



Crayke C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back

Well, we blinked and seemed to miss this week! It's absolutely whizzed by in a blur of firework poems, paintings, glitter and sunshine. It's been fabulous to see how quickly the children have settled back into learning and the now familiar and well-established routines of school. Thank you for your continued trust and faith in us at this time.

As you receive and read this newsletter, Class 4 will be busy enjoying their educational visit to Murton Park – we are absolutely sure that they will be having a fantastic time and their costumes this morning were a sight to behold. Again, thanks for your time and support – and an enormous thank you to Mrs Chandler for organising and leading this visit, especially during these uncertain times. She has remained optimistic and determined that the children benefit from this valuable learning opportunity, in spite of the additional pressures, procedures and paperwork necessary to ensure that the visit is Covid-secure.

MSA appointment

Congratulations to Miss Ford who will be joining our team with effect from Monday as our new MSA. We cannot wait for her to start and know that she will be a valuable asset to the Crayke family supporting both in the dining hall and outside. I am grateful to Mrs Walsh for her support in interviewing for our vacancy and for agreeing to support with induction and mentoring.

Parent Consultation Appointments – Information

The class teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to speak to you next week to talk about how the children have settled in this new academic year. Thank you for embracing our electronic booking system and for providing really positive feedback on the approach so far.

Please be aware of the following to help the appointments run as smoothly as possible:

- Please have your phone charged and close at hand at the time of your allocated appointment to enable a prompt start to the call.
- The teacher will make every reasonable attempt to contact you on the number you provided but if there is a delayed start to the call, please be aware that they will need to stick within your allocated time slot and will unfortunately be unable to run over into the next appointment.
- Please note that your call will last approximately 8 minutes. This will enable the class teacher time to dial and connect to the next parent, so please don't think that we are being rude if we need to bring the call to a somewhat abrupt end. Thank you to those parents who used the Forms survey to raise issues they would like to discuss as this has helped staff prepare accordingly.
- **Please be aware that the phone line into school will be almost permanently engaged between 1pm and 6:30pm from Monday to Thursday so should you need to contact school during these times, email is preferable – admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk**

- Please bear with us as this is the first time we have done parent consultations via phone. We would be grateful for any feedback you may wish to share following the appointments and will provide this opportunity via Microsoft Forms at the end of next week.

Parking – Sports Hall – a weekly reminder

We do understand that as the weather is less favourable there is the temptation to park closer to school rather than at the Sports Hall. However, Easingwold Road is now becoming really quite congested at drop off and collection times. We really would appreciate your support in continuing to park at the Sports Hall – this is for everyone’s safety and to avoid accidents. Thank you.

Remote Learning

As outlined earlier this week, we have every intention of remaining open as a school as long as we are able to and it is safe to do so, in line with advice from the Health Protection Team. However, it is essential that we are prepared for the eventuality of school closure – either partial (a group, or bubble) or full (whole school). With this in mind, Mrs Rayner has been working hard behind the scenes to create a plan. This begins with a remote learning policy (which will be shared with you following consultation with parents and governors) and also setting up Google classrooms as our platform for children to be able to access lessons from home.

To help us plan our remote learning offer effectively, Mrs Rayner has also created an online parent survey, available via this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5qFB7HDvVkuhiM4hplpiA6s9muh69y9Im20Sx3QLMBJUMDJNTOFBMUhDSFM4RVU3VFNERjhJRjBGUy4u>

We would be grateful if all parents and carers could complete one survey **for each child**, to enable us to collate responses for all children in every class. Furthermore, if your child’s parents do not reside together, we would ask **both** parents to complete the survey. This will help us to build up a picture of the technology available to our pupils and to help us put robust plans in place for high quality home learning.

Pupil Premium

We know that the announcement of the latest government restrictions may have a significant impact on your financial circumstances particularly if you work in the hospitality industry. Should you be affected by this, and your income levels have reduced, your child/ren may be entitled to free school meals. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals, we would ask you to check your entitlement. Being eligible means that school receives additional funding for your child which will go towards their learning and any additional support they may need. If you need any help or further clarification, please contact Mrs Bacon, in confidence, on admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Open Sessions

We were delighted to welcome 10 families into school by appointment to have a tour last Saturday and earlier this week after school. It was such a shame not to be able to conduct visits in the usual way and to show off the real jewels in our crown – the children – but it served as valuable reminder that we have so much to be proud of, and grateful for, in our beautiful setting. A big thanks to Mrs Helfferich for supporting with these visits. Applications for children starting in Reception in September 2021 need to be submitted to NYCC by January. Should you need any assistance with this, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Covid reminders

Our staff continue to take every measure possible to keep everyone at Crayke School safe. As a school we are continually reviewing and updating our risk assessments. As part of this please be aware of the following reminders:

- **All parents when arriving and leaving school MUST be socially distanced.** The one-way system in place supports this, as well as the staggered arrival and collection times. Please maintain distancing at all times, particularly when passing through the Class 1 outdoor classroom area.
- **Please adhere to your designated drop off and collection time slots.** These are summarised in the table below as a reminder. It is really important that you stick to your times to avoid the children from different bubbles mixing.

	Drop off time	Collection time
Bubble A: Class 1 and Class 3	8:45am and no later than 8:55am	3:15pm and no later than 3:25pm
Bubble B: Class 2 and Class 4	9:00am and no later than 9:10am	3:30pm and no later than 3:40pm
Siblings in both bubbles (e.g. Class 1 and Class 4)	8:45am and no later than 8:55am	3:30pm and no later than 3:40pm

- **Children are washing their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.** If your child's hands are becoming sore, especially as the weather becomes colder, please let us know, particularly if you need to send in some cream for them.
- **Please keep the office informed when your child is absent.** If a member of your household has symptoms, or you are awaiting test results, please keep us informed at this at every stage. This can be done by phoning 01347 821767 or emailing admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk
- **Please remember to inform us if your child, or anyone in your immediate family, develops chicken-pox or shingles** – this is especially important as one of our children continues to undergo immune-suppressant therapy.
- **As part of our risk assessment, we have identified that all classrooms must be well-ventilated.** This means that we have to keep the windows open! We have the heating on of course, but please try to ensure that, if needed, your child wears some extra layers to school.

Thank you all for playing your part in ensuring we stay safe, healthy and at school.

Multiplication Tables Check Workshop – Year 3/4

Following the success of Mrs Dobson's Phonics workshop, Mrs Rayner has produced a video explaining the process and ways you can help support the learning of times tables and division facts at home. The link to this video will be emailed later today directly to parents of children in Year 3/4. If you have not received it please do contact us.

Game of Actual Life (GOAL) After School Club - postponed

A reminder, as per yesterday's webpost, that after school clubs are suspended until further notice in line with the latest government guidance. We share your disappointment and frustration and hope that these plans can be reinstated after Christmas.

Extreme Reading Competition

Thanks again for the entries received. We were wowed by the range of entries submitted, especially given the restrictions in place currently!

I am grateful that Mr Porter, Chair of Governors and Mrs Chappell, one of our English Link Governors, have agreed to judge the competition. Winners will be announced shortly. Mrs Rayner has arranged prizes for both Reception/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.



Foodbank

I am really grateful to Mrs Bacon for organising this. Items can be placed into the boxes on the path outside school next week. A reminder of the items which have been requested by Easingwold Foodbank that they are particularly in need of, are as follows:

- Small tomato ketchup for children
- Peanut butter or Chocolate spread
- Sugar
- Feminine hygiene towels (not tampons, we are OK for these)
- Deodorant for ladies (ie not men's type)
- Sanitiser hand wash
- Powdered mash potato
- Small packs of instant dried noodles
- Tinned hot dogs
- Tinned mild meat dishes (ie not chilli or curry – some children don't like them)
- UHT cartons of milk

Children in Need

Next Friday 13th November 2020

The theme this year is "Ultimate Feel Good Friday." Children can come to school wearing fancy dress, sports kit, anything non-uniform and make a donation to take part in a super fun morning move. The intention is to show children the importance of good mental well being in a way that they will understand.



Achievement Worship

Yesterday, I was asked by a parent if their child could bring in a karate belt as part of Achievement Worship and I was really sad to have to say that we were unable to allow items in from home at this time. Between us, we came up with a great solution to have a photograph emailed into school which can be shared during Friday's worship. So, if your child has any achievements that they wish to celebrate please email headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk no later than 8am on Friday morning each week to be included in that week's celebration.



School Lunch Menu - W/C 9 November 2020



WEEK THREE	Main course	Dessert
Monday	Beefburger in a bun with chips	Lime and lemon drizzle cake
Tuesday	Chicken fajitas and vegetable rice	Iced bun
Wednesday	Minced beef and vegetable pie	Chocolate crunch
Thursday	Pork, vegetable and apple casserole	Cheese and crackers
Friday	Fish pie and potato wedges	Fruity flapjack



Stars of the Week and Headteacher's Awards



Stars	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Stars	Elijah Brown	Lucas Stubbins	Nat Fenton	Matilda Beeson
		Arwen Dawson	Seb Hindley	Alfie Pinchon-Watson
Headteacher Awards	Mabel Dawson		Evie Marwood	

Diary Dates - November 2020

Monday 9 November 2020	Parent Consultations 1pm – 6:30pm	Class 2 – Mrs Dobson
Tuesday 10 November 2020	Parent Consultations 1pm – 6:30pm	Class 4 – Mrs Chandler
Wednesday 11 November 2020	Parent Consultations 1pm – 6:30pm	Class 1 – Mrs Helfferich
Thursday 12 November 2020	Parent Consultations 1pm – 6:30pm	Class 3 – Mrs Rayner
Friday 13 November 2020	Children in Need – suggested £1 donation	Whole school

Term Dates – Academic Year 2020/2021

Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2021	School Closed – Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 th January 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	School Reopens
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	School Closed – HALF TERM
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School Reopens
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2021	School Closed – Easter Holiday
Monday 12 th April 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day
Tuesday 13 th April 2021	School Reopens
Monday 3 rd May 2021	School closed – May Day
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 June 2021	School Closed – HALF TERM
Monday 7 th June 2021	School Reopens
Friday 23 July 2021	Last day of term for pupils
Monday 26 th July 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day

With best wishes for a safe and socially distanced weekend,

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 **Where's Church this week?** **Sunday 8th November**

As we go into a new lockdown, all in-person worship has had to stop again. While there will be very low-key Remembrance ceremonies in some villages, numbers are limited. I encourage you instead to join me at <http://bylandchurches.net> on Sunday for a service of virtual remembrance, which will honour all those from across our communities who gave their lives in war.

Our churches remain open at certain times for private prayer. Do contact me if you would like to know the opening times.

A prayer for the Nation

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and
comfort that we find in Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Announcement

Many of you will have heard that I have taken up the offer of a post in York as Priest in Charge of the City Centre group of churches. We will be moving to York in December and my last day as Rector of these churches will be December 6th.

It has been lovely getting to know so many families over the last 8 years, particularly welcoming you to services in church, watching the little ones grow up into confident and happy young people and now seeing babies I have baptised arriving at the school gate ready for Reception class. Thank you for all your support over the years - I have loved being here.

There will be a vacancy for some time before a new vicar arrives, but services will be covered by local retired clergy as well as lay leaders.

With best wishes,

Revd Liz