

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Thought of the week:** "Never underestimate the power of kindness. Even just smiling at someone, may brighten up their day. Be kind. Life is wonderful."  
(Brooke Griffin)

**Headteacher's Award:** Daniel. S-6R

**Gold Awards:** Aiza. M-2B

**Stars of the week for ARP:** Ethan.A & Ella.H

**Achievement Awards for PSHE:** Rohaan.D-1G, Alysia. T-1Y, Taiba. B-2B, Aaliyah. R-2R, Aliza. K-2Y, Arisha. R-4G, Chizaram. A-4R, Is'Haaq. C-5R, Daiwik, B-5G, Juwariya. T-5Y, Iman. I-6G, Laibah. M-6Y

**Music Awards:** Isabella. T-1B, Ismaeel. P-1R, Mattias. I-2G, Chamaralan. K-2R, Alinne. B-2Y, Farnaz. K-2B, Haya. S-3Y, Maksim. M-3G, Arhaa. S-3B, Amani. A-3R, Halimah. I-4G, Poomika. K-4B, Eri. B-4R, Amira. L-4Y, Arjen. B-5R, Arif. B-5B, Yahya. A-5G, Rebecca.A-5Y, Luke. L-6R, Ashley. C-6Y, Lazim. K-6B, Arjan. S-6G

**Well done everybody!**

**COVID Update:** Numbers of positive COVID cases in school, affecting staff and pupils continue to rise daily. Currently, we are facing a huge challenge as staff absences have seen a significant rise. This is naturally leading to some disruption to established routines. Please be aware that we are doing everything we possibly can to continue normal practice.

To reduce the spread of COVID in school, particularly with the new strain from South Africa and in response to new guidance, we have re-introduced the use of face coverings or visors for all adults. Please keep your child at home if they are symptomatic, and arrange a PCR. Please also avoid lingering in the playground in groups at the end of the school day.

**Curriculum Focus:** Please see attached document regarding our work with the children to develop their communication skill. Good communication is a key life skills and we are committed to developing this for our pupils.

**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.

**Cranbrook Primary Rewards System: Merits:** Good learning, personal and social behaviour is essential in developing the whole child and creating a positive learning and social environment. We believe that our children will develop an intrinsic need to want to make good choices as opposed to relying only on extrinsic motivators. However, we recognise the need for extrinsic motivators and use our merits system so that our pupils can gain recognition for their achievements. At Cranbrook Primary we use merits as our whole school reward system.

- **Praise**  
When children follow the school expectations and behave well, they can receive positive and specific feedback from any member of staff in school.
- **Green Merit Certificates**  
From Reception to Year 6, children will be invited to nominate each other for a green merit certificate. Each day, five children will be nominated from each class (pupils and staff): Only Reception-Year 3 will receive paper copies. In Years 4-6, a class chart will be used to record merits.
- **Blue Merit Certificates**  
When each child collects 5 green merit certificates, they then get a blue merit certificate. Only Reception-Year 3 will receive paper copies. In Years 4-6, a class chart will be used to record merits. When each child collects 25 green merit certificates / 5 blue merit certificates, they will receive a gold certificate from the Head Teacher.
- **Gold Certificates**  
The gold certificate will be presented in a Celebration Assembly. Each child achieving this will be able to choose a prize from the Head Teacher's treasure chest. The names of the children receiving Gold Awards will be announced in the weekly newsletter. Children can take their Merit certificates home. Please encourage children to look after them with care as we cannot replace lost merit certificates.
- **Stickers for Significant Achievement**  
Staff can reward children by giving stickers for achievements, learning, behaviour, good effort or attitude at lunchtime, as appropriate. Children will be sent to the Head teacher by their teacher when children have made a significant personal achievement at school. This could be around their learning (for example, learning to count up to 50), or it could be around their social achievement (for example, learning always to use good manners). The child will be able to wear their sticker immediately, and their name will be announced in the weekly newsletter.

**Appointments during school:** Appointments for dentists etc. should be made out of school hours, unless there are special circumstances that apply. Please ensure that your child does not miss school unnecessarily.

**Remember –Good Attendance= Good Self-esteem=Good Progress**

**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 pathways 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 Parentmail.

## 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 this afternoon 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.

## No cash Payments for Trips/Events:

Parents/Carers, please make all payments for the trips/events through **Parentsmail** as we are no longer accepting cash payments. The children should not bring any cash with them.

**Clubs:** The last day for all clubs running this term, will be Friday 10th December 2021.

**DSP Photos:** Parents/carers please note, the children will be given their photos once received from the provider.

## 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.**

## Xmas Donations for the Ilford Night Shelter

We are collecting donations for the night shelter for **Christmas** and would be grateful for:

**Tinned Goods, Tea, Coffee, Dried Foods e.g. Pasta, Toiletries, Chocolates e.g. Selection boxes, Cereals, Jars of sauces and any non perishable items.**

## Changes in Dinner menu for Wednesday 8th December

There has been a slight change in the dinner menu for **Wednesday 8th December 2019**, which is as follows:

Wednesday 8th December-Fish fingers & chips

The menu for Thursday 9th December will be Pizza (as usual) and Friday 10th December – Christmas Lunch.

## Christmas Lunch - Friday 10th December 2021

Please remember, we will be having our **festive lunch** on **Friday 10th December**. All children are invited to wear **Christmas/seasonal jumpers** on that day. Children will select their meal as normal on the morning. If your child receives free school meals please do not send payment in for the Christmas lunch.

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Key Dates for 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

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

Thursday 9th December 2021-Year 3 Fantastic Finish Day

Friday 10th December 2021– Year 4 Fantastic Finish

Friday 10th December 2021– Christmas Lunch/seasonal jumpers day

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

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**

## Online Safety

Online Safety is imperative and must be respected and promoted at all times. If you have missed the previous Online Safety training session then don't worry. We have organised another Online Safety Training session working with Parentzone. Please read through the flyer attached for more information.

## Year 3-Enterprise Day:

The Year 3 Enterprise Day will be on Wednesday 1st December 2021 in the playground from 3pm-3.30pm.

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