Friday 8th November

Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

Welcome back to autumn 2. We are looking forward to the opportunities and events this half term holds and with only 29 school days remaining until the end of term we know it will be very busy (but also enriching and enjoyable!) Our staff Inset day was productive, with the entire Aspire team meeting at Sir John Sherbrooke School for a day of training. Our CPD is always directly linked to our school development plan and you can view our school priorities for this academic year here.

Thank you very much indeed to the parents who have already responded to my email plea for help for our Careers Week in February. Please do get in touch, or encourage family members or friends to. The children gained so much from this event last year, and your skills and expertise, in whatever field you work in, will make a BIG difference to young minds.

Attendance

As you know there has been a change in how attendance is monitored and there is no longer a register code for holidays during term time. Unauthorised absences are now cumulative and 10 sessions, which equates to 5 full days across the school year leads automatically leads to a penalty notice referral. This includes any late arrivals, so please ensure your child arrives on time.

The Department for Education has made these changes not to encourage parents to search for loopholes to avoid the system, but to ensure that children receive the best possible experience of school. The rationale behind this is simple*: if children are not in school, they cannot learn.* Missing out on lessons, even for a short time, can have a lasting impact on a child's education and we all understand the consequences of this. It's vital that children attend school regularly to fully benefit from their learning.

When children return from absence, they must catch up on the lessons they missed. This often means that teachers need to spend additional time supporting those children, which can take away from their ability to focus on the rest of the class. Of course, we recognise that illness absences are unavoidable, and fortunately, longer-term illness absences are rare, so we're not referring to those.

I understand that specialist appointments, such as those with paediatricians, must be taken when allocated. However, I would like to remind parents that dentist and medical appointments can usually be scheduled outside of school hours or during school holidays—something many of our staff arrange for their own children. Planning these appointments in advance can help avoid unnecessary disruptions to your child's learning.

Uniform

- Long hair must be tied back at all times. This is particularly important as we have had an increase in head lice cases during the first half term. Keeping hair tied back helps to reduce the risk of spreading them.
- Shoes should be plain black. Trainers are only permitted on PE days.
- No jewellery is allowed, except for one small pair of stud earrings. Please do not put your child in the position where we have to remind them of this rule.
- Make-up/nail varnish is not permitted in school.
- Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. We've already seen a significant amount of lost property this term.

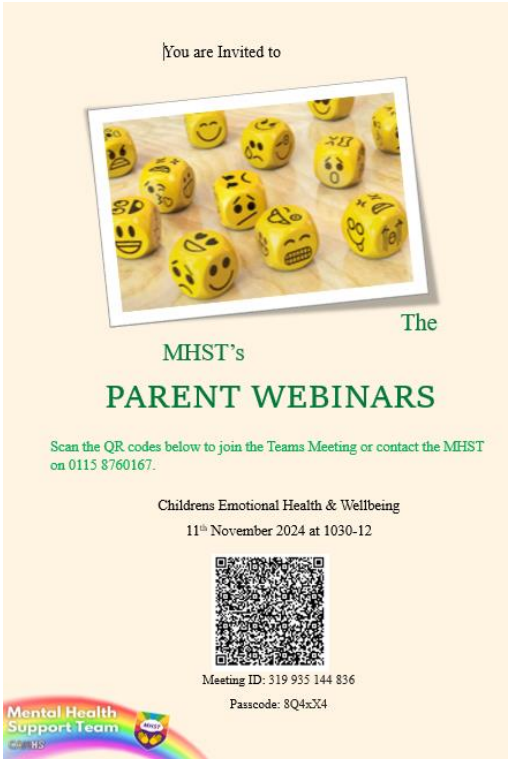
Do make use of our **Preloved Uniform Shop** . Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our school's standards.

Proud

Our beautifully mannered, top table diners!

🏊 **Jessica** has made a splash by passing **Stage 3 in swimming**! Well done, Jessica!
⚽ Jake **Raff, Nico, Finley Stevenson-Brown, and Teddy** celebrated a fantastic **4-0 win** with their Bottesford Under 7 football team. Incredible teamwork, boys!
⚜ **Eito** was chosen for the **Beaver of the week** after helping with Japanese culture class!
🏊 **Isabel** proudly completed her **Level 8 swimming award**—brilliant dedication, Isabel!
Sophie is thrilled to have earned her **gymnastics certificate and badge**—well done, Sophie!
🌲 **Winky** conquered the **Sundown Treetop Adventure** over the term break.
🌲 **Raina** also completed a **Treetop Adventure** - what an exciting achievement!
⚽ **Asa** has finally been awarded **Player of the Match** after years of perseverance and growth in football. We couldn't be prouder!
Finley achieved his **Level 6 in gymnastics** after a lot of hard work—fantastic effort, Finley!
🏊 **Frankie** achieved his **Level 2 swimming certificate** on Sunday. Wonderful progress, Frankie!
🏉 **Esther** won player of the week at **girls' rugby** for showing a growth in confidence and skill. She's totally delighted!

Congratulations to all the children who were celebrated in assembly today. So many achievements to be proud of!



Diary Dates	
w/c 11.11.24	Wear odd socks all week for Antibullying week
	Mon 11.11.24 to Thurs 14.11.24 - Year 6 Bikeability (Level 2)
Tues 12th Nov	KS2 Remembrance Service in church 9:10 a.m.
Thurs 14th Nov	Cranmer Connect straight after school – everyone welcome!
Tues 19th Nov	Y3 York Residential meeting 4:30pm via zoom or in person at school.
Thur 21st Nov	Open Morning: show round for new parents considering joining our school
Thur 28th Nov	to Fri 29.11.24 - Year 6 Bikeability (Level 3)
Fri 29th Nov	Non-uniform day for bringing in FACs Christmas Hamper items
Mon 25th Nov	Year 4 trip to Newstead
Mon 2nd Dec	FACs Wreath Making evening - tickets available from the office
Thur 5th Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
	Cranmer Connect straight after school – everyone welcome!
Fri 6th Dec	Year 3 & 4 Jingle Jog at Rushcliffe Country Park (info to follow)
Wed 11th Dec	Year 3 trip to York, returning on Fri 13th Dec
	KS1 Nativity 5:30pm
Thur 12th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Tues 17th Dec	KS1 Christmas party KS2 Christmas Singalong in church 9:15 a.m. Reindeer Ramble and stalls (p.m.)
Wed 18th Dec	Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner Children break up for Christmas holiday
Thur 19th Dec	INSET day
Friday 20th Dec	INSET day
Mon 6th Jan	Return to school for spring term
Thur 13th Feb	Young Voices Choir goes to Sheffield
Fri 14th Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24th Feb	Back to school
Thur 3rd April	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m.
Fri 4th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tue 22nd April	Return to school for summer term
Mon 28th April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30th April
Mon 12th May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19th May	Y6 Residential week returning on Friday 23rd May
Fri 23rd May	Break up for half term
Mon 2nd June	Return to school for final term
Tues 22nd July	Break up for end of school year
Mon 1st Sept	INSET day
Tue 2nd Sept	INSET day
Wed 3rd Sept	Return to school for summer term