

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week:

'If we could look into each other's heart and understand the unique challenges each one of us face. I think we would treat each other much more gently, with more love, patience, tolerance and care'.

(Marvin. J. Ashton)

Headteacher's Award: Sidoni. K-5B

Achievement Awards for Maths: Timis. G-1Y, Ebrat. R-1G, Chethan. M-2G, Fayzan. B-2R, Shai. A-2Y, Ivan. B-2B, Rezwana. W-3B, Ibrahim. J-3G, Ana-Maria. B-4Y, Yusra. A-4R, Cailen. C-5Y, Chloe. P-5R, Waris, Anniyah. R-5B, W-6B, Osman. M-6R, Ibrahim. R-6G, Manha. M-ARP

Well done!

COVID Update:

Thus far we have had 17 confirmed cases of COVID in the school. In the main, this has impacted on children from across the school, with no one class causing any significant concern.

If your child demonstrates any COVID symptoms of high fever, a persistent cough etc, please ensure you monitor and do a test, so that the virus does not spread to others. Anyone who tests positive must self-isolate for 10 days.

We do have Lateral Flow Tests and some PCR Tests available for anyone who may need to use them. They have been placed in a red box in the School Office waiting area. Please help yourself.

PLEASE also avoid coming onto the school site in the mornings if your child is in years 1-6, so that numbers on site remain low.

Numbers of positive cases are rising significantly in Redbridge, Therefore, I would ask that you do not linger in groups after school and leave the site promptly in order to reduce lengthy contact with others.

Flu Immunisation:

Thus far, very few Cranbrook parents have given consent for their child to receive the immunisation on 6th and 7th October 2021 in school. There is still time for you to consider protecting your child. Please see the leaflet that was sent out last week.

Secondary School Applications:

Applications for Secondary School places for **September 2022** close at the end of **October 2021**. As usual, we will be offering sessions in school on the mornings of 4th and 11th October for parents who require support in completing the applications. Please contact the school office to put your name on the list if you wish to attend.

Celebrating achievements and success:

In line with this year's theme of **'Proud to be me'**, we would like any parents or members of the community that have an interesting job, hobby or an achievement that they are proud of, to come and share this with the children in the school. This is to inspire and motivate the children to see that with hard work anything is possible and to celebrate our wonderful diverse community. We are very keen for our children to see successful role models from all ethnic groups across our community.

If you could help us, please approach your child's class teacher who will help you to organise and deliver your talk.

Year 1 Parent Information Session:

Parents and carers are invited to information session for **Year 1 on Thursday 30th September**. The session will begin at 9 am and finish at 9:30am in the main hall. Please join us if you can. These sessions are very beneficial in helping you to support your child's learning. For attendance at these sessions, please wear face coverings.

Parent Coffee Morning/Workshop: We have organised a parent workshop on **Friday 15th October at 9.15am-11am** in the main hall. The topic is **'Behaviour Management and Strategies'**. If you would like to attend, please email us or phone the school office, so that we can add your name to the list of attendees. Please bring a face covering.

Parking: I am disappointed to have received a call from a local resident on The Drive, who reported that parents/carers were parking across their driveway, blocking their car in to drop their children off, resulting in them being unable to leave for work on time. This resident also reported they were shouted at and verbally abused when they confronted the parent/carer. Please be more considerate to others and where you park your vehicle.

Book Club:

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is live now!** Go to our book club page link <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/cranbrook/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books. Select **School Group Order** at checkout, to have your books delivered to school and enter code **SEPTBOOKCLUB** to get an extra 10% off for you (**valid until 7th October**) and free books for our school.

Please place your order online by **29th October 2021**.

Internet Safety

Internet safety has never been more important-and parents need the tools and knowledge to help their children stay safer online.

'Resilient Families' is a programme from Parent Zone, the experts in digital family life. It explores digital risks and explains how to respond.

You are invited to a live and interactive online event for parents- featuring expert advice, videos and chat. The event explains **digital resilience**-a simple four-step approach to help your child stay safer and give them the know-how they need to make the most of their online world. We hope to see you there!

It's easy to join your Resilient Families parent event:

- Your parent event is on **Thursday 30th September at 10am**
- Join the session by clicking this link: meet.google.com/ihr-cuje-opy
- The session lasts approximately **45 minutes**
- During the session there will be opportunities to ask questions, join discussions with other parents and share ideas.

If you have any questions about the event, contact shamsun.neesa@redbridge.gov.uk

Please do let the school know (through the class email) if you have attended and how useful the course has been. This will help us as we plan for future training sessions.

Fabula Festival Redbridge- Friday 1st October to Saturday 9th October 2021

Redbridge's annual Fabula Festival is a unique celebration of the arts and libraries and their power to transform lives. Please join during Libraries Week for a lively programme of performances, children's events, author talks, workshops and the very best in literature, music, drama, dance, film, art and technology. There's something for all ages, tastes and abilities!

Fabula Festival will take place on **Friday 1st October to Saturday 9th October 2021.**

For more information, please check the link below:

Details: <https://visionrcl.org.uk/events/fabula-festival-events/>

New and used uniform available for you to take

Thanks to many generous parents who have donated uniform to the school. We now have more than we need. So we would like to offer some back to any families that may require it. Some of the uniform is new and the rest is in very good condition. The uniform will be placed in the grey boxes in the playground opposite the reception classes. Please feel free to help yourself!

SATs /CGP Books on Sale

We are selling CGP SATs book bundles to cover all areas of Maths and English. These are available for year 5 and 6 pupils. Original cost of the books is £55 if brought individually but we are selling them as a bundle at only £25. These can be purchased from the main school office.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Key Dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September 2021- Friday 17th December 2021

Friday 24th September 2021-Year 1 Drama workshop-9am-12pm

Thursday 30th September 2021-Year 1 Parent Information Session

Wednesday 6th and 7th October-Immunisations-Reception to Year 6

Half term break-Monday 25th October 2021- Friday 29th October 2021

Christmas Break- Monday 20th December- Monday 3rd January 2022

Spring term 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022-Friday 1st April 2022

Half term break-Monday 14th February 2022- Friday 18th February 2022

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

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022- Friday 22nd July 2022

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

Inset Days

1st, 2nd and 3rd September 2021

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Monday 11th July 2021-Additional Bank Holiday

Xmas4schools: At Cranbrook we are launching an exciting fundraiser. Pupil's will be able to design a piece of work reflecting their own religious beliefs or cultural values.

The project will create professionally printed blank cards, mugs, and calendars from each child's artwork which can be sent to friends and family.

They will be available from the xmas4schools online portal when it is ready.

Please check your parent mail for additional information regarding the project. We hope you will support the school with the project as always.

Headteacher: Jas Leverton