



# Cranbrook Primary School Newsletter

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## Thought of the week

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't." (Rikki Rogers)

### Message from the Headteacher:

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back! A very **Happy New Year** to you all. I hope you have all enjoyed the break.

The children as always returned with great enthusiasm.

As we resume school, we embrace the new term with enthusiasm and commitment to our students' growth and

Appreciate your ongoing support, is invaluable.

Wishing everyone a successful and positive start to the New Year 2024!

### Message from the Mayor Of London

**As the new term begins, the Mayor of London wanted to share some fantastic news about his Universal Free School Meals programme it's extending until the middle of 2025!**

**For more information, please see the letter attached.**

### Reception School Applications for September 2024:

If you have not already done so please complete your primary school application form online by logging on to: [www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions)

An online tutorial explaining how to complete your application form can be accessed by visiting: [www.eadmissions.gov.uk](http://www.eadmissions.gov.uk)

Please note that proof of residency must be submitted with your application.

Proof of residency includes your Council tax reference number along with one other document from the following list: A drivers licence, TV licence, rent book, tenancy agreement or utility bill dated within the last 3 months (e.g. electricity, gas, water, broadband contract, or landline phone).

An additional SIF form must be completed if applying for a faith school or own admission authority school.

If your child has an EHC plan you will need to speak to the school Sendco or contact the Redbridge SEN team via email at: [senteam@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:senteam@redbridge.gov.uk)

Further information can be found on the school website.

## Key Dates

### Term Dates for 2024

#### Spring Term 2024:

Thursday 4th January Thursday 28th March 2024

#### Parent Info sessions for all Year Groups:

10<sup>th</sup> January-Year 5

11<sup>th</sup> January- Year 4

12<sup>th</sup> January- Year 3

17<sup>th</sup> January-Year 2

18<sup>th</sup> January-Reception

19<sup>th</sup> January-Nursery

23rd January- ARP

24<sup>th</sup> January-Year 1

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024- 3R/3Y- Visit to Hindu Temple

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024- 3G/3B- Visit to Hindu Temple

#### Half term break:

Monday 19th February-

Friday 23rd February 2024

#### Summer Term 2024:

Monday 15th April- to

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

#### Half term break:

Monday 27th May to Friday

31st May 2024

#### Inset Days 2023-2024:

26th February 2024 (Parent Consultations)

3rd June 2024

**School will be closed on Inset days**

### **School Website:**

I would encourage all Parents/Carers to visit the school website regularly to read and note new updates and information.

It is full of key information.

Please note advice re Whatsapp groups will be sent by School Ping.

### **Uniform/Jewellery**

As always I would ask for your support in ensuring that children follow the school's uniform policy each day and that they wear no jewellery to school. All children should wear sensible shoes. **Uni-form can be purchased from Rupens (98/100 Meads Lane, Seven Kings, Essex IG3 8QN. This also applies to all Nursery pupils.**

Dear parents/carers,

Please see attached, we are holding a Healthy lifestyle session for all children in Reception and year 6. This is a follow-up from your child's recent Height and Weight clinic that was held back in October 2023. The clinic is so beneficial in helping you provide some great tips to help support your child. Please come to the main hall at 9.00am. The session will last for about 30 to 40 minutes. We look forward to seeing you. Kind Regards

### **Every Day Matters**

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results. Research found that pupils who performed better as well. At Cranbrook, we will be celebrating when classes have had 15 days of 100% attendance with a non- uniform day. Why 15 days? One for every letter of the phrase, 'Every Day Matters'. You will receive a School Ping message to inform you if your child's class has a non-uniform day. Here's to good health in 2024!

**Keeping Children Safe-Online-NSPCC:** Did you know that 1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children? We won't stop until every child is safe online. It is all of our responsibility.

Online Safety should be the talking point with all of our children before allowing them to use electronic devices.

Below is a very helpful link to guide and support you to talk about Online Safety. Please go through the website and consider what you want to discuss ensuring that it is age appropriate.

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>**

### **Spring Term Clubs:**

Please refer to the School website to view the clubs running in the **Spring term 2024**. The Club timetable is available to view on the school website. All clubs will need to be booked directly through the club provider, except cookery club. The cookery club is now fully booked.

As per the instructions, all club 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 per the instructions on the website leaflets.

### **Lost Property**

We will always do our best to reunite pupils with their lost possessions. However, it would help if you could put your child's name and class on each item of clothing, book bags etc.

If your child has lost an item of clothing in school, please take a look at the **Lost Property Tubs**, which are located in the school playground by the green sheds.



### **Parent Info sessions for all Year Groups:**

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24<sup>th</sup> January-Year 1



# Attendance Winners

Well done to Year 6 Red for achieving 98.3% attendance this week!

Remember: Good attendance= good progress

## Email address to report an Absence:

Please report any absence for your child on the email address below:

absence@cranbrookprimary.redbridge.sch.uk

**Gold Awards:** Almir. A, Isabella. T, Ibrahim. M, Tayiba. H, M. Fahar, Emilijus. S, Ayden. G, Rinu. P, Eliza. A, Umayya. A-3B, Yusuf. H-5B, Haider.A, Rayyan. B, Mustaqim. U, Yasin. R-6Y, Arif. K-6G, Ayaan. A, Poomika. K, Azaan. A, Nabeelah. H-6B

## Star of the ARP:

Maryam. A



## Achievement Awards for Reading:

Name	Class
Ariana. A	1R
Ethan. A	1Y
Erica. G	1G
Aasiya. V	1B
Rizwan. G	2R
Zoha. H	2Y
Damir. B	2G
Shivay. K	2B
Huriya. M	3R
Sara. A	3Y
Hasan. S	3G
Kelly. M	3B
Nura. M	4R
Tanushree. S	4Y
Tazmeen. U	4G
Hamid Raza	4B
Essa. P	5R
Ayaan. Z	5Y
Danyal. A	5G
Iona.R	5B
Abdullah. R	6R
Olivia. C	6Y
Imani. Z	6G
Ayoub. M	6B

Well done everyone!

## **Family Maths Challenge**

Answer to the previous challenge: Hot cocoa costs £1.40 and a cookie costs 40p

**Can you take 1 from 19 and leave 20?**

**Snow Plan:** If it snows, please ensure that you leave home in good time to get to school safely, as we will remain open, unless we have extreme circumstances. We will only use the small path-ways to access the building. **PLEASE BE AWARE** the school carpark becomes very dangerous in the snow, so please avoid using it if at all possible. If a school closure is necessary, we will communicate this via School Ping!

## **Food safety advice for children age 5 and under**

-How to reduce the risk of choking

-Food preparation including packed lunches for school

- remove any stones and pips from fruit before serving
- cut small round foods, like grapes, strawberries and cherry tomatoes, lengthways and into quarters
- cut large fruits like melon, and hard fruit or vegetables like raw apple and carrot into slices instead of small chunks
- do not offer raisins as a snack to children under 12 months – although these can be chopped up as part of a meal
- soften hard fruit and vegetables (such as carrot and apple) and remove the skins when first given to babies from around 6 months
- sausages should be avoided due to their high salt content, but if offered to children these should be cut into thin strips rather than chunks and remove the skins
- remove bones from meat or fish
- do not give whole nuts to children under five years old
- do not give whole seeds to children under five years old
- cut cheese into strips rather than chunks
- do not give popcorn as a snack
- do not give children marshmallows or jelly cubes from a packet either to eat or as part of messy play activities as they can get stuck in the throat
- do not give children hard sweets

<https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/safeguarding-and-welfare/food-safety#food-safety-advice-for-children-age-5-and-under>



## **Celebrating Cultural Connections-Celebrating diversity across our school: Neal Zetter – Local Poet – Visiting Cranbrook January 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

When not masquerading as a superhero, Neal Zetter is a London-based comedy performance poet, author, entertainer and educator with a huge following in schools. He has been using his interactive, fun and accessible poetry to develop literacy, confidence and communication skills in 3-103 year olds for nearly 30 years.

His hilarious poetry books cover all ages of children and have won him awards and recognition from e.g. Wishing Shelf Awards, Book Trust, The Reading Agency etc.

As well as running fun poetry writing and/or performance workshops in schools he has also starred in adult comedy clubs, pubs, clubs, theatres, libraries, music venues and the Royal Festival Hall.

You can follow him on Twitter: @nealzetterpoet and via his YouTube Channel.

We are lucky to be having Neal in to visit us on January 29<sup>th</sup> – please see the attached letter for more information!

Please see the attached leaflet and the order form for more information.