



# Cringleford CE VA Primary School

*Autumn Term 2021/22*

## ***Newsletter 2***

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

The start of this term has been really busy in school as staff have settled the children into new routines and established old routines. Alongside this, we have re-started music, clubs, activities and trips. Some children have been swimming, enjoyed learning about road safety through the Bikeability course and made pasta dishes and apple crumble.

### **Start of the school day arrangements**

A number of parents have spoken to me at the school gate to say that they feel the start of the school day, where children are able to go immediately into class, is working very well because it is calmer and enables the children to begin their learning more quickly. One person noted with pleasure that it was only 8.50am and they had already seen that their child was busy writing. Thank you for supporting this approach. We intend for it to continue.

If your child is able (particularly the older Key Stage 2 children) and you are willing, I would suggest that they may like to walk themselves in independently from the gate each morning. With an adult on duty at each gate and a number of others present on the playground, they will be able to make their way safely into class and save you from walking with them.

Just to add to this, we know that the end of the day arrangement is allowing you to speak with staff which I know they are glad to do. If you find that the gates have been locked by the time your conversation has ended, please expect the staff member to accompany you to the main door through the school. Thank you.

### **Scooters**

To ensure the safety of all, please can children walk with scooters once they arrive on the school site.

### **Parking**

May we remind you to park sensibly at the start and end of the school day, making use of the Willow Centre car park which we are so fortunate to have use of.

## **School Council**

Your child may have already spoken to you about this, last week we were very pleased to invite children from each class (with the exception of those in Reception) to put themselves forward for an election onto the School Council. Staff have told me how children took this responsibility very seriously and considered carefully why they wished to be considered. On Friday, the class vote took place and one person from each class was named as their school councillor for this school year. Mrs Bradshaw has created a wonderful display in the foyer with their pictures and a space ready to display a copy of their first meeting minutes.

## **Mr Dunning – Director of Education for the Diocese**

On Tuesday we were delighted in inviting Mr Dunning to the school where he was escorted by the new Year 6 School Council on a tour ahead of enjoying lunch with the representatives from Years 3, 4 and 5 too. The children were a real credit to the school, displaying lovely manners, taking turns to talk and ask questions of each other and Mr Dunning. At the end we ask Mr Dunning what he had enjoyed from his visit and aside from the good lunch (thank you to the kitchen staff) he had been encouraged in seeing how our JONK values were being recognised and celebrated through displays, learning and certificates. He spoke to the children about the responsibility they had as elected members of the School Council – this linked really well to our current Collective Worship focus on taking responsibility for our time, our actions and our words. Here are the children with Mr Dunning.



## **Meet the Teacher videos**

We hope that you have enjoyed watching the videos produced by each teacher / year group team and that from listening to these, you have a clearer understanding of the plans for your child's learning and other experiences this year. Should you have any questions, please make contact via the email address they provided.

## **Actions taken towards the School Improvement Plan**

A summary of the school improvement plan for 2021/22 can be found on the school website under this link <https://www.cringelford.norfolk.sch.uk/about-us/key-information/>

Early years and KS1 parents will be aware of the changes to the way we teach phonics and early reading in these year groups through the letter Mrs Loveday shared with you last week. Over the year we shall update you over the difference this has made to the progress children make.

We will add copies of the plan for the spending of the Sports Premium Grant and the Pupil Premium Grant to the school website later this month.

### **COVID Risk Assessment**

We have not made any changes to the Risk Assessment written and added to the website at the start of the term. The school continues to receive updates and guidance each week which is reviewed so that changes to our procedures can be amended. We shall continue to inform you when this is the case.

### **When children are unwell**

Please may we remind you to consider whether your child is well enough to attend school and if you would need to take advice from the NHS helpline if you are worried the symptoms are those associated with covid. While we are keen to encourage good attendance, we also need to ensure that we prevent others in school from becoming unwell. Thank you.

### **Skeleton**

The children in Year 3 are studying bones in the human body this half term and teachers would like to be able to show the children how the skeleton fits together in 3D rather than via a picture on a screen. In time we shall aim to purchase a life size and anatomically correct skeleton but in the short term wondered if anyone had one we could borrow for a short time? If you can help with this request, please speak with Mrs Woodrow, Mrs Palmer or the office.

### **Census day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Menu change**

On Thursday 7th October, the main menu will be breaded fish fingers, chips and garden peas or baked beans with a vegetarian option of vegetable goujons. The school packed lunch menu will be Cheese & tomato pasta pot.

On Friday 8th October, the main menu will be chicken curry with steamed rice and rainbow salad with a vegetarian option of cheesy pasta with broccoli and sweetcorn. The school packed lunch option will be ham sandwich.

### **Final note**

Thank you for making me feel so welcome over the last few weeks. It has been lovely to hear the children share their 'good morning' and 'goodbye' at the gate each day. It has been mentioned that some people have not know what I look like so here is a picture to help you spot me. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs J. Humphrey

Headteacher

### **Attachments**

- Little Fish Swim School information
- NILE improve your English course information
- 'Set Your Sights' before & after school club information
- Norwich SSP Dance Show information

