



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Autumn Term 2021/22

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Dear Parents / Carers,

The first few weeks back in school after half term have been busy with children going off site for trips to the theatre, the Forest School area, swimming, cross country and to undertake some science work at Norwich High School. We have also been able to enjoy some great events in school including the Year 6 Falcon class assembly.

I trust that the news items and updates below help to show the opportunities our children enjoy regularly in school and how we are supporting them to develop strength in academic and character based skills and knowledge. Thank you to our fantastic team of staff who make all this possible.

Cross Country

Almost 80 children from Year 3 to Year 6 were taken to Earlham Park to compete in the Norwich School Sports Partnership cross country race. Miss Fish has provided the following report.

The weather was very kind to us for a November day. The first race was Year 3 girls and set the standard for the day. The first four girls home were all from Cringleford. The races followed in earnest and Year 3 boys also had a number of high places including the winner. The amazing performances continued and we had the first runner home in both Year 4 races and came second in girls' and boys' in Years 5 and Year 6.

We were very proud of all the runners who tried their best, displaying resilience, particularly with the gruelling hill towards the end of the course.

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and transported their children back to school and well done to all the runners.

If your child competed the results are available online at <https://www.norwichssp.co.uk> along with photos from the event. There is a Norfolk County Cross Country Championships in January, if your child would be interested in entering details can be found in the link above.

Quiet Club

During lunchtimes children have the opportunity to sit in a quiet space to enjoy colouring activities, play games or complete puzzles away from the hustle and bustle of the school playground. Quiet

Club has been running for a few years and on the back of it's success, a new Craft Club has been introduced. Children have the opportunity to crochet and knit under the supervision of Mrs Bajor, learning new skills and creating some wonderful pieces to keep. Children should speak to their class teacher if they wish to attend.

Parent Consultations

We trust that you found the parent consultations last week informative and were encouraged by the way your child had settled into the school year. We know that while there are some benefits to virtual meetings, these do not allow you to view your child's books first hand. Despite many restrictions being lifted across society in general, schools are being asked to continue to minimise gatherings of larger numbers and visitors in school. We look forward to a time later in the year when you will be able to come into the classrooms to see work on display.

Parking

A polite reminder that at drop off and pick up times, you should not park on the double yellow lines along Dragonfly Lane or in places which restrict the visibility for crossing the road outside the school. Thank you.

Labelling

Please can we encourage everyone to regularly check that items of clothing including coats, hats and gloves have clearly identifiable name labels. This will enable us to return lost property to its rightful owner.

Dogs

In addition to the message sent by the school office, please may we remind you that school sites are designated as totally dog free so please may we remind you that this includes very small dogs on leashes and those which can be carried. Thank you.

Buddy bench

In the last School Council meeting, the children asked if we could reinstate the Buddy Bench – a special place where children who are looking for a new person to play with at breaktime can seat themselves, with Buddies around who can help them to join a game. With lockdown and restricted playtimes, the bench has not been used for a while and as such, when Mr Rider took it out from storage, he found it to be in need of some attention.

We wondered whether there would be a willing volunteer who could sand it down and varnish / wood stain it so that it regains the appeal it once had? It is portable and would fit in an estate car or van if you would be able to offer your time but undertake the work at home.

Please let the office know if you can assist. Thank you.

Anti-bullying week and Odd Sock Day are coming up soon (15-19th November).

During the week of 15th November we will be marking Anti-bullying week in our assemblies and PSHE lessons. This year the theme for Anti-bullying week is 'One Kind Word'. We will be exploring with the children ways in which little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This fits really well with both the 'Safe relationships' and 'Respecting ourselves and others' areas of the PSHE curriculum for this half term. We plan to launch the week with **Odd Sock Day on Monday 15th November**. Your child may attend school in their usual school uniform along with a pair of odd socks in celebration of what makes us all

unique. We are not asking for any sort of donation for this event, further information can be found here : <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/odd-socks-day>

Children in Need Day Friday 19th November

This year our Year 6 pupils will be raising money for Children in Need by organising and running some stalls and games for the rest of the school to enjoy at intervals during the school day.

To avoid lots of cash coming into school and changing hands we have set up an online donation page, please see the link below. Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to BBC Children in Need, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

[Crangleford Primary School Children in Need fundraising link](#)

The Year 6's would very much appreciate any donations made in acknowledgement of their hard work in organising this fun event and to support a fantastic cause. Many thanks.

Please note that we will NOT be having a non-uniform day for this event.

Christmas plans

It feels a little early to be mentioning plans for Christmas but we have begun to discuss how we can safely facilitate events which allow children to perform to an audience of parents.

On Wednesday this week, Falcons Class (Year 6) performed their class assembly in person to Eagles Class (Year 6) and a small audience of parents. We invited 2 family members per child so that our limit would be 60 additional adults. Chairs were spaced around the edge of the hall ensuring that there was space for people to sit separately from each other and away from the class. This organisation and limit on numbers worked well.

As such, we are likely to be proposing that each year group will arrange an in-person event (sharing of Christmas songs, poems, short play etc) in the final 2 weeks of term, to which we would be able to invite one person per child to. I appreciate that limiting the number to one per child is not ideal, but with typically 60 children in each year, this would ensure parent numbers were manageable. Two per family would see a possible 120 additional adults which would be a greater risk to all.

Some of these events will be held in the church and others in school. That said, should Covid case numbers in school or a year group spike ahead of the event, we would need to move to a virtual audience instead.

Details of dates and times will be shared in a separate letter which we propose will be sent in the week of 22nd November. We shall also share the dates and arrangements for class parties and Christmas lunch in this letter.

Online Safety

Mrs Palmer, one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads with a particular focus on online safety, has recently completed accredited CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) training.

Through this, we felt that each half term, we would like to share resources with you which will hopefully be of help at home as you support your child to use online tools safely.

Thinkuknow is an education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. Their website (link below) has resources that are really accessible and child friendly <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Archant Books for Schools Tokens

A reminder that we are taking part in the Archant 'Books for Schools' scheme. Tokens will appear in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News until Friday December 31st. They will also appear in the Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, Dereham & Fakenham Times and North Norfolk News. Bonus tokens will be published throughout the promotion.

Every school wins £100 worth of books simply by collecting 1,000 tokens. The school that collects the most will win £1,000 worth of books and two runners up will each win £500 worth.

Tokens can be collected from any of these titles, a collection box will be placed in the lobby of the school office.

Kind regards

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