on December 2nd. Your efforts really do make sure that the bottle tombola is one of the most popular stalls!

Recent events

- Year 4 and 5 pupils were presented in assembly with their 'Bikeability' certificates and badges for successfully completing their recent cycling proficiency courses (Level 1 and 2).
- Wisepay is now up and running. You should have received a letter with your initial password and login details. A number of parents have already started paying for school trips and dinners using the system. It would be really helpful if everyone could log in via the website in order to check their dinner money balance which has been transferred over from Pupil Asset. Please make sure that all sponsor money is returned to school. All the classes have done really well with collecting payments but we are sure there are still some more to come. Payments can be made via cash / cheque (named envelope to office) or through Wisepay. If you have any problems accessing Wisepay, please talk to one of the office staff.
- Several pupils have sent in pictures of animals and birds associated with the key learning characteristics we are sharing with the children on a regular basis. The Christmas card design entries will be passed on to RJL so prizes can be awarded at the beginning of December.
- In the last newsletter I informed you that Mrs Burrett will be going on maternity leave in the spring term, but forgot to mention that Miss Kimbley will be covering Robin Class.
- This half term's assembly theme is 'friendship'.

PTA news

We hope you all liked the children's Christmas card designs. Please remember that the deadline for orders is next Wednesday (November 8th). You can also order gift tags, mugs, tea towels and bags. If required, spare order forms are available from the office.

Many of you will have received an email from us letting you know that the PTA has applied, on behalf of the school, for some community funding from Aviva to build a new music / IT classroom. Voting for the project has opened and we need your votes to get the project shortlisted. Please follow the link below to register and vote. Friends and family can vote, no matter where they live in the country, so please spread the word to everyone you know.

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-5653>

Many thanks,
The PTA committee

Book Fair

We are excited to have the Norfolk Children's Book Centre come into school on Wednesday 8th November to set up a book fair in the Adult Learning Room (opposite Crackerjacks). They always have

an excellent selection of books for all ages and abilities, with some titles only costing as little as £1. All parents are welcome to come and view the books on offer from 2.30 p.m. Please use the Crackerjacks entrance. Classes will have the opportunity to look at the books as well during the day and children might get the chance to put a book aside for possible purchase at the end of the day. The children in Years 5 and 6 are welcome to bring in their own money, with parents' permission, to buy a book during the day. Any money should be put in a clearly labelled purse or wallet.

Children in Need fundraising – 'The Big Spotacular'

Friday 17th November is Children in Need Day and we are allowing the children to come to school in non-uniform, in something brightly coloured or spotty in connection with this year's 'The Big Spotacular' theme. We are asking for a donation of £1 for this privilege. As has become a tradition, Year 6 will be inviting children from all classes to come along to their classroom and have a go on some simple, fun stalls. Each game will cost only 10p or 20p, so please send your child into school with some change, in a named purse or wallet.

Attendance

We always analyse attendance patterns at the end of each half term. I am pleased to report that 245 / 393 children achieved 100% attendance. The class with the highest number of children with 100% attendance was Kestrel Class and the best overall average attendance was achieved by Swift Class. Congratulations to Owls and Merlins as there were no late arrival marks for any children in these classes.

We have made one alteration to our Leave of Absence form – that requests for Leave of Absence should be handed into school (wherever possible) four weeks before the event.

Future diary dates

6 – 10 th November	Parent / teacher consultations – please sign up as soon as possible
8 th November	Year 4 Skylark Class assembly (9.10 a.m.)
8 th November	Year 3 trip to Holt Hall (Stone Age Day)
8 th November	Book Fair in the Adult Learning Room all day – parents invited to browse from 2.30 p.m.
9 th November	Year 1 Reading Cafes – Puffin Class from 9 - 10 a.m. with refreshments from 8.50 a.m. and Owl Class from 2 – 3 p.m. with refreshments from 1.45 p.m. Both sessions will take place in the Adult Learning Room.
17 th November	Children in Need Day

Reminder

As the weather gets colder, please remember to make sure your child has a waterproof coat etc for going outside at break and lunch times.

I hope you enjoy fun and safe firework events over the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Neil Henery
Headteacher