

Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Spring Term 2017-2018 *Newsletter 15*

20th April 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new term – and some sun at last!

Recent events

- Congratulations to the two netball teams who represented the school in the NSSP tournament just before the Easter holiday. Both teams played exceptionally well and finished as winners and runners-up, which means we will be representing our area in the School Games finals later this term. This is a great achievement and reflects the hard work of Mrs Easter and Miss Greenfield who have coached the children this year.
- Well done to our girls' football team who won a match this week against White Woman Lane Junior School.

Staffing

Unfortunately, three valued members of staff left the school just before the Easter holiday – Deborah Wright (MSA), Fiona Palmer (teaching assistant) and Fiona Whiting (secretary). We wish them well in all their new ventures and I am very grateful for all their contributions to the school. We have appointed a part-time teaching assistant, Victoria Marlee, and another midday supervisor, Jessica Farrow.

Fundraising

Many of you may have read in the local press that one of our pupils, Bethany in Year 3, needs a new electric wheelchair. Some fantastic fundraising efforts by Bethany's family have resulted in most of the funding coming in, but the school is keen to make sure we have also contributed to their efforts, so please keep an eye out for information about a coffee morning and Race Night which will be organised later this term.

Another local charity we would also like to draw your attention to is Finnbar's Force. The charity was set up in 2017 following the loss of Finnbar (a pupil at Hethersett Woodside Infants School) to an aggressive brain tumour in August 2016. Please go to the website <http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk> if you would like to find out about local events to raise money to fight against childhood brain tumours.

Assembly theme

This term's assembly theme is that of 'Compassion'. This week we learned in assembly about the Norfolk Welcomes initiative, promoting positive attitudes towards refugees in Norwich and in our county.

International Week

International Week is the week beginning 21st May. It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the wider world and what it means to be a global citizen. If there are any parents or carers who would like to be involved by sharing their own language or something from their culture with the children, there will be a sign-up sheet available in the office or, alternatively, please get in touch with Mrs Dodson (Year 3 Swift Class teacher – office@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk).

How Hill Year 3 Residential

There will be a meeting with all parents and carers from both Year 3 classes at 3.20 in the hall on Wednesday 2nd May. This is an opportunity to find out more information about the trip and ask any burning questions. If this time is inconvenient and you are not able to make it, a comprehensive information pack will be available to go home. This meeting follows a brief Boomwhackers performance from the children at 3 p.m.

PTA circus event

Also sent out with this newsletter is the PTA's summer circus event on Saturday June 23rd, which I hope you will all support. Further details will be sent out in the next newsletter about some after school activities on Friday June 22nd, including some tournaments and refreshments. There will be a PTA planning meeting on Tuesday 24th April in the school, so please come along if you would like to get involved in any capacity.

Art trail

Please join in the 'Bling your Bin' art trail taking place around the village on Saturday 28th April. The school's efforts to create some eye-catching art work will be on display in the ALR (the room opposite Crackerjacks) from 1 – 4 p.m.

Donations of seeds and unwanted gardening tools

We will be working with the children in the school garden again this year and would be grateful for donations of seeds (opened or unopened packets) and any unwanted gardening tools. Please leave any donations with the Office by Friday 27th April.

Future diary dates

Wednesday 25 th April	Year 3 Swallow Class assembly at 9.10 a.m.
Saturday 28 th April	Cringleford Art Trail ('Bling your Bin') from 1 – 4 p.m. around the village, including the school.
Thursday 3 rd May	The Big Sing at Norfolk Showground for Year 5 pupils (separate letter sent out today)
Wednesday 9 th May	Year 4 Merlin Class assembly at 9.10 a.m.

Finally, curriculum letters, outlining topics the children will be covering this term, will be sent out to you by the end of next week by class teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Neil Henery
Headteacher