



# Crayke C of E Primary School

**'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'**

*Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

What a lovely sunny week it has been! I continue to be amazed by the generosity and support of the Crayke community – from deliveries of ice lollies to lawn mowing and many kind and thoughtful messages, as well as all members of staff continuing to go above and beyond in so many different ways. I am also grateful to the Governors for embracing new technology and engaging so brilliantly in our virtual Full Governing Body meeting on Monday night.

## **Years 2 – 5 Transition Visits**

As you will know from our previous communications, we were fully committed to being able to try to get children in Years 2 – 5 back into school for a transition opportunity before the end of term. The staff have spent hours, both individually and collectively, trying to come up with a workable solution which would allow children to spend some time with their current and new class teacher and Teaching Assistant. We liaised this week with the Local Authority Education Adviser and the Public Health Lead to carry out the necessary risk assessments. Sadly, we have been advised that it is not viable at this time to reintroduce new groups of children back into the school environment. This is due to the balance of risk in terms of staff mixing with different groups of children and for new groups of children mixing with each other. We are devastated and know that you may be equally disappointed but unfortunately the decision is out of our hands. As we have always maintained, our top priority has to be the safety and wellbeing of children and staff and we appreciate your understanding in this. The current class teachers will make contact by telephone with each of the affected families over the next two weeks to check in with you all and to see how everyone is getting on.

## **New starters – Reception 2020**

As part of the risk assessment process regarding the Year 2 - 5 children returning to school, we have also been advised that the balance of risk for new starters joining us on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July as planned for a picnic is too great in the current climate and we unfortunately need to postpone this event for the time being. I am fully aware that this may cause some anxiety for parents and can only apologise for any inconvenience caused. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Mrs Helfferich will shortly be sharing with you a virtual tour of the classroom and a story time session. If any parents of new starters would like to make contact with us to discuss any queries they may have with regard to starting school, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are, at this stage, aiming to have a flexible approach to the beginning of the academic year in September to allow for as smooth a transition as possible into Reception. We will keep you updated.

It was beginning to feel, especially, as the news of the impending easing of lockdown restrictions broke, that we were starting to get back to a little bit of normality. Consequently, this news feels to be even more disappointing and we absolutely share your frustration. We are desperate to resume a fully operational school with all members of the Crayke family reunited. We know that home schooling at times can be difficult; we are all travelling on our own "Corona Coaster" and the associated ups and downs as we try to balance working from home and running a household at the

same time. You are all doing brilliantly. We remain committed to being able to help you in any way we can over the coming weeks so please do get in touch if you need anything.

### Staffing update – Autumn Term 2020

Mrs Bramall has made the difficult decision to resign from her role as Teaching Assistant and Midday Supervisor with effect from the end of the summer term, in order to pursue other interests. We will miss her infectious smile and artistic flair but she has promised to keep in touch!

We are in the process of recruiting a Teaching Assistant to work alongside Mrs Rayner in Class 3 and are looking forward to the new experience of carrying out virtual interviews in early July. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

### Home Learning – Weekly Topics

A reminder of the weekly topics for the remainder of the school year:

Week	Week Commencing	Topic
5	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Around the World
6	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Music
7	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	Space

### Highlights of the Week

**Reception** have been playing lots of ‘turn taking’ and number games and taking part in a phonics treasure hunt. They have also been helping to sort out the vegetable garden and have enjoyed sports day style races.

**Year 1** have made some beautiful 3D flowers and tried really hard to practice counting backwards.

**Year 6** have been looking at area and perimeter in Maths; challenging themselves to find the area of triangles and parallelograms! Science was great fun investigating properties of materials, exploring the best thermal insulators and conductors. They have also enjoyed exploring the origins of the Olympics in Ancient Greece. The **Keyworker class** are really enjoying Mr Montgomery from Simon Carson Sports School taking the class on a Thursday and Friday and this week they have enjoyed playing cricket, rounders and doing orienteering.



### School Lunches

A reminder of the sandwich choices for next week:

Monday – sausage or egg

Tuesday – ham or cheese

Wednesday – chicken or tuna

Thursday – ham or cheese

Friday – chicken or tuna

Alongside the sandwich, there is a cold savoury snack, vegetable sticks, a piece of fruit, a cake/traybake and a carton of juice.

Just a reminder that for children in KS2, lunches are invoiced at the end of each week via ParentPay and we would appreciate payment by the following week.

### **Keyworker Children – Sports Kit**

A reminder that children in the Keyworker group should come to school wearing sports kit on a Thursday and a Friday.

### **School Bus**

Just a reminder to all those parents whose children use the school bus, that you need to register on a weekly basis with NYCC to advise them of your requirements for the following week. The bus will arrive at school at 9am in a morning and leave school at 3.15pm on an afternoon. Should you need any additional information about this, please contact Mrs Bacon.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Have a safe weekend,

Judi Jackson

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## Where's Church this week?

You may have read that churches are allowed to be open again. This is true, but there are some fairly stringent rules for keeping the buildings safe and clean.

Crayke church is opening twice a week: on Sunday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Brandsby is opening on Saturdays between 11.30am and 12.30pm. This is to allow people to pray quietly in the building. The government has not yet allowed us to gather for worship.

We don't yet have detailed guidance from the government or national church about how we can return to worshipping in churches so we continue online at <http://bylandchurches.net>

With best wishes,  
Revd Liz