

Dear Parent/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all, especially our new children in **Nursery** and **Reception!** I do hope that you all had a wonderful summer break, and wish all our new children a happy and successful time here.

As always, the children have returned with great enthusiasm and excitement. From what I saw, so have most parents!

Thought of the week: "By staying on top of your reactions you will be able to develop patience and tolerance; two distinct traits required for achieving long-term success".
(Annabelle Higgins)

Headteacher's Award: Sophia & Maya-1G, Afiyah-3G & Ayaan-3R **Well done everyone!**

Staffing Update: Following the departure of our very experienced deputy headteacher, the governing body has carefully considered the senior management structure. From 1st September, the headship of the school will be shared by myself and Cassim (previously deputy headteacher) as co-headteachers. More updates will be provided over the next few weeks.

Parent Governor Vacancy: We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. All parents who do not work at the school are eligible to apply. This role is voluntary and strategic and a firm commitment is required to attend 2 evening meetings (termly), 2 committee meetings during the day, as well as one monitoring visit per term. A nomination form is available from our website: www.cranbrookprimaryschool.com under the section 'governors'. Each nomination must be proposed and seconded by parents/guardians of a child currently on roll at this school. A husband/wife/partner cannot propose or second their own husband/wife or partner. The parent nominated should also supply a brief statement of not more than 100 words in support of his/her candidature. If there are more than two nominations, then a ballot will take place. Please return nominations to the school office marked 'clerk to the governors' by 4pm on Wednesday 21st September 2022 (any nominations received after this date will be invalid). Please note that the successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance.

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 or trainers. No sandals please, as these are unsuitable for the playground. Headscarves should be white.

Uniform can be purchased from Rupens: 98/100 Meads Lane, Seven Kings, Essex IG3 8QN.

For PE we would like all children to wear a T-shirt of the colour of their class: Red, Blue, Yellow or Green.

On the day they have PE, please send your child in their PE clothes. A Parentmail was sent out yesterday as a reminder to all parents, indicating the PE days for your child's year group.

On-line-Safety

In order to develop children's awareness of keeping themselves safe online, we are promoting the following strategies. Please support us by reinforcing these with your child.



ZIP IT – Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.

BLOCK IT – Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.

FLAG IT – Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Mobile Free Zone: Please ensure you do not use your mobile phone on the school site.

Year Group Parent Workshops

Year Group Parent workshops will take place at **9.15am in the main hall and then in classes till 9.45am** on the relevant dates as outlined below:

Year1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year6	Rec
13th Sept	14th Sept	15th Sept	16th Sept	20th Sept	21st Sept	22nd Sept

Please make a note of the dates above. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to find out what your children will be doing and see them at work in class.

Attendance: Please remember-Good attendance= good progress

Punctuality: Please be punctual in the mornings and at the end of the day.

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.

Redbridge 11+ Plus Test Forms: If your child is sitting the exam, please ensure that your form is submitted to the school by no later than **10am on Wednesday 14th September** for signing, as I will not be available to sign forms after this date.

Please remember that from Monday, all children will make their way into class by themselves. We will still have some support staff on doors and senior staff on gates to assist them.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Breakfast / After School Club

We request that payments are made a week in advance, in order to secure your child's place. If you would like a place, please come and collect a form from the office.

Clubs

Please refer to the School website to view the clubs running this term from Monday 12th September. All clubs will need to be booked directly through the club provider. Please do not send any money into the school, except when indicated on the club letter, as per the instructions all 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 soon as possible, as per the instructions on the website leaflets.

Universal Free School Meals

Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. However, families on low income (less than £15,000) still need to apply for free school meals, so that the school continues to receive the funding to pay for these and for other little extras.

School Dinner Payment for Years 3 to 6: The cost of a school meal for your child is £2 per day or £10 per week. We request that parents pay for their child's school dinners online. The menu can be found in the school office or can be viewed on the school website. Please refer to the link below:

WWW.feedinghungryminds.com

Year 6 - Permission to walk home

If you wish for your **Year 6 child** to walk home alone, please provide a signed letter giving your permission for them to do so. Please hand the letter to the school office and let your child's teacher know.

Parent Mail

We encourage all parents to download the **Parentmail APP**, if you have not yet done so. It is important so that the school can alert you of any important information and for you to be informed of current goings on within the school. School trip letters will now be sent via Parent Mail, and we would encourage parents to pay via Parent Mail please.

Lost Property: We have an enormous amount of good quality second hand uniform. Please contact the school office if you would like to have some.

School Dinner Menu:

Please check the school website for the menu, so that you can book your child's dinner in advance. All payments are online. If you require any assistance with this, please contact the school office.

Recycle Week 2022: This year Recycle Week will be held on Monday 19 - Friday 23 September 2022. The theme is: Let's Get Real About Recycling. As a household, have a discussion and do some research about recycling about how you could do more - we all have a part to play. Challenge yourself: how could you live more sustainably?

Key Dates for this Term

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022 - Tuesday 20th December 2022

Tuesday 13th September - Thursday 22nd September - Year Group Parents workshops:

Year 1: 13th September

Year 2: 14th September

Year 3: 15th September

Year 4: 16th September

Year 5: 20th September

Year 6: 21st September

Reception: 22nd September

Half term break: Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October 2022

Spring Term 2023

Thursday 5th January 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023

Half term break: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

Half term break Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Days

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

Please note, the school will be closed for pupils on Inset days.

Parking:

Please take great care in our car parks. It is a privilege to have them, so let's use them safely and appropriately. Please use the space for parking and avoid the yellow zig zag area.

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