

Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! A very **Happy New Year** to you all. I hope you have all enjoyed the break. The children as always returned with great enthusiasm.

### Thought of the week:

'Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle'.  
**(Christian D. Larson)**

**Gold Awards:** Iman. R and Ivan. B-2B

**Well done!**

### P4C

**Question for this week:** Here is your next P4C question for children to discuss at home.

'Would it **ever** be fair to be asked to tidy up another person's mess?'

**A tip to help support your child's response would be to use words such as 'equal', 'same', and 'deserve'.**

**COVID Update:** A number of staff and children are currently suffering with COVID, whilst others were affected during the Christmas break. This continues to be a challenge on a daily basis. Please note, in light of recent guidance, we have reviewed our risk assessment and in the main, very little has changed for primary schools, see attached. Please continue to notify us if your child cannot attend if he/she has tested positive. The isolation period is now 7 days, after which those who test negative on a LFD test can return to school. Please continue to support us in following all our safety measures.

### Rights Respecting Award

We are working towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School.

Our aim is to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential.

Please read the letter attached to find out more and how you can support the school to achieve this award.

**Curriculum Overviews for Year Groups:** Unfortunately, as cases of COVID are so high, we will not be hosting the parent information face to face sessions in school this term, but have to return to them in the summer term. In the meantime, I would like to refer you to the website to view what your child will be learning about this term. This includes the focus they will be covering in PSHE and RSHE. The reviews will be placed on the website early next week.

### Cranbrook Primary School Family REA Scheme Questionnaire:

Redbridge Educational Psychology Service have been working hard on a hugely important and exciting new project for schools. The project is called the Race and Equality Awareness (REA) Scheme. We are pleased that your school has chosen to take part. As part of the project, we will be gathering information from across the school. Race and Equality is an issue that is important for everyone in the school community. This is why we want to hear from parents, school staff, and students. We would really value your opinion and would love to hear about your experiences and ideas about what could be done differently. Below is a questionnaire that takes around 15 minutes to complete. By taking part in this research you will be contributing to your school's journey to ensuring it is a safe and welcoming space for all staff, students, and their families. Your answers will be completely anonymous, which means we don't know your name and your name can't be shared with anyone. You do not have to take part and can withdraw from the questionnaire at any time before it is completed. Your answers will be used as part of a larger data set which will develop themes and key areas to focus on. If you have any questions or would like any support or information, please speak to a member of the school SLT. By clicking the next button at the bottom of the page, you are agreeing that you have read and agreed with the above information. You also agree to your answers being used as part of the project.

<https://forms.gle/btRCA6vhhYh2Lut68>

The deadline for completing the survey is 31st January 2022.

**Absences:** If your child is away from school, please contact us to let us know the reason. Please note that if your child is missing school too often due to ill-health, we will request medical evidence in line with the agreed policy. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents **will** receive a penalty notice, especially when flights have been booked prior to seeking authorisation, even if special circumstances apply, as they are only authorised at the headteacher's discretion and only up to 3 days.

### 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**

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

## **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.

## **School Website:**

I would encourage all Parents/Carers to visit the school website regularly to read and note new updates and information. It is full of key information.

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

**This also applies to all Nursery pupils.**

## **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.

If you require help with this, please speak to the office staff.

## **Themed Lunch –Foodie Futures- Thursday 20th January 2022**

There will be a themed lunch held on **Thursday 20th January 2022** for children to enjoy. Payment will be taken as normal of the morning on the lunch. Please do not send in money for those that are free school meals.

**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.

## **Spring Term Clubs:**

Please refer to the School website and the Parentmail which was sent before Christmas holidays, to view the clubs running this term. 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. All clubs are subject to availability and are on a first come basis.

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## **Key Dates for 2022**

### **Spring term 2022**

**Thursday 20th January 2022– Themed Lunch-Foodie Futures**

**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**

**Monday 21st February 2022**

**Tuesday 3rd May 2022**

**Monday 11th July 2021-Additional Bank Holiday**

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