



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Summer Term 2020-2021

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term and there will probably be just one more main newsletter from me to come after this one. Tomorrow you will receive, via email, a copy of your child's end of year report. This should arrive just after the end of the school day.

Arrangements for September

After the latest government announcement about easing restrictions in schools from September, I would like to share with you the arrangements we are planning for the start of the autumn term.

There will be no staggered drop offs and pick-ups. Instead, we are reverting to what we used to do which is that the main wooden gates will be open from 8.40 a.m. to 8.50 a.m. and children can arrive any time during that 10-minute time period.

The gates will be manned by members of staff.

Children in Years 4-6 will be strongly encouraged to say 'goodbye' to parents / carers at either wooden gate and make their way directly to classrooms. All teachers will supervise the children in their classrooms from 8.40 – 8.50 a.m.

Parents / carers of Year R-3 will be able to accompany the children to their classrooms, but not enter the school.

If you are uncertain where your child's classroom is, please ask a member of staff as there will be extra people on duty for the first few days. Each classroom will also have a clear label on the entrance door.

The gates will be closed promptly at 8.50 a.m. as this is the time that registers are taken. Children arriving after 8.50 a.m. need to be brought to the main entrance and be signed in as late. The end of the school day will be 3.15 p.m. for all pupils. The main wooden gates will be opened at 3.10 p.m. allowing parents / carers to gather outside their child's classroom. Pupils will be handed over to parents / carers, unless permission has been given to the school for a child to walk home independently.

The end of the school day is the preferred time for any parent / carer to pass on messages to members of staff. Contact should be made with the office (01603 454946 or office@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk) if vital messages need to be passed on at the start of the school day.

The above arrangements will be put in place for the first two weeks (up to Friday September 17th). This will give time for everyone to review how things are progressing and decide if any changes need to be made.

Of course, we all know how difficult it is to predict exactly how things will be in the future and it might be that the government does have to re-introduce measures for schools if rates of infection are high. The kinds of arrangements we have put in place this year, such as our staggered timetable for drop-offs and pick-ups and organization of bubbles are part of our contingency plan. I have recently heard that there is likely to be a headteacher briefing just before the start of term and it may well be that there will need to be updated information sent to you just before the start of term, so please look out for this.

Parking

We have all been used this year to a longer period of time for drop-offs and pick-ups and yet parking around the school has still proved problematic at times. In September it will be even more important for all car users to park sensibly around the school and avoid the areas where there are clear banners about safe parking as well as the yellow zig-zag lines. By far the best place to park is the Willow Centre car park.

No-one should use the staff car park at any time and the visitor car park is also not for drop-offs and pick-ups. This car park gets used by visitors to the school and staff who work at Crackerjacks. Both car park areas have been safe areas for the whole of this year and this needs to continue.

Outside of drop-off and pick-up times, the visitors' car park can be used by parents / carers for dropping off and picking up for the Before School Club and After School Clubs run by Set Your Sights and other providers.

Lunchtimes

School lunches will be eaten in the school hall.

The current menu will continue from September until October half term when it will be changed. An updated menu with new dates is attached. Please note that the first week back in September is actually Week 2 on the menu.

PE kit and swimming

It has worked well this year for pupils to come to school in PE kit on the days when they have PE lessons. This will continue for at least the autumn term. Your child will need to have PE kit on the following days:

- Year 1 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 2 - Wednesday and Friday
- Year 3 - Monday and Thursday
- Year 4 - Wednesday (Merlins),
Tuesday (Skylarks) and
Friday (both classes)
- Year 5 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 6 - Monday and Thursday

Reception pupils will not start their PE sessions immediately and separate information will be sent out by teachers later in the autumn term.

Attached is a reminder of PE clothing for children in both Key Stages.

As it is statutory for children to swim 25m by the end of KS2, Year 4 (current year 3) and some year 5 (current year 4) children will be having swimming lessons which will start in the autumn term. More details will follow from their class teachers, but they will need a one-piece swimming costume or close-fitting swimming trunks (not beach shorts), a swimming hat, goggles and towel.

Events

On Wednesday the children in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed taking part in a morning of sports activities on Wednesday. The Year 6 pupils proved to be excellent helpers and I am also very grateful to Mrs Pickering for once again organizing the event.

Today, the children in Reception also took part in a rotation of fun sports activities.

Some children from Year 5 have been learning some dance routines as part of the build up to the NSSP Dance Show, which was unfortunately cancelled in both 2020 and also this May. The children will finally be able to perform, all going well, in the autumn term. However, the children were given the opportunity to perform their routine in front of the rest of the school during some outdoor performances. The children really danced well. I am grateful to Lisa McGreevy for her excellent choreography and to Mrs Easter for all her organisation of the dance sessions.

Year 5 children had a *Harry Potter Trial Day at Hogwarts* on Wednesday as part of their Magical Worlds topic. They had a wizard school day which included making magical sweets and packaging, learning how to fly a broomstick, playing Quidditch and testing out their map reading skills. All the children were keen to find out if they had earned a place at Hogwarts School in September!



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme

There is a comprehensive programme of fun events planned across Norfolk this summer for pupils eligible for free school meals. Please see attached a letter about the scheme and details of activities locally. Please sign up quickly if your child is eligible and interested in taking part.

Life Coaching sessions

The school pays for the services of a Life Coach, Paddy Venner, to support groups of children when referrals have been made by the school. Private sessions can also be booked, so I have attached a leaflet with contact details for those interested.

Staff news

I am delighted to report that Mr Donovan (Year 5 teacher) and his wife are now proud parents of a baby boy, Harry. Mr Donovan is currently on paternity leave and we wish the family all the best over the summer holidays.

Drama holiday club

Please see the attached flyer about a holiday drama club taking place in the school from 10th - 12th August.

Yours sincerely

Neil Hewery

Headteacher