

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely break. The children have returned with great enthusiasm, ready for another fun and hard working term.

This month we are focusing on the value **'Excellence'**. Please ensure you discuss the definition of this word with your child, and help us to support the learning that is taking place in the school by giving and sharing examples of famous people who are or have demonstrated excellence in different areas of life.

Well done to you all!

<u>Parents information sessions:</u> These will be held at 9.00am - 9.30am in the main hall as follows.

•	Year 6 Information session -	Wednesday 18th April
•	Year 5 Information session -	Thursday 19th April
•	Year 4 Information session -	Friday 20th April
•	Year 1 information session and phonics training -	Tuesday 24th April — 9.00am –10.00am
•	Year 3 Information session -	Wednesday 25th April
•	Year 2 Information session -	Wednesday 2nd May (Please note: the date has been changed)
•	Reception Classes -	Monday 23rd April
•	Nursery AM/PM -	Friday 27th April

Please do try and attend, as it is important that you are aware what your child will be learning in class this term.

Nursery parent information sessions will take place on Friday 27th April at 9.15am and 2:15pm in the small hall.

Strategies to Improve Attendance

At Cranbrook Primary school we believe that good attendance and punctuality is crucial and leads children to achieving good progress and self esteem. As you know our target for this year is 97%. To further help us achieve this we would like to introduce the following rewards.

- **1.** The class who receives the highest attendance at the end of each month will be able to have a non uniform day, the following Friday.
- **2.** Children will be rewarded with a short Movie afternoon if they achieve a 100% attendance within each half term. The films will in the main relate each to their work at school.



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Attendance figures for last week of term:

27th March-29th March 2018 (4 days).

R. Y	94.2%	R.R	87.5%
R.G	92.9%	R.B	92.1%
Yr 1B	93.8%	Yr 4B	95.4%
Yr 1G	91.7%	Yr 4G	98.3%
Yr 1R	96.6%	Yr 4R	98.3%
Yr 1Y	95.0%	Yr 4Y	96.0%
Yr 2B	95.0%	Yr 5B	92.3%
Yr 2G	96.7%	Yr 5G	92.2%
Yr 2R	95.0%	Yr 5R	94.2%
Yr 2Y	88.8%	Yr 5Y	93.3%
Yr 3B	95.8%	Yr 6B	90.0%
Yr 3G	99.3%	Yr 6G	95.3%
Yr 3R	84.2%	Yr 6R	91.3%
Yr 3Y	96.7%	Yr 6Y	92.5%
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Yr 6 Rainbow 96.3%

Attendance

Well done to 4 Red and 4 Green for achieving 98.3%. The overall percentage for the whole school was 93.7%. due to the fact that many families took unauthorised leave during term time, which is very disappointing.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION, 'New' Reception Children, 2018 Allocations

<u>Please note:</u> Parents must accept offers by logging onto to their eAdmissions account before <u>23.59pm</u>, on <u>30 April 2018</u>.

Late Arrivals In The Morning

Please ensure your child gets into school on time by 8.50am. The doors leading to the classroom through the main playground close at 9.00am, as registers close at 9.05am. Any children who arrive later than **9am** prompt will need to make their way to the school office and be signed in to receive their attendance mark. It is vital that your child arrives on time, so that the school is able to carry out our safe guarding procedures promptly in the mornings.

The school office must be made aware of all absences by 9.10 am. This is also vital so that the school is able to carry out safe guarding checks.

Walk to School to Day

We would like children to participate in 'Walk to School Day' on Friday 20th April, to encourage them to keep fit and healthy. If your child is unable to walk the whole journey, please encourage him/her to walk some of the way. There will be raffles tickets distributed and there will be prizes to be won.

The 'Big Pedal'

Next week (23rd - 27th April) the school will be holding the 'Big Pedal' week, where your child can bring their bike or scooter to school. Once again raffles will be distributed and prizes will be given out the following week. If your child brings in their bike/scooter, please park it by the Basketball court in the main playground, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Clubs

Clubs are available to view on the school website and are also available to book, through the club providers. Please refer to the information on the clubs letter for key dates etc. Leaflets that have been provided by club providers will also be sent home. Please DO NOT send in payment into school, unless indicated on the clubs information letter.

Uniform

Please support us by ensuring your child wears school uniform each day. Please note headscarves should be black or white. No jewellery should be worn, unless it is for religious observance. Let's all work together to make Cranbrook a smarter school.

Increase in Burglaries in the Local Area

Please be very vigilant as a number of local residents, including our families have been burgled. Many of them have taken place during daylight hours and when residents have been in their homes. Some have also included violence.

Alzheimer's Cup Cake Day

We will be holding a cup cake sale to raise money for Alzheimer's Disease, after school on Tuesday 8th May, in the main playground. Dementia devastates lives, In the UK, someone develops dementia every three minutes, and there is currently no cure. Alzheimer's Society are there to support anyone affected by dementia. By hosting a Cupcake Day you get to enjoy tasty treats with friends and family knowing you are helping us work tirelessly to find new treatments and ultimately, a cure for dementia. Please support a good cause by visiting and buying lots of cakes!

Use of the School Field by Years 5 & 6 at Lunchtimes

Parents, please note, children in Years 5 and 6 who bring a packed lunch will be allowed to go over to the field for the duration of lunchtime with supervision. Any child on free school meals will be provided with a meal.



Key Dates for this Term

3rd May - Class Photographs

7th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

28th May 2018 -Friday 2nd June - Half Term

4th June 2018 - Inset for staff - School closed

5th June - School resumes for pupils

Friday 20th July 2018 - Last day of Term - 1.45pm finish

Monday 23rd July 2018 - Friday 31st

August - Summer Break 2018

Sep. 3rd/4th - Inset For Staff-school closed

5th Sep 2018 - School Starts for pupils

22nd Oct. - 26th Oct. - Autumn Term Break

29th Oct. - School resumes for pupils

30th Oct. - Individual Photos

2nd Nov. - Sibling Photos

24th Dec. - 4th Jan. 2018 - Christmas Break

7th Jan. 2019 - School Open to Pupils

<u>Colour Assemblies:</u> No colour assemblies will take place tomorrow, as parent workshops are taking place.

Tudor May Day - Sunday 6 May 2018, 11am to 4pm

To coincide with Year 3's project, that they are currently studying, parents maybe interested in visiting Eastbury Manor House, as they will be celebrating May Day. Maypole dancing and other May Day activities will be ongoing during the event. Join our dancers and learn how to dance around a Maypole, accompanied by live music. You can also enjoy themed arts and craft activities and go on a guided tour of Eastbury Manor House. Hot and cold lunches, cakes, scones and more will be served. Admission to Eastbury Manor House and Maypole dancing is free and organised on a first-come-first-served basis. Craft activities cost £3 per child (all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

For more information please email <u>eastbury-manorhouse@lbbd.gov.uk</u>, call 020 8227 2942 or visit us on our open days at Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking IG11 9SN.

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