

Dear Parent/Carers,

"I have a dream that my children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

(Martin Luther King)

Philosophy for children (P4C)

Linked to the above quote from the world famous and powerful speech, this week's question is:

'Why does racism exist when we all belong to the human race?'

As this is such a key aspect of all our lives and for the large majority of us such a personal subject, I would ask you all to take some time to discuss this with your child, so that we can reduce the prejudice and discrimination that is prevalent in our school community. We will be doing the same in our lessons.

Currently we are so **very concerned and saddened about the racism that some of our pupils and parents display.** We have spent a great deal of time on reviewing **OUR SCHOOL VALUES**. Following much healthy debate and discussion, we are now adopting these values:

Equality

Respect

Resilience

Kindness

The reason why we have chosen these is because they underpin our school vision-'Equity for all to address social disadvantage and injustice'.

I have been very saddened and deeply concerned to hear that in the past week we have had 3 pupils and 1 parent using racist name calling and/or language and behaviour. This is **totally unacceptable** and we will **not tolerate** it.

On each occasion, black pupils or staff have been targeted! The offending parent used extremely disgusting language at a member of staff who was simply doing his job. Witnesses were appalled!

As a direct result of this concern, we will be introducing firmer sanctions for perpetrators, whilst working with them to understand the impact of their behaviour on others.

Sanctions will include a stepped approach:

- Reflection time and 1:1 development for the offender
- Meeting with a senior member of staff with the parents and pupils involved
- A home, school and pupil contract
- For repeat offenders- internal fixed exclusion

- External fixed exclusion

I am confident that the large majority of you as always will support us in this approach. For those who condone this type of behaviour, there is no place for you here.

Achievement Awards for Computing

Aasiyah. B-1G, Adam. S-2R, Safa. S-2B, Mehran. N-4Y, Seeyam. K-5Y, Mudasser. Q-5G, Zayd. A-5R, Hiba. A-6Y, Isa. A-6B, Ahmed Ali. I-6R

Well done, children!

Improving Attendance across the school:

Well done to Year 6 Red for achieving 99.7% last week. The overall percentage for the whole school was **93.4%**. Our target for this year is **95.8%**. **Please let's all continue to work together every week and try harder to reach our target!**

The lowest attenders are currently **Reception Blue** with **82.3%**. This is a real cause for concern.

Parents, please make every effort for your children to attend regularly, especially those of you with children in

Remember- Good attendance=good self esteem=good progress

Year 6-SATs Information Session for Parents- Thursday 17th March 2022

Parents and carers, you are all invited to a SATS information session on **Thursday 17th March at 9 am** in the main hall. During the session the year 6 team will discuss resources to support your child in preparation for the tests and will give you a guide as to what the week will look like. They will also be on hand to answer any questions that you may have. Please enter the hall via the staff car park entrance. We look forward to seeing you there.

Privacy Notices: Our privacy notices for parents / carers and students have been updated and are available to view on the school website in the Safeguarding section.

Vacancy: We are currently looking to appoint a driver with a D1 driving licence for a few hours each week to drive our school mini bus from **8.15am-9.00am** daily. If you are eligible with the correct licence, please contact us via email to the school admin address.

Please note, all staff are subject to police checks and references.

World Book Day Winners: A big thanks to all the children who entered our school book in a box competition - we had so many wonderful entries! After some very difficult deliberation, we were able to choose the winners and runners up, who have all received their prizes:

EYFS Winner: Adam in Reception Red

KS1 Winner: Emilijus 1B

KS2 Winner: Sulaiman 5G

Runners up: Edward 1Y; Musawar 1B; Haaniya 2R; Ayaan 3Y; Sara 4G; Chloe 5Y; Zahra 5B; Zaynab 6Y

British Science Week-11th March 2022-20th March 2022

British Science week will be taking place from 11th March - 20th March. This year's theme will be focused on 'Growth and Sustainability'. The children will have the opportunity to take part in planting herbs and bulbs for the roof garden, undertake practical experiments and have the pleasure of an assembly with external visitors focusing on recycling. During this week please talk to your children about recycling and how they can reduce their carbon foot print to help global warming.

Online Grooming- A guide for parents:

With the scale of online grooming getting worse every year, it is important that parents are empowered with good information. The Internet Watch Foundation have put together a brilliant guide which is split into 3 sections. The first describes what online CSE is, the second answers questions and gives practical advice and the third informs parents what to do if they are suspicious.

The downloadable PDF can be found **HERE**:

Link: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/A-guide-for-parents-and-carers-v7.pdf>

If you want any specific information about a topic, please let someone from the school office know and we will try to cater for this.

20 Year celebration of Sports Relief-Friday 18th March 2022

This year at Cranbrook we are excited to announce that all of our children will be participating in a 'Fun Run' on Friday 18th March to mark this special landmark.

For the 'Fun Run' children will be completing laps of the school field or playground, giving them a chance to raise money for Sport Relief using the attached sponsorship form. An optional £1 donation to the school PE fund would also be greatly appreciated.

On Friday 18th March please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit and a water bottle so they are ready to run. If you want your child to dress up as part of their fundraiser, then please bring their costume in a bag on the day.

Red noses are readily available in Sainsbury's supermarkets for £1.50 (with half of the value being donated to Comic Relief), with children welcome to wear one for the run.

For further information please visit the Sport relief website:

<https://www.comicrelief.com/sportrelief>

You can also donate to Sport Relief online:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

For more information please see the Parentmail which was sent to all parents last week.

Missing Coat: A child in 2Red has lost her coat. It was left in the playground last week.

Description -Black coat with fur on the inside of the hood. The child's name (Aleeza) is written on the label.

If found, please return to the school office or 2Red.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key Dates for 2022

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022-Friday 1st April 2022

Friday 11th March-20th March 2022-British Science week

Friday 18th March 2022-Sports Relief celebration

Wednesday 28th March -3rd April 2022-Autism Awareness Week

Easter break- Monday 4th April 2022- Monday 18th April 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022- Friday 22nd July 2022

Friday 29th April-Class Photos

Half term break- Monday 30th May 2022 to Friday 3rd June 2022

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Monday 11th July 2022-Additional Bank Holiday

Schools Art Exhibition: All our talented and creative pupils in years 4,5 and 6 will soon enter their outstanding work in a virtual art gallery courtesy of 'Imagesart' School Art Exhibition. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to see themselves as real artists. The virtual exhibition will go live on Tuesday 19th April for 3 weeks for you to take orders of framed work. We will send you the link as soon as the work goes Live. Please watch this space.

Clubs:

The last week for all clubs for this term will be the week beginning **21st March 2022** .

Class Photographs-Friday 29th April 2022:

Please note, all classes will have their photographs taken on **Friday 29th April 2022**. I would ask that all parents/carers ensure that your child is in full school uniform.

Photo Consent Forms

Please complete the photo consent form for your child, which was sent to you via Parentmail on Monday 14th March 2022.

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