

# Our Children Today, Our Future Tomorrow



Newsletter 11

17th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

## **Thought of the week:**

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness and kindness in giving creates love."  
**(Lao Tzu)**

## **Achievement Awards for Computing**

Aisha. Z-11Y, Ahmad. I-1G, Ryan. C-2B, Asghar. A-2Y, Amy. B-3G, Eri. B-4R, Georgie-Ann-4Y, Ibrahim. I-4G, Zayn. Q-5Y, Shayan. B-5B, Daria. O-3B, Nicholas. L-5R, Denys. B-6B, Jeremy. F-6G, Angad. B-6R, Rayan. M-6Y

**Well done!**

## **National Anti-Bullying Week – 15<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Cranbrook Primary will celebrate **Anti- Bullying Week** in a positive way, with this year's theme being '**One Kind Word**'. There is a parent pack that you can access from the school website (under the Safeguarding tab). You will find information on bullying, ideas for conversations and activities to complete with the children. At school children will attend an assembly and have lessons in class. We welcome your support in addressing a very important aspect around our children's safety and well-being.

What is bullying?

The Anti-bullying Alliance **defines bullying** as the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

## **Safeguarding and Child Protection:**

What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is the action that is taken to promote the welfare of children and to protect them from harm.

- Protecting children from abuse and maltreatment
- Preventing harm to children's health or development
- Ensuring children grow up with the provision of safe and effective care
- Taking action to enable all children and young people to achieve the best outcomes.

Child protection is one part of the safeguarding process. It focuses on protecting individual children identified as suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. This includes child protection procedures which detail how to respond to concerns about a child. Safeguarding children and child protection applies to all children under the age of 18.

At Cranbrook, our first and foremost priority is to ensure your child is safe and healthy; there are safeguarding

notices around our school to remind staff and visitors of our policies and practices with the key message that: '**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**'.

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Safety Team. The following members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads for Cranbrook Primary School:

**Kimberly (DSL) · Jas · Cassim · Darshan · Catriona · Catherine · Beverley**

For a copy of our school's Child Protection Policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021, please visit the 'Safeguarding' page on our school website.

## **Please note, Reception School Applications for September 2022:**

All **Nursery parents** are required to submit their child's application for Primary School by **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Parents are required to submit three supporting documents as proof of residency along with the application. To complete the application please log on to **[www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions](http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/eAdmissions)**

**If you miss this deadline, your child may not get a school place.**

## **School Improvement Priorities 2021-2022**

Please see attached. As always we would value your support in promoting these areas through discussions with your child and by ensuring good attendance.

**CFA Movie Night:** The CFA Movie Night will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 2.45pm – 4.30pm**. Movie Night is a fun after school event for pupils from Reception – Year 6. Pupils will watch an age-appropriate movie in their year groups, have pizza, chips and a drink for a cost of £5 per pupil. An alternative meal will be provided for pupils with allergies and a concession may apply for families with more than 3 children. (Concessions will be made at the discretion of the head teacher). A Movie Night letter will be sent out via parentmail next week and payment should be made electronically via your parentmail account. The deadline for payments is **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**. Please note that all payments are non-refundable. For further information please contact the school office or Beverley Boothe on 0208 518 2562.

**Wellbeing Workshop:** Thank you to parents and carers who attended our second well-being workshop. The focus was on the need to look after your own well-being and that of your children and family. We were very pleased with the level of interaction and the sharing of local resources. Remember to use the breathing technique, chair yoga and meditation examples demonstrated. We will be making the slides and resources available on the school website, under the section of well-being. Wishing you all good physical and mental health!

## COVID Update

Numbers of positive cases continue to rise both locally and nationally. In school thus far, we have not seen significant number of COVID related absences. However, many of our children and staff are affected by the usual coughs and colds. Some have suffered severely with flu.

Please continue to help us in ensuring safety protocols are followed.

## CFA Meeting & Afternoon Tea

You are invited to join us for our first CFA meeting of 2021. This will take place on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 1.30pm – 2.30pm in the small hall. The CFA is a charity, set up by Cranbrook School, to organize fundraising events within our school community. The proceeds go towards the purchase of additional resources to benefit all of our pupils. The CFA offers a fun way to socialize, meet new people and volunteer for forthcoming events. Please come along and join us. Afternoon tea, cake and refreshments will be provided and under-fives are welcome! If you can't make it on the day but would still like to be a CFA volunteer, please contact Beverley Boothe on 0208 518 2562 to discuss this further.

## Glow Day – Non -uniform Friday 19th November 2021

As the weather is now changing and the days are getting darker, we will be having a non- uniform "Glow Day", which will take place on **Friday 19th November 2021**. Please encourage your children to wear bright clothes. There is no cost for this event. We simply want to promote safety in the dark.

## Sensible Shoes/Coats/Hats/Gloves

Now that the weather has turned very cold, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school and is dressed appropriately in full uniform. Please also ensure that sensible shoes are worn to school.

## Reading:

For the next few weeks the school will be focusing on promoting reading for pleasure. Therefore picture books and books from the class reading corners will be sent home in replacement of your child's stage book. Please continue to engage with your child's reading of this book and bring all books back into school so that they can be changed.

## Donations for Reading Books

As a school, we are constantly looking to expand the selection of reading books available to all pupils. We welcome donations to help us achieve this aim - if you would like to contribute money to help support the education of our children and develop our reading offer, please speak to the staff at the front office.

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Key Dates for 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

**Wednesday 1st September 2021– Friday 17th December 2021**

Monday 15th November-Friday 19th November 2021-Anti-Bullying week

Tuesday 14th December 2021-CFA Movie Night 2.45pm-4.30pm

Friday 19th November 2021-Glow Day– Non-uniform day

Thursday 9th December 2021-Year 3 Fantastic Finish Day

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**

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