

Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Spring Term 2017-2018 Newsletter 16

4th May 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Recent events

- Year 2 and held their Reading Café recently. It was good to see so many parents and children working together on activities relating to books.
- Year 4 Skylark Class' Food Café was a celebration of all the work the children have done on Ancient Egypt with a fantastic display of models created for homework and various quizzes and fact sheets, as well as some Egyptian food! Well done to the children for sharing their learning in such a creative way.
- Swallow Class put on an excellent class assembly on the theme of 'resilience' – one of our key learning behaviours we are promoting this year. It gave the children the chance to demonstrate some of their hobbies and also how they are developing perseverance in their school work.
- All our Reception pupils visited Easton College for a multi-skills event organised by NSSP.
- Both Year 5 classes joined hundreds of other children from schools across the county for the 'Big Sing' at Norfolk Showground. The children had learned a number of songs and the sound of all the children singing so enthusiastically was wonderful. Guest stars at the event included Alexandra Burke, a gospel choir and one of the members of Clean Bandit. I am very grateful to Mrs Edwards for organising the event and teaching all the songs.
- The Year 3 pupils finally got the chance to show off their musical skills with a short Boomwhacker performance to parents in the hall. This was the culmination of a term's worth of musical input from an external music company, thanks to a bid submitted by Miss Nash earlier in the year.
- Congratulations to all the pupils who have received 100% attendance certificates for the spring term.
- I hope you have had the chance to see some of the green wheelie bins which the classes decorated as part of the 'Bling a bin' art trail last weekend. Several visitors commented on the children's work.
- Our netball team had a very competitive match against Hethersett Junior School this week, drawing 4 – 4.
- Congratulations are due to Mrs Dodson and her husband as they are expecting their second child. Mrs Dodson will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term.

Rock Stars

Most of the children should have been told about a maths times tables programme, called Rock Stars, which the school has signed up for. Please encourage your child to practise at home as recalling tables facts quickly really does help children with all aspects of number work.

Williams Syndrome Foundation

On Friday 18th May there will be a cake sale in the playground outside the Key Stage 1 classrooms. The sale is to raise money for Williams Syndrome Foundation.

We are asking the parents of children in Kingfisher and Nightingale classes to bake or buy the cakes. Any other donations would be very welcome.

You may know already that Joshua, a child in Year 2 Nightingale Class, has Williams Syndrome. As part of our compassion theme for this term we are working to raise awareness of this genetic disorder. The Williams Syndrome Foundation (WSF) is an information and advisory service that funds research, resources and respite care and aims to improve the lives of people with Williams Syndrome.

Fundraising

One of our parents has a strong link with a Trust fund which supports a number of local charities as well as three schools in Sierra Leone. The Trust is sending out some runners to take part in the Sierra Leone marathon / half marathon over the half term holiday and they would love to take out some lightweight, good condition raincoats suitable for children aged 5 – 16. Pupils in Sierra Leone struggle particularly during the monsoon season, which normally starts in May. In August 2017 over 1000 people died in the capital, Freetown, and many more were displaced following devastating floods and mudslides. Having been to Sierra Leone myself, it would be very encouraging if we could support this appeal. If you have any raincoats spare, or ones your children have grown out of, please consider bringing them in to the office before the end of this half term.

Sports Day for Key Stage 2 / tournaments

Please make a note that Key Stage 2 sports day is taking place on Thursday 14th June. This year Years 3 and 4 will go to the UEA in the morning for their events, starting at 9.45 a.m. Events for Years 5 and 6 will start at 1 p.m. The children will be walking up to the UEA earlier that week for their field events. I know many of you will wish to attend on 14th June, hence the notice about the afternoon slot for the older pupils. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Traditionally, we organise a football and netball tournament just before the school fete. This year there is a PTA circus themed event on Saturday 23rd June and the football tournament will take place on Friday 22nd June, together with a friendly staff v parents netball match before the football tournament starts. The children's netball tournament will take place on Thursday 21st June straight after school. Again, further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Please also note that June 8th will be a non-school uniform day for the children. Instead of a monetary donation, the PTA is requesting that each family brings in a bottle of something for the tombola stall on Saturday 23rd June.

Census Day – school lunch

At various points during the year census information is collected from the school. The next Census Day is Thursday May 17th and information is collected about how many children take up a school meal on that day. We try to encourage as many children as possible to have one of the school meal choices as the number of meals taken directly affects the amount of funding given to the school for the following year. We have not changed the menu on this occasion, but please do try to encourage your child to have a school meal that day. The baked potato option, which is always available, is also a good option.

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). We would appreciate receiving a few more offers of help.

Reminders

I feel it should be unnecessary to have to repeat parking reminders, but some parents are still ignoring the fact that the staff car park should not be used for dropping off and picking up pupils. A parent also recently sent me a photo of a near miss with a car due to a parent driving unsafely near the school. Please remember to allow enough time to park at the Willow Centre so you do not need to double park on the pavement or too close to the car park exits. The days when parking is worst are, inevitably, when it is raining, so particular attention is needed on those occasions. We are very fortunate to have the Willow Centre car park so close by, so please use it.

Please make sure that you contact the school every day when your child is absent due to illness, not just on the first day.

With the weather finally getting hotter, please remember to put sun cream on your child before school.

Future diary dates

Tues 8 th May	Year 1 trip to the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts
Wed 9 th May	Year 4 Merlin Class assembly at 9.10 a.m.
Fri 11 th May	Year 2 Banham Zoo trip
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs
Wed 16 th May	Year 4 Merlin Class – Reading café – 2 p.m.
Fri 18 th May	Year 6 trip to Kingswood
Mon 21 st May	Go Run for Fun – Years 2-6 at Eaton Park / start of International Week
Thurs 24 th May	Year 5 river trip
Fri 25 th May	Last day of the half term

Information about some of the above events will be sent out in due course by class teachers.

I hope you enjoy a great Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Neil Henery
Headteacher