



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Spring Term 2021/22

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4th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

In this second half of the Spring term we are thinking about Wisdom and making wise decisions in our Collective Worship. The children have already considered some of those sayings they may hear adults use such as 'The early bird catches the worm' and have also been asked to reflect on the difference between being wise and being clever. This week we have also shared the idea that being wise is about asking the right questions, not having the right answers. Perhaps this might be a good starting point for a discussion at home.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day in school yesterday, what an array of amazing costumes from staff and pupils ! Children will be bringing home a World Book Day Voucher this afternoon, please see link below for more information on how these can be spent :

Link : [World Book Day 2022](#)

Updated Covid-19 Advice

Please see the attached letter for the most recent advice from the local authority regarding Covid-19. This can also be found on the school website under Covid Information.

PSHE Careers sessions

This half term we have a whole school focus in PSHE on jobs, money and de-bunking workplace stereotypes. As part of our launch week, Year 3 have had visits from a Paramedic and a Maxillofacial Technician.

The children enjoyed hearing all about these two very different careers and had lots of questions to ask both our visitors.

Many thanks Issy Carr and Mrs Nowak for coming in to help us start our learning on this important area of our curriculum.



Staff changes

We are delighted to say that we have appointed Verity Plant as Teaching Assistant in Robins Class following the departure of Chloe Rogers. Verity is well known to the children as she has been working in school for some time as MSA, class cover and Forest School helper.

Lunchtime food waste

We have noted that there is a marked increase in food waste, along with the obvious food waste this is causing additional disposal costs. If your child/children are bringing in a home packed lunch or ordering a school meal, please ensure that this is something they like and will eat.



Can we please remind all families that we are a nut free school, this also applies to home packed lunches (Nutella, peanut butter etc). We have children in school with severe allergies. As a school we like to promote healthy eating and would encourage parents to provide healthy options where possible and limit sugary food and crisps. Many thanks.

Free School Meals Applications

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered universal infant free school meals. This is regardless of your household income. You do not have to apply for universal free school meals.

However, you can apply for your school to get extra funding from the Government (called Pupil Premium), if you receive one of the benefits listed below:

- Universal Credit - with an annual earned income of no more than £7,400 after tax
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190

The application form for this can be found here : [Free school meal application form](#)

You will need to log in using the same details you used when you applied for a school place online.

Phonics Information sessions

Reception classes are planning to hold phonics information session for parents on 23rd March at 2.30pm in school. Please add this date to your diary and more information will follow around 18th March.

Ukraine Conflict

You will know and understand your children best, however we wanted to share with you some information provided by Norfolk County Council that may help, if children are expressing worries, or asking questions about the conflict.

We advise that for younger children (Reception, Year 1 & 2) and children with additional needs, you may wish to consider if children are aware of the current situation and whether there is a need to address this, as we do not want to overburden children. Children may wish to share their worries through drawing or other activities.

The websites below provide advice, information and resources about how to talk to children about the war in Ukraine.

School of Sanctuary

[Speaking with Children about the War in Ukraine](#)

CBBC

[Advice if you're upset by the news](#) and [War in Ukraine: What's happening there?](#)

Childline

[Worries about the world](#)

Education Hub

[Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation.](#)

SEN Resources

- [Worrying about war \(A4 Document\)](#)
- [Widgit SymbolWorld: Advice if Upset by News](#)
- [What to do if upset by the news](#)
- [Social Story War in Ukraine](#)
- This Padlet put together by the EAL team may also be useful: [Resources for discussing the conflict in Ukraine](#)

Comic Relief

Friday 18th March is Comic Relief Day. We are inviting children to come into school in non-school uniform for a suggested £1 donation. All children can participate regardless of whether

any money is brought in. There will be some collection buckets available so any donations can be dropped into those. If you prefer, or find it easier we will also be setting up a Just Giving Page for online donations instead. The link for this will be sent out shortly along with information for those who have PE that day.

PTA Thank you

Thanks to those parents and children who donated books for our Owl Bookshop, attended the sale and to those who brought in 2's, which raised a staggering £225.

Crackerjacks

A big thank you to everyone who bought cakes and colouring sheets from the Valentines cake sale before half term - you helped us raise over £200! Thank you to everyone who entered the colouring competition and for waiting patiently for the results.

The winning entries are from Poppy K, Raafay K, Evelyn R, Toby C, Seb G and Emily C. Congratulations and well done to all! We will contact the winners shortly for prize collection and the entry from Seb will be used in our 50th publication! All of the fantastic entries will be displayed at our summer event too.

Dogs

We have noted that there are a number of dogs left unattended at drop off and pick up outside school. For everyone's protection, could parents please remind children not to approach/stroke dogs without speaking to the owner first. Even very well trained and sociable dogs can snap under the wrong circumstances.

Walking Home

The assumption at Cringleford Primary School is that once children reach Year 6, parents are happy for their child to walk home un-accompanied. If you do **not** wish your Year 6 child to be allowed to walk home alone, please can you inform the school in writing and we will add this to their record. Should you wish to add alternate trusted contacts to your child's record for collection, please email the office.

Attachments :

Little Riders – Cycling Courses
Covid-19 guidance

Kind regards

J. Humphrey

Mrs J. Humphrey
Headteacher

Calendar 2021 - 2022

22 Feb – 28 Mar School Reading Challenge

14 Mar Parent Open Evening (in school)

16 Mar Class Assembly – Year 1 Puffins (9.10 a.m.)

18 Mar Year R trip to Gressenhall

18 Mar Comic relief Day (non-uniform)

23 Mar EYFS & Year 1 Phonics information session (2.30 p.m.)

30 Mar Class Assembly – Year 3 Swallows (9.10 a.m.)

1 Apr Term ends

4 – 19 Apr Easter Holiday