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*Striving for Life in all its Fullness John 10:10*

## Archbishop Cranmer CE Primary Academy Newsletter

It only seems a short time ago that we were starting the new school year and here we are at the end of a busy and productive half-term already. The children have all settled into their year groups, and are showing how well they reflect on our core values—caring for themselves, each other, their environment, and their learning. We are proud of the progress they have made.

As you know, we love encouraging a passion for sport at ABCA and we had an awesome and active end to this half term with every child enjoyed a fantastic tennis session with Premier Sport! Everyone had great fun learning new skills, all of which help build confidence in a variety of racket sports.



Wishing you all a restful half-term break—hard to believe Christmas is fast approaching! Next term is set to bring plenty of exciting opportunities, so please check the key dates at the end of this newsletter.

### **Parent voice**

#### *Re-establishing Our Parent Forum – We Need Your Input!*

In the past, we held a Parent Forum as an informal opportunity for parents to come together and discuss various school-related issues in a positive and collaborative way. The aim was to provide a space where you could share ideas, raise topics for discussion and help shape the future of our school community. You can find out more about what we discussed, [here](#).

Unfortunately, attendance at these meetings gradually declined, so much so, that whilst we still regularly host parent information evenings, we eventually stopped holding the discussion based forums. However, we understand how important it is for parents to have a voice, and we'd love to re-establish the Parent Forum.

We want to hear from you! Would you be interested in attending these forums? How often would you like them to take place? What time of day works best for you? To gather your views, we've created a short poll <https://forms.office.com/e/ZNL5mW87Rp> Please take a moment to complete it: we value your input and look forward to hearing from you.



## Communication Update

We're pleased to see how many of you are enjoying the posts and reels on our school's [Instagram page](#), which highlight just a small portion of the wonderful activities happening at school. These posts are intended as a snapshot of life at school, rather than a reflection of everything we do - while we do our best to include a variety of moments, it's simply not possible to feature every activity or child or in our updates: we aim to provide an overview, not a comprehensive record!

Parents and carers of **EYFS** children will know what your children have been learning through the digital portfolio, SeeSaw. At this very young age, children are less able to share their learning with their parents as their language skills are still developing.

As children move into **Key Stage One** (years 1 & 2) they take on ownership of their learning and should be able to communicate this at home and then as children move into **Key Stage Two**, the reflective process is developed even further. In all lessons, our teachers help the children to consider what and how they have learnt, what they are most proud of and how they could improve further. They also focus on the skills of metacognition (learning about learning) which encourages the children to think about the skills and approaches they used to complete the piece of work. The students learn to think about whether they have demonstrated the attributes of a "good learner".

To do this, they might consider questions such as:

- Was this task asking for subject knowledge I remember?
- What strategies did I deploy if I got stuck?
- Did I make links with some other learning that helped me here?
- How did I feel about this learning?

These student reflections will be completed at the end of a key piece of work, such as an edited piece of writing, a topic or a unit of work.

If you'd like to see more of your child's work, please book a suitable time with the teacher who will be happy to show you what we have been up to!

## Holiday activities

- ✓ There are some very good holiday/home activities (things to chat about, things to do, write, read and make) on this website from the National Literacy Trust "empowering people with the literacy skills they need to succeed in life"
- ✓ The website [mathschase.com](#) is free and enables practice of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction (including balancing equations). It is great fun (for us adults too – you could challenge your children!)

[Maths Chase - Times Tables Games - Fun Maths Tests](#)

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How old is your child?

0-6 months <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>	6-12 months <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>
1-2 years <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>	3-4 years <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>
5-8 years <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>	9-12 years <a href="#">View Activities &gt;</a>

## Proud

We had so many super-stars to celebrate in our achievement assembly today for sport success, Value awards and more. Well done to everyone. Lots of housepoints earned! #PROUD



- ★ Billy is proud as man of the match after scoring a goal and being a great team player. Well done Billy.
- ★ Millie completed her Developmental Awards level 3 in Gymnastic this week. She is very proud of her achievement.
- ★ Jacob has completed another swimming stage! There's no stopping you Jacob!

We loved having one of our parents in for achievement assembly today as an inspirational speaker. We are in awe at her Iron Woman achievements. Mrs White has helped us think about the motivational philosophy of Kaizen "it's not about being invincible, it's about being unstoppable." We wish Mrs White all the best at her forthcoming marathon in Greece!



Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break up for half term
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aspire INSET day
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to school
Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Morning: show round for new parents considering joining our school
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-uniform day for bringing in FACs Christmas Hamper items
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Foundation visit to Perlethorpe
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 3 trip to York, returning on Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity (time tbc)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumper day & Christmas dinner Children break up for Christmas holiday
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	INSET day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Return to school for spring term
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Young Voices Choir goes to Sheffield
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Service a.m.
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Return to school for summer term
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4/5 Residential returning on Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Residential week returning on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to school for final term
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for end of school year

**NOV 8** **FACS PRELOVED**

INCLUDING FACS PRELOVED UNIFORM, REFRESHMENTS & SWEETS SALE

**TABLE TOP SALE**

£10 a table

*Come on down, grab a bargain*

**FREE ENTRY**  
(Raising funds for the Wellbeing Hub)

**ABC School Hall**  
Friday 8th November 2024  
from 3:30pm - 5pm

FACS will be holding a table top sale for parents/carers to sell/buy children's preloved toys, clothes and books. If you would like a TABLE (£10 EACH) on a first come, first served basis, please contact Amanda in the school office.



**JACK**  
and the  
**BEANSTALK**

"THE GIANT FAMILY PANTOMIME"

**DECEMBER 5TH - 8TH 2024**  
BINGHAM ARENA

[WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BMTCNOTTS](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/BMTCNOTTS)



Have a lovely half term break!

## Cranmer Group News

Hooray half term is here, and so too is the Aslockton Craft Fair. Open 10am -3pm. Come along and buy a treat or something for your loved ones.

This Sunday, at our 11.00am service in Aslockton, we are going to be thinking about how pumpkins and how they relate to being a follower of Jesus, there will be craft, pumpkin playdough and probably some cake decorating.

Next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> November) its café church. Join us from 10.30 for brunch, followed by our popular all age church service. Come along, we'd love to see you.

For those with children aged 0-5, Tot Spot will be back on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 in the TCC.

Take care and God bless you.

Rev. Tim and Clare Chambers





# Join us for your **CRANMER GROUP HARVEST SERVICES**

**Sunday 29th September:**

**9am: Scarrington - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**3pm: Orston - Harvest Festival (Harvest Tea after)**

**Sunday 6th October:**

**9am: Whatton - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**11am: Aslockton - Café Church (coffee & cobs from 10.30)**

**Friday 11th October:**

**7pm: Hawksworth - Harvest Festival (Harvest Supper after)**

**Sunday 13th October:**

**9am: Thoroton - Harvest Festival with Holy Communion**

**Please bring donations of non-perishable foods & household goods for our collections during the services, in support of local charities.**

**THE CRANMER GROUP - WE ARE ONE, GROWING COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES,  
WHO SEEK TO LOVE JESUS, ONE ANOTHER, OUR VILLAGES AND GOD'S WORLD**

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