



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Autumn Term 2021-2022

Newsletter 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Primary school is always a special place to be when December comes around. This week, the children have begun to decorate the trees in the foyer and create large displays for the hall. We have also been blessed with the beautiful sound of children's voices in class as they learn songs for their Christmas assemblies.

The next two weeks will be remarkably busy for us all. Please check the Christmas events newsletter we sent to you last week and the PTA update letter, as you prepare for each day.

Reporting of illness/sickness

When reporting your child as absent could we please ask that the following details are left on the pupil absence line:

Child's name, class, detailed symptoms e.g. Sickness during night, cough, cold, fever, booked for PCR test.

Any report of feeling generally unwell, tired or under the weather will mean the office will need to call you for further clarification. If a PCR test has been booked for your child we would be grateful if you could please advise the office and update us with the outcome.

In the past we did not require such a level of detail, however, the school now has a duty to report daily to the DFE on all absences and whether or not they are covid related. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

It has been our experience that an early symptom of covid in pupils has been an upset stomach/diarrhoea and not always the classic persistent cough/fever. If your child has any covid symptoms we will require you to book a PCR test for your child.

Please see the attached open letter from Norfolk County Council's Director of Learning and Inclusion & Director of Public Health regarding Covid-19.

Behaviour Policy

Staff have been reviewing the Behaviour Policy and the approaches we take towards rewards and sanctions. This week (and next) staff have undertaken two twilight training sessions run by the LA around restorative approaches and behaviour management. We have attached a copy of the draft policy for you to review as part of our consultation process with staff, governors and families. Please email any thoughts via the school office email (office@cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk). The staff will discuss the changes with the children in the next two weeks with the plan of implementing them in January.

First Admission to School - School Year 2022/23

The local authority has asked us to remind parents of the importance of making application to their home Local Authority by 15 January 2022.

Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are due to start school in Reception in the school year 2022/23.

Parents need to make application, even if their child currently attends a nursery class at the same school.

The easiest way for parents to apply is on-line at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk or they can request an application form from our Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020. Additional information, and a link to the online application, is available on the County Council's website - Admission to reception classes in Norfolk.

Weather

With the change in the weather, please ensure that children have sufficient layers on to be comfortable with the increased ventilation in school. All children should have a suitable coat and footwear for inclement weather as we encourage children to go outside for break and lunch wherever possible.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to Children in Need Day. Through donations we raised a total of £368. The children in Year 6 set up some incredible games and activities which were enjoyed by the children (and staff).

Anti-bullying week – odd sock day

The staff and children enjoyed the opportunity of wearing odd socks to school on Monday 15th November as you can see from these pictures.



Forest School

Our wonderful Forest School team are in need of more regular parent helpers to support our Reception class sessions. These take place in small groups on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00pm in the small woodland near the school.

Are you happy to be outside in all weathers?
Are you happy to support the children with their play?
Are you able to join us on a regular basis?

Forest School is an exciting opportunity to learn through play in our amazing local woodland. This forms part of our early years curriculum and helps the children to develop learning skills that will support them throughout their school journey.

If you think you could volunteer on a regular basis to support these sessions or have any queries, please contact our Forest School leader Sorrelmuggridge@gmail.com for further information. Sorrel will then liaise with the school for further information to be sent out to you should you wish to progress your application.

All volunteers will be asked to read and complete the school volunteer process prior to any appointment. This will include a brief interview with Mrs Humphrey, references being sought, safeguarding training and a DBS check being carried out which will require criminal records check for this country and any time spent overseas.

Long hair

Please can we remind you of the need for all long hair to be tied back for school.

Santa Run - Friday 10th December

Children should come into school in their school uniform (Year 2 & 4 will be in PE kit as this is their PE day). Children are welcome to bring in a Christmas jumper, hat, or antlers to wear for the event, along with an extra pair of trainers to minimise mud in school. Please ensure all items are named.

We will be collecting loose change during the run for Norwich Open Christmas linked with St Andrew's Church. If you wish to contribute please send any loose change in an envelope with your child on the day. Many thanks for your support.

Details of this initiative can be found through the following links:

[Norwich Open Christmas](#)

[Evening News Story regarding Norwich Open Christmas](#)

Christmas Lunch bookings 15th December

Many thanks to those of you that have pre-booked Christmas lunch for your child, this will enable Norse to order supplies in suitable time. Bookings are now closed and final numbers

have been given to the kitchen. Any child that has not pre-ordered will be expected to bring a home packed lunch on 15th December.

All children can wear Christmas clothing (not necessarily Christmas jumpers for the day).

Sugar for Shelters

Thank you to everyone who has already donated a bag of sugar – we have filled one box already. There is still time for you to support this before the collection on 7th December. This weekend, please consider adding a bag of sugar to your weekly shop and sending it into school with your child. The sugar will be used in hot drinks, cakes and puddings for those people living on the streets of Norwich during the festive period. This sugar provides vital warmth and energy to those in need.

Christmas Tree

We have been offered a Christmas tree by Hammond Stratford. Many thanks to them for this kind donation, this will be put up in the entrance hall next week.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

J. Humphrey

Mrs J. Humphrey
Headteacher

