

Dear Parent/Carers,

Queen Elizabeth II: We have all been saddened and moved by the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. As one era ends, another begins with the reign of King Charles III. Across the school we have been working with the children to raise their awareness of this historic event.

Please note, school will be closed on Monday 19th September as a bank holiday for the Queen's funeral.

Thought of the week:

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change".

(Queen Elizabeth)

Headteacher's Award: Lisan. K-2R

Achievement Awards for Reading:

Chidemebi. A, Reeshan. S-3R, Eslam. H, Tahmeed.M, Jamie. H-3Y, M. Ahmed, Aniela. R-3G, Luca. P, Fatima. A-3B, Beatrice. C-4R, Salma. H-4Y, Aalia. N-4G, Anum. S-4B, Arwa. K-5R, Georgie-Ann-5Y, M. Adil-5G, Ameera. J-5B, Ecaterina. V-6R, Jannat. S-6Y, Yahya. A-6G, Sade. A-6B

Well done everyone!

Parent Governor Vacancy: We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. All parents who do not work at the school are eligible to apply. This role is voluntary and strategic and a firm commitment is required to attend two evening meetings (termly) ,twocommittee meetings during the day, as well as one monitoring visit per term. A nomination form and the code of conduct for governors is available on our website:

www.cranbrookprimaryschool.com under the section 'governors'. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by parents/guardians of a child currently on roll at this school. A husband/wife/partner cannot propose or second their own husband/wife or partner. The parent nominated should also supply a brief statement of not more than 100 words in support of his/her candidature. If there are more than two nominations, then a ballot will take place. Please return nominations to the school office marked ' clerk to the governors' by 4pm on Wednesday 21st September 2022 (any nominations received after this date will be invalid). Please note that the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance.

In line with electoral guidance, the use of social media including WhatsApp is **not** permitted for the canvassing of candidates during elections. Candidates standing for election will be disqualified if any canvassing takes place on social media and/or WhatsApp by the candidates, friends or relatives.

School Priorities for 2022-2023:

- 1) To improve children's phonics and independent writing skills.
- 2) To achieve the Rights Respecting Silver Award.
- 3) To continue developing and refining our curriculum to sharpen the sequence of knowledge and skills.
- 4) To reduce the gap between the attainment of different groups, especially those with SEN.
- 5) To develop pupil voice and empowerment.

We hope that you will support us in these goals

Year Group Parent Workshops: It was wonderful to see so many Year 1 and 2 parents for their workshop. We hope you found the sessions worthwhile.

Year Group Parent workshops for other year groups will take place at **9.15am in the main hall and then in classes till 9.45am** on the relevant dates as outlined below:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year6	Rec
15th Sept	16th Sept	20th Sept	21st Sept	22nd Sept

Please make a note of the dates above. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to find out what your children will be doing and see them at work in class.

Attendance: Well done to 1 Red for achieving 98.7%. The overall percentage for the school was **92.2%**. Our target for this year is **96%**. **Please let's all continue to work together every week and try harder to reach our target!**

The lowest attenders are currently **2 Red** .

We need to see an improvement this week, 2R!

Please remember-Good attendance= good progress

Punctuality: Please be punctual in the mornings and at the end of the day.

Staffing Update: Following a rigorous process with a panel of governors, we have appointed Kimberly McKoy, Catherine Smith and Catriona Prasad to the post of deputy headteachers. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them well for their new roles across the school.

Parental Concerns: From time to time you may have a concern that you wish to discuss. Initially, I would encourage you to arrange a meeting with the class-teacher to share the concern, so that it can be resolved. However, if the issue continues, please arrange to see a member of the senior staff team. Deputy Headteachers: Kimberly, Catriona or Catherine. Co-headteachers: Cassim or Jas.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Emergency Contact Numbers: For **Safeguarding** reasons, we require at least 2 numbers to contact you in case of emergency. If you have changed your number or moved house, please let the school office have the latest information.

Breakfast / After School Club: We request that payments are made a week in advance, in order to secure your child's place. If you would like a place, please come and collect a form from the office.

Clubs: Please refer to the School website to view the clubs running this term. All clubs will need to be booked directly through the club provider. Please do not send any money into the school, except when indicated on the club letter, as per the instructions all monies should be given directly to the club provider as requested. All clubs are subject to availability and are on a first come basis. If you wish for your child to join a club, please apply for a place as soon as possible, as per the instructions on the website leaflets.

Universal Free School Meals: Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. However, families on low income (less than £15,000) still need to apply for free school meals, so that the school continues to receive the funding to pay for these and for other little extras.

School Dinner Payment for Years 3 to 6: The cost of a school meal for your child is £2 per day or £10 per week. We request that parents pay for their child's school dinners online. The menu can be found in the school office or can be viewed on the school website. Please refer to the link below:

WWW.feedinghungryminds.com

Year 6 - Permission to walk home: If you wish for your **Year 6 child** to walk home alone, please provide a signed letter giving your permission for them to do so. Please hand the letter to the school office and let your child's teacher know.

School Dinner Menu: Please check the school website for the menu, so that you can book your child's dinner in advance. All payments are online. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school office.

Recycle Week 2022: This year Recycle Week will be held on Monday 19 - Friday 23 September 2022. The theme is: Let's Get Real About Recycling. As a household, have a discussion and do some research about recycling about how you could do more - we all have a part to play. Challenge yourself: how could you live more sustainably?

WYSaR dates for Reception, Year 1 and 2:

We are once again happy to invite you to the **'Wear your slippers and Read'** - **WYSaR** mornings at Cranbrook Primary. This is a great opportunity for you to promote a love of reading with your child. You can join in with or without slippers as long as you have a passion for books! Come along to find out more about it. Following are the dates for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:

Reception: Thursday 29th September 2022

Year 1 & Year 2: Friday 30th September 2022

Key Dates for this Term

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022 – Tuesday 20th December 2022 (last day of this term)

Parents Workshops:

Year 3: 15th September

Year 4: 16th September

Year 5: 20th September

Year 6: 21st September

Reception: 22nd September

Monday 26th Sept & Tuesday 27th Sept-New Year for Jewish Community

Friday 21st October 2022-Diwali Celebration

Half term break: Monday 24th October 2022-Friday 28th October 2022

Spring Term 2023

Thursday 5th January 2023-Friday 31st March 2023

Half term break: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

Half term break Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

Please note, the school will be closed for pupils on Inset days.

To celebrate Diwali with our community: On the 21st October 2022, which will be the last day of half term, the children are invited to come into school in non uniform. They can bring in a small snack for themselves to eat and celebrate the festivity in the afternoon.

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