



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Autumn Term 2021/22

Newsletter 1

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back from the summer break. We trust that you have enjoyed the sunshine and found some time to take a short holiday, day trip or two! The staff and I are all pleased to be back in school and we look forward to welcoming back children and hear everyone's news. I am certainly looking forward to getting to know everyone.

As this is the first newsletter of the year it is fairly lengthy but hopefully the information will get the year off to a good start.

Arrangements for September

The information below is a repeat of the July 2021 newsletter.

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

Start of the day

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 children in their classrooms from 8.40 – 8.50 a.m.

Parents / carers of Year 1-3 will be able to accompany the children to their classrooms, but not enter the school.

Parents / carers of Reception children have received a separate notification of their start and end arrangements via Tapestry.

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.

May we politely remind you about not parking in the staff or visitor carpark and to use the Willow Centre car park. Thank you.

End of the day

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.

Please may we remind you that at collection time, we ask that children do not use the school play equipment. Thank you.

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.

PE

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 be dressed in the school 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 (please note – PE kit should **not** be worn on Monday 6th September only – please attend in school uniform on this day)

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

Meet the Team

The information below aims to help you to know who is responsible for different aspects of the work we undertake.

Designated Lead for Safeguarding (DSL) – Mrs J. Humphrey with the Alternate DSL's Mrs Bradshaw, Mr McNicholas, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Palmer. If you have any concerns around the safety, safeguarding and wellbeing of any children and their families please make contact with us via the office.

Inclusion Lead – Mrs Clarke will be responsible for leading the work with staff for children on the Special Educational / Additional Needs record and other vulnerable groups for example those who

qualify for Pupil Premium and English as an Additional Language. She can be contacted via senco@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk

Assistant Headteachers – Mrs Bradshaw and Mr McNicholas.

All staff hold responsibilities for specific aspects of the school's provision, development and subject leadership. With regard to core subjects, our leads are –

Curriculum	Mrs Barber
Maths	Mr Barwick
English	Mr McNicholas, with Phonics Lead – Mrs Loveday
Science	Mr Kinchlea and Mrs George
Computing	Mrs Palmer

Over the course of the year Subject Leaders will share news, updates, information sessions and celebrations of the work we have undertaken in school and the way this is supporting your child.

School Improvement and Development Plans

A summary version of our school improvement plan will be shared via the school website within the next few weeks, once approved by our Local Governing Body. In summary, our curriculum priorities for this next year focus around :

- Phonics for EYFS and KS1
- Reading
- Maths mastery
- And the development of the following foundation subjects - Science, Art, RE, PSHCE, Geography and Computing

On the school website (by late September) you will also find copies of the plan for the spending of the Sports Premium Grant and the Pupil Premium Grant.

Curriculum plans

Each class teacher will share their class curriculum plans with you via email on Friday 10th September. Please be reminded of the curriculum meetings we have planned. These will all be via Teams. The links will be sent out next week.

Year 5 14th September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 2 15th September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 6 16th September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 3 20th September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 1 Puffins - 21st September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 1 Owls – 22nd September at 2.30 p.m.
Year 4 22nd September at 2.30 p.m.
Year R 6th & 13th October at 2.15 p.m.

Collective Worship theme

This half term we shall be looking at the value of **responsibility** during our collective worship times. Children will consider being responsible for their time, what they say, in using their skills and talents to support their community. Our JONK Learning Behaviour focus will be **resourcefulness**.

Change to the start of the Spring term

Since the Local Authority set dates for the 2021/22 academic year, an additional day of holiday has been added in recognition of the Queen's Birthday. The cluster have taken the decision to adopt 4th January 2022 as a holiday, moving the staff training day to 5th January.

This will mean that the children re-start school for the Spring term on Thursday 6th January. We shall update the school calendar on our website.

Risk Assessment

A copy of the latest risk assessment can be found on the school website. This will be reviewed and amended to reflect any local (LA) or national changes in guidance and also, as a result of decisions made at school level. We shall keep you informed of any changes to our procedures.

In addition, for any child attending the school breakfast and after school club or those provided by external groups, please see an updated copy of the guidance produced by the government which outlines the measures to be aware of [guidance for parents and carers has been shared to support their decision making](#)

Changes to the approaches regarding covid cases

Contacts of a positive case in school - From the start of the school term, NHS Test and Trace will take full responsibility for identifying contacts of school children who test positive for Covid-19 (being in the same class as someone who has tested positive will not automatically result in a child being a 'close contact'). From 16th August, any child deemed to be a 'close contact' of a positive case will not have to self-isolate.

All children should continue to attend school following a positive case in a class.

Those identified by the NHS as 'close contacts' will be asked to get a PCR test – these children do not have to self-isolate and can still attend school whilst waiting for their result. Only 'close contacts' who subsequently test positive themselves should follow self-isolation guidelines.

We understand this is quite a change to previous government policy for schools so please do contact us if you have any further queries regarding this.

Face coverings - There is no longer a requirement for staff or parents to wear a face covering whilst on the school site. However, please be aware that some staff members may still wish to do so for their own reasons.

Free school meals and universal free school meals

We appreciate that the titles of these two are quite confusing.

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) provides funding for all government schools to offer free school meals to pupils in EYFS, Year 1, and Year 2 only. Any child in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 requesting a school prepared lunch will have the cost met by the government.

Free school meals is a 'means checked' support which has to be applied for and can be accessed by all children including those in EYFS, Year 1 and 2. It attracts additional funding for the school to use in supporting learning and provision for your child in addition to free school meals. The government website holds all the information but in summary, your child may be able to get free school meals and generate additional funds for school if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

It is worth noting that even if your child would not wish to eat a school lunch, if you are eligible for Free School Meals, this provides the school with additional funding which will benefit your child during their time with us in school.

A copy of the school menu can be found on the website. Please note that we start on week 2.

General Attendance Information

We continue to promote and expect good attendance and punctuation. Attached to this letter, please find the statutory Local Authority letter about attendance and punctuation which we are asked to share with you at the start of every school year. This forms Appendix 1 in the Attendance Policy which can be found on the school website.

Music lessons

Guitar, Ukulele, violin and cello music lessons will start week commencing 13th September. Further details will be sent to parents shortly including date and time of lessons.

Mrs Boreham, Mr Shaw and Mrs Purdy will contact parents directly regarding their lessons.

Have a good weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Mrs J. Humphrey

Headteacher