



Crayke C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a bumper edition of the Crayke Chronicle! This week, it has been lovely to witness the beginnings of Spring, finally, with lighter mornings and some sunshine. The children have begun to enjoy playtimes on the field and we hope to be able to make much use of our wonderful environment in the coming months.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all the parents and carers who met with their child/ren's class teachers this week. We hope you found the meetings useful and productive. If you were unable to make an appointment and would still like to do so, please contact Mrs Bacon to arrange a mutually convenient time. Also, please do remember that we are always available to support with any queries or concerns you may have on an ongoing basis.

Charity events

This week has been Sport Relief – it is great to see the children and staff wearing their sports kits today. A big thank you for all the donations received – an impressive £116 has been raised which will directly support people both in the UK and around the world.

The next charity event we are supporting as a school is World Down Syndrome Day next **Friday 20 March** – wear your brightest socks and they don't even have to match!

Picture News

As you may have seen from the website posts, we are currently enjoying a free trial with Picture News. This includes resources to be used by both home and school – in both lessons and assemblies. We are considering purchasing this resource for continued use in school so any feedback about how you have used it within your family would be appreciated.

Recent visits

Year 5 had a brilliant visit this week to Easingwold Library, organised by Mrs Rayner. We received an email from the library afterwards complimenting the children – *"The children were so well behaved, polite and curious! The group of volunteers really enjoyed the session."* Well done Year 5 for being excellent ambassadors for our school!

Supporting children at home – meetings for parents

Mrs Dobson is running a meeting for parents in Classes 1 and 2 on **Wednesday 25th March** at 3:30pm about how to help support children with reading at home.

Mrs Rayner is running a meeting for parents in Year 4 on **Thursday 26th March** at 3:30pm about how to help prepare children for the Multiplication Tables check.

Residential visits – meetings for parents

A meeting has been arranged for Year 5 parents on **Thursday 19th March** at 4:30pm for the upcoming Carlton Lodge visit.

For Year 6 parents, a meeting about the East Barnby residential will be taking place on **Monday 18th May** at 6pm. As this is a joint visit with Alne and Huby Primary schools, this meeting will be taking place at Alne Primary School.

Worship Group

A big thank you to Mrs Bower for reinstating the Worship Group. She is working hard with the children to prepare for leading Collective Worship on the final Monday of this term.

Appeal for Help – Australian Bush Fire Fundraiser

We are looking for any child volunteers to help run our stalls at the Galtres Centre tomorrow, **Saturday 14th March**, between 10am and 3pm to help raise money for Australia's animal casualties. The children were very keen to be involved in this event. It is important to keep helping raise money as although the fires have stopped, the animals still need to be cared for and fed. Small charities are just not getting the money to enable them to cope with the high levels of demand. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Bacon know. Thank you.

Mrs Sheppard's Farewell

The weeks are passing rapidly and Mrs Sheppard's final days are fast approaching. Many parents have commented about how much support she has provided to them and their families over the years and that they would like to be able to mark this in some way. With this in mind, we would like to invite parents and pupils, past and present, to visit school on **Friday 3rd April** from 2:15pm onwards to wish Mrs Sheppard well in her future. Please pass the message on!

Staffing – Summer Term

Following Mrs Helfferich's appointment, we are now seeking to appoint a Teaching Assistant to support her in Class 1 after Easter. There are also some other staff changes to make you aware of, as follows:

- Mrs Dobson will be returning to teach full time in Class 2 after Easter. This means that Mrs Bower will no longer be teaching in Class 2 on a Monday. However, fortunately we won't be saying farewell to Mrs Bower as she will be covering Mrs Helfferich's PPA time on a Monday afternoon in Class 1.
- Mrs Bower will also be teaching in Class 3 on a Friday for the Summer Term with Mrs Rayner continuing to teach Class 3 for the remainder of the week. This is because I will be taking on additional responsibilities given Mrs Sheppard's retirement. It is not a decision I have taken lightly and I will ensure that I continue to cover Class 3 at other times. Mrs Bower is really excited by the opportunity to continue to work with us; she already knows the children and brings many strengths and skills to the role.
- Mr Warriner has been appointed to a new position at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold so will sadly be leaving us at Easter and will cease his role teaching PE across the school. This also means that there will be no Tag Rugby club in the Summer Term. We wish him all the very best in his new job!

Coronavirus update

I wanted to reassure you that as a school we are receiving daily updates from the Government as well as regular updates from North Yorkshire County Council. This means that we are continually reviewing the situation and are in a position to follow their advice and recommendations. We will continue to update you. In the meantime, the Department for Education has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

The [latest guidance for education settings](#) is available on GOV.UK.

Headteacher Awards

Last week saw the launch of Headteacher Awards for two children in school who have been noticed for embodying our school values around school. Well done to Ella Fenton and Alfie Burnett-Armstrong who were the recipients of these! Names will be added to the Stars of the Week section of future newsletters.

Diary dates

In order to try to keep you informed of forthcoming dates clearly and concisely, I have reorganised the upcoming dates within the newsletter. There will now be separate sections for next week, the remainder of this term and for next term. New dates will be denoted with * Reminders will continue to be issued via website notifications.

Hopefully this will help parents and carers to be more informed about events, with less need to contact the school office to check what's going on!

Spring Cleaning

We are really trying to help keep shared areas within school clearer, especially the corridors and cloakrooms. Your support in this would be much appreciated by ensuring that all your child's belongings are named. This will ensure that anything left can be swiftly returned to its rightful owner – thank you.

Pupil Premium Funding

Please watch out for a letter next week with information about whether you may be eligible to apply for Pupil Premium, which could bring additional funding into school to support your child's learning. If you are unsure about your eligibility please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Bacon or myself for further information.

Come and See Mission

We were delighted to welcome Revd Chris Kraweic and Revd Jason Gardner into school this morning to join our Collective Worship as part of the Come and See Mission. Thanks to Revd. Liz for organising this valuable learning opportunity for the children.

First Aid

We have revised and updated our procedures for when children require first aid, which may explain why you may receive a new style "head bump" letter if your child does have a head injury at school – this is in line with NYCC guidance.

Crayke Open Gardens

A reminder that we would be very grateful for donations for the tombola to be brought into school no later than **Friday 27th March**. Also, the organisers would be very grateful for any creative writing or crafty creations on the theme of weddings.

Headteacher Commissioning Service

As a new Headteacher, I have been given the opportunity to have a Commissioning Service which is a way of welcoming me to the school, parish and diocesan family of schools. Revd. Liz has kindly agreed to lead this service in the School Hall. Parents and governors are warmly welcomed to attend. It will be held on **Friday 27th March 2020** at 11am.

CHASA Film Night – Tonight!

We are really excited to be able to welcome children into school at 4pm today with their wristbands and water bottles at the ready. Please note that we will ensure children wash their hands prior to eating their hot dogs, as per usual protocol when children eat in school. I would like to extend an enormous thank you to CHASA for organising this event and to Mrs Yates for providing the pudding. An excellent effort from all! #teamCrayke

I hope that this comprehensive update has provided you with plenty of information! Should you require any further details about anything mentioned, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Judi Jackson Headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Learning highlights of the week

Class 1 have been learning about sight this week and went on a blind folded discovery walk. They have also been decorating eggs for the Australia Bushfire Egg Competition. **Class 2** have created movements and dances to accompany the song 'Under the Sea'. **Class 3** have been looking at what makes a good dragon-themed 'bedtime story' for younger children, in readiness to create their own over the next few weeks. Fractions continue at a pace in **Class 4** - we'll all be fraction whizzes soon! Some brilliant writing is taking place about the children's own invented burgers. **Year 6** have ventured out on to the roads this week for their bikeability training.



Stars of the Week

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Grace Dawson	Beatrice Ritchie	Martha Brookes	Reo Twedde
	Arwen Dawson	Ernie Cater	Lizzie Harker
Headteacher's Awards	Alice Unsworth	Ernie Cater	

Key Events Next Week – Week Commencing 16th March 2020

Tuesday 17 th March 2020	Experience Easter Visit	Class 3
	Barnardo's Equality Ambassador Scheme	Year 5
	YoYo Easter drama workshops	Classes 1 and 2
Thursday 19 th March 2020	Carlton Lodge Residential Meeting 4:30pm	Year 5
Friday 20 th March 2020	World Down Syndrome Day – Wear odd Socks	Whole School
	Achievement Worship 9:05am	Class 4

Diary Dates – for the remainder of the Spring Term 2020

Monday 23 rd March 2020	YoYo Easter writing workshops	Classes 3 and 4
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Eco Day – Power Down Pete	Year 5
Wednesday 25 th March 2020	Supporting Reading at Home 3:30pm	Class 1 and Class 2
*Thursday 26 th March 2020	Multiplication Tables Check meeting 3:30pm	Year 4
Friday 27 th March 2020	Commissioning Service 11am	Whole school
	Non uniform day – tombola prizes Open Gardens	Whole school
*Tuesday 31 st March	We Will Rock You performance – Outwood Academy	Year 5
*Wednesday 1 st April 2020	Easter Service 2:30pm	Whole school
*Friday 3 rd April 2020	Open hall – farewell to Mrs Sheppard 2:15pm CHASA Easter hamper raffle	Whole school

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Week Commencing 16 March 2020

Monday	Choir (no charge) 3:15pm – 3:45pm Years 3 – 6 Mrs Halliday		
Tuesday	Forest Schools (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3/4 Mrs Helfferich	Multi-sports (Fee paid direct) 3:30 – 4:45pm Year 1-6 Mr Cromack	Italian (no charge) 3:30 – 4:15pm Year 3-6 Mrs Aristizabal
Wednesday	School Council (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Councillors Mrs Jackson	Sewing (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 2/3 Mrs Bower	Tag Rugby (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 4/5/6 Mr Warriner
Thursday	Construction (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 1/2 Mrs Sheppard	Homework (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 5/6 Mrs Chandler	Book Club (no charge) 3:30pm – 4:15pm Year 3/4 Mrs Rayner
Friday	Unique Sports (£2.50 per child) 3:30 – 4:15pm Years 2-6 Simon Carson Sports School		

Run a Mile club - Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:30am – Mrs Jackson

****PLEASE NOTE: Clubs will run unless you are notified otherwise****



Where's Church this week?



Sunday 15th March 2020

10.30am Holy Communion at Crayke with guest speaker from the Come and See mission, followed by lunch in church. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, we are following advice and taking precautions to minimise direct contact between those attending church. Some arrangements will be different to usual - e.g. no hand-shaking or hugging, no sharing the wine. In uncertain times, the importance of our faith remains and everyone is welcome.

Please note that the Come and See Party scheduled for tomorrow afternoon has been cancelled and will be rescheduled later in the year.

Best wishes
 Revd Liz

CHASA News

Reminder: **Easter Hamper Raffle** on the last day of term – 3rd April. There will be 4 different themed hampers – one for each class:

Class 1 – Afternoon Tea Hamper

Class 2 – Chocolate Hamper

Class 3 – Pamper Hamper

Class 4 – Arts and Crafts Hamper

CHASA would be most grateful for donations for the hampers and these should be brought into school week commencing 30th March. CHASA will be selling raffle tickets for the draw leading up to the end of term.

**School Lunch Menu – W/C 16 March 2020**

WEEK ONE	Main course	Dessert
Monday	Ham & Pineapple Pizza with chips	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt
Tuesday	Chicken Korma & Rice	Arctic Roll and Mandarins
Wednesday	Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pudding	Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt or Cheese & Crackers
Thursday	Tomato Pasta	Berry Sponge & Custard
Friday	Fish Fingers & Tomato Ketchup	Rice Pudding & Sultanas

Summer Term 2020 Diary Dates

We thought it would be useful for you to have as much notice as possible about events upcoming during the Summer Term to help you with forward planning. Please find below diary dates for Summer Term:

APRIL 2020

20th – School closed to children – INSET Day

21st – School re-opens

MAY 2020

8th – School Closed – Early May Bank Holiday/VE Day

11th – Year 6 SATs Week - *please ensure children are in school promptly every day this week*

18th – Year 6 parent meeting East Barnby residential 6pm Alne Primary School

21st – PCSO Wilson in school

22nd – School closed to children – INSET Day

w/c 25th – Half term holidays

JUNE 2020

1st – School re-opens

2nd – YoYo in school – reflection spaces

3rd – 5th – Year 5 residential visit Carlton Lodge

15th – 19th – Year 6 residential visit East Barnby

22nd – Rivers Trust visit to school

23rd – Sports Day

25th – Year 6 Leavers' Service All Saints' Church Northallerton

29th – YoYo collective worship – Christianity around the World

JULY 2020

1st – Sports Day (back up date)

6th – Cluster Sports event

13th – Year 5/6 Performance dress rehearsal

14th – Year 5/6 Performance 6pm

15th – Year 5/6 Performance 6pm

17th – Year 6 Leavers' Service