THE CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE
Let's Celebrate

Nurturing Belief and Ensuring the Highest Standards of Learning for All

Friday 8th December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGES

Welcome to the first edition of our 'Let's Celebrate' newsletter; an opportunity for us to share your children's learning and successes in more detail. We are so proud of everything our children have accomplished this term. (Year 4 parents - we are looking forward to celebrating your children after Christmas).

Cranleigh C of E Primary is truly on the countdown to Christmas. And it has been so special to be able to celebrate the festive season with you all this week.

Yesterday, our children enjoyed a yummy Christmas dinner whilst wearing their fabulous Christmas jumpers (staff too!) Thank you to our wonderful Mrs Maple for cooking such a delicious meal.

Our Reception and KS1 (Year 1 and 2) children performed the nativity to parents/carers on 2 occasions, too. We are all so proud of them for demonstrating such confidence and dedication. Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and support.

We all hope you enjoyed our Christmas Fayre today. We are sure the children enjoyed their visit from Santa - with a gift for each child!

A very special thank you to our PTA, The Friends, for all their hard work to make today happen.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Kate Pelazza; Headteacher

RESPECTFUL
MRS JONES

Our Wonderful Performers in Reception and KS1!

Well done Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on a beautiful performance of the Christmas Story.

The LEGO Christmas Story
1080p
FULL HD

GoChatter have produced a short video of The Christmas Story told with LEGO. It's fantastic and inclusive, offering 5 different regional accents and subtitles.

Perhaps you could replicate at home and tell your own story? We'd love to see/hear it!

Reception - We're So Proud of You!

This half-term, Reception have been busy learning through their topic, '**What happens in the dark?**'

The children have learnt all about nocturnal animals and, every Friday, they have baked a variety of goodies, including cheesy hedgehog scones and chocolate hedgehogs. Yummy!

In the classroom, Reception's role-play area turned into a campsite which was enjoyed by everyone; the children especially loved pretending they were on holiday!

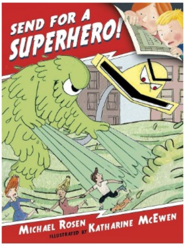
Reception also learnt about Remembrance Day and Frank gave a superb description – "We all wear poppies to remember all the soldiers who fight for us". Absolutely, Frank.

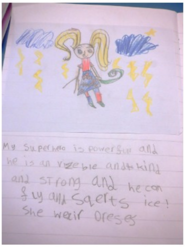
Let's Celebrate Year 1!

Year 1 have been super busy this term!

In English, the children have enjoyed reading **Michael Rosen**'s book, '*Send for a Superhero!*'

They have also worked incredibly hard to create their own 'baddies' and unlikely superheroes. By the end of next week, we are very much looking forward to reading the superhero stories each child is writing.





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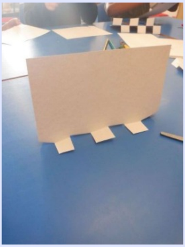
In Design and Technology, the children have been designing a house for the Three Little Pigs; one that the Wolf can't blow down!

The children have looked at free-standing structures around the school, practised joining materials together and worked with various construction kits to build different structures.

Next week, Year 1 are looking forward to making and evaluating their final designs. Perhaps we have the next Norman Foster or Zaha Hadid in our midst?!

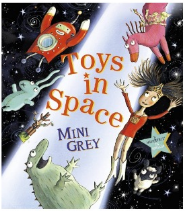


Odd Socks Day

A special highlight this term included Odd Socks Day when Year 1 shared thoughtful comments about how wonderfully unique we all are.

The 'Bearpees' challenge for Children in Need was also very memorable.

Reach for the Stars, Year 2!



This half term, Year 2 have been learning all about space in their topic, 'To infinity and beyond!'

The children have studied Neil Armstrong and compared his mission to Christopher Columbus' expedition, identifying the similarities and differences. They have also discussed why these people are both significant individuals in history.

They have read, '*Toys in Space*' by author Mini Grey and written letters and stories inspired by the text.

And how could we forget Year 2's part in the school's nativity?! How wonderful!

Thank you, Disney Club!

The children who attend our after-school Disney Club each week have created fun decorations for one of the Christmas trees at St. Nicolas Church.

If you have some time, perhaps you could go and take a look at the Christmas Tree Festival? Trees are on display from today until 11th December.

Year 3 Looking Very Festive!

Look at how festive Oliver Jeffers class looked on Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day yesterday?!

Thank you to the whole school for the effort you went to.

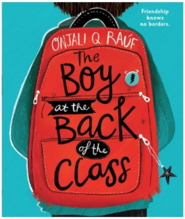
Our Incredible Year 5 and Year 6!

Over the Autumn term, Year 5 and 6 have read a number of different books to support their learning.

In Year 5, the children began the year by reading '*The Lost Thing*' by Shaun Tan. This followed the theme of belonging and how we all have a place in the world. They made their own 'lost things' which really helped their descriptive writing when they wrote their own fantasy narratives. These they then turned into their own books. '*The Boy at the Back of the Class*' was Year 5's next focused guided reading text which they used to look deeper at the reactions of different characters and how important author word choices are. Some of the other texts were used to aid their understanding of the world as well as discuss how the pictures are used to express feelings of characters and the atmosphere of different situations. Year 5 also looked at typography during their art lessons which is also an important part of the front covers of these books.

In Year 6, the children have been reading '*Leila and the Blue Fox*' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. This followed the tale of a girl called Leila who went on a journey of hope and discovery. Throughout the term, the classes wrote blog posts in role, thinking about how Leila would have felt at various crucial points of the story. During guided reading sessions, the children have read a variety of extracts from classical literature and answered questions on each, focusing on the key skills of fact retrieval, inference and word meaning.

PHEW! Well done, Years 5 and 6!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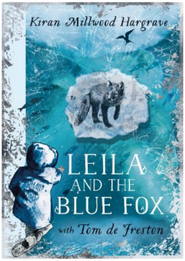
The Boy at the Back of the Class

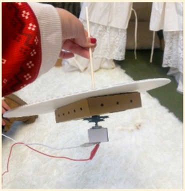


Y5 Design and Technology

Year 5 have really enjoyed designing and making fairground rides.

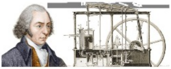
Just look at Amelia's carousel! She's looking forward to adding the horses next week.

We may have our very own on-site Thorpe Park soon!



Year 6 History

Year 6 have been learning about the Industrial Revolution this term and reflecting on the impact it had on all members of society. One of the figures they've studied is James Watt, inventor of the steam engine.



PODCASTS

I love a podcast/audiobook, particularly one with a historical focus. And I really enjoy playing them for my own children to hear.

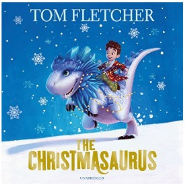
Perhaps you could listen to one of the following together with your family?

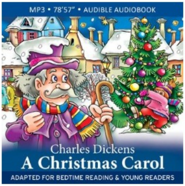
ELFCAST STORIES
WITH
Father Christmas
Lapland

Once Upon a
Crescent
Mrs
Hashimi

Disney
FROZEN
PODCAST
Disney
PUBLISHING WORLDWIDE
abc AUDIO
FORCES OF NATURE

SUPERGREAT
KIDS' STORIES




MP3 • 78'57" • AUDIBLE AUDIOBOOK
Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol
ADAPTED FOR BEDTIME READING & YOUNG READERS

SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

If you have any concerns regarding a child, please ask to speak to one of our safeguarding team below straight away:

Mrs S. Salter: Deputy Headteacher / Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs K. Pelazza: Headteacher / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs T. Church: ELSA / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mr C. Williamson: Chair of IEB / Safeguarding Governor

You can also contact one of the following:

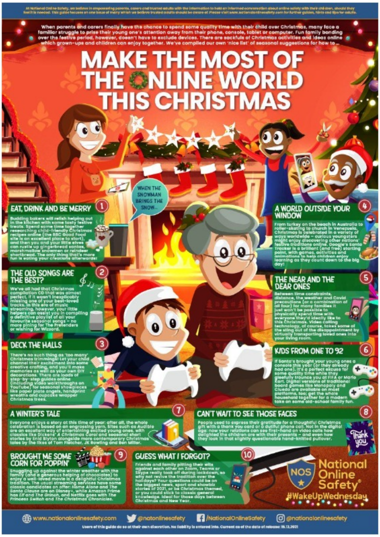
C-Spa (Surrey Children's Services):

- **Phone:** 0300 470 9100
- **Email:** cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Police: 999 (where you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm)

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE


WHEN THE SNOWMAN BRINGS THE SNOW...

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

When parents and carers finally have the chance to spend some quality time with their child over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. We've compiled our own 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions for how to ...

MAKE THE MOST OF THE ONLINE WORLD THIS CHRISTMAS

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY ①

Budding bakers will relish helping out in the kitchen with some tasty festive treats. Spend some time together researching child-friendly Christmas recipes online (the BBC Good Food site is an excellent place to start), and then you and your little elves can rustle up gingerbread santas, marshmallow snowmen or reindeer shortbread. The only thing that's more fun is eating your creations afterwards!

THE OLD SONGS ARE THE BEST? ②

We've all had that Christmas compilation CD that was almost perfect, if it wasn't inexplicably missing one of your best-loved tracks. In this era of music streaming, however, your little helpers can assist you in compiling a definitive playlist of all your favourite seasonal songs – no more pining for The Pretenders or wishing for Wizzard.

DECK THE HALLS ③

There's no such thing as 'too many' Christmas trimmings! Let your child channel their excitement into some creative crafting, and you'll make memories as well as your own DIY decorations. There are loads of step-by-step guides online (including video walkthroughs on YouTube) for seasonal showpieces like paper plate angels, handprint wreaths and cupcake wrapper Christmas trees.

A WORLD OUTSIDE YOUR WINDOW ④

From turkey on the beach in Australia to roller-skating to church in Venezuela, Christmas is celebrated in a variety of ways worldwide – curious youngsters might enjoy discovering other nations' festive traditions online. Google's Santa Tracker is a brilliant (and free) starting point, with games, activities and animations to help children enjoy learning as they count down to the big day!

THE NEAR AND THE DEAR ONES ⑤

Between time constraints, distance, the weather and Covid precautions (or a combination of all four) for many families it just won't be possible to physically spend time with everyone they'd ideally like to this Christmas. Video calling technology, of course, takes some of the sting out of the disappointment by virtually transporting loved ones into your living room.

KIDS FROM ONE TO 92 ⑥

If Santa's brought your young ones a console this year (or they already had one), it's a perfect excuse for some quality time while they gleefully trounce you at FIFA or Mario Kart. Digital versions of traditional board games like Monopoly and Cluedo are available on most platforms, too; get the whole household together for a modern take on some old-school family fun.

A WINTER'S TALE ⑦

Everyone enjoys a story at this time of year: after all, the whole celebration is based on an engrossing yarn. Sites such as Audible are an excellent way of entertaining excited young ones, with classics like Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and seasonal short stories by Enid Blyton alongside more contemporary Christmas tales by the likes of Tom Fletcher, JK Rowling and Ben Miller.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THOSE FACES ⑧

People used to express their gratitude for a thoughtful Christmas gift with a thank you card or a dutiful phone call. Not in the digital age: now your relations can see first-hand on video calls how delighted the children are with their presents – and even how they look in that slightly questionable hand-knitted pullover.

BROUGHT ME SOME CORN FOR POPPIN' ⑨

Snuggling up against the winter weather with the family (and a generous helping of chocolates) to enjoy a well-loved movie is a delightful Christmas tradition. The usual streaming services have some classic candidates on offer: *Home Alone* and *The Santa Clause* are on Disney+, while Amazon Prime has *Elf* and *The Grinch*, and Netflix goes with *The Princess Switch* and *The Christmas Chronicles*.

GUESS WHAT I FORGOT? ⑩

Friends and family pitting their wits against each other on Zoom, Teams or Skype really took off during lockdown, so why not revive the tradition over the holidays? Your questions could be on the biggest news, sport and showbiz stories of 2021, or be Christmas themed, or you could stick to classic general knowledge. Ideal for those days between Christmas and New Year.

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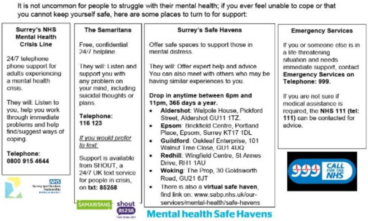
WELLNESS THIS CHRISTMAS

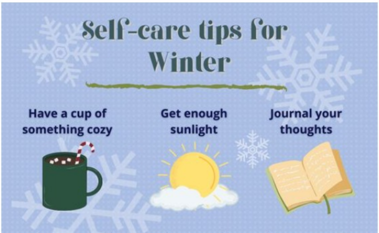
It is ok not to be ok...



It is not uncommon for people to struggle with their mental health; if you ever feel unable to cope or that you cannot keep yourself safe, here are some places to turn to for support:

Surrey's NHS Mental Health Crisis Line	**The Samaritans**	**Surrey's Safe Havens**	**Emergency Services**
24/7 telephone phone support for adults experiencing a mental health crisis. They will: Listen to you, help you work through immediate problems and help find/suggest ways of coping. **Telephone: 0800 915 4644**	Free, confidential 24/7 helpline. They will: Listen and support you with any problem on your mind, including suicidal thoughts or plans. **Telephone: 116 123** *If you would prefer to text:* Support is available from SHOUT, a 24/7 UK text service for people in crisis, on **txt: 85258**	Offer safe spaces to support those in mental distress. They will: Offer expert help and advice. You can also meet with others who may be having similar experiences to you. **Drop in anytime between 6pm and 11pm, 365 days a year.** • **Aldershot**: Walpole House, Pickford Street, Aldershot GU11 1TZ. • **Epsom**: Brickfield Centre, Portland Place, Epsom, Surrey KT17 1DL • **Guildford**: Oakleaf Enterprise, 101 Walnut Tree Close, GU1 4UQ • **Redhill**: Wingfield Centre, St Annes Drive, RH1 1AU • **Woking**: The Prop, 30 Goldsworth Road, GU21 6JT • There is also a **virtual safe haven**, find link on: www.sabp.nhs.uk/our-services/mental-health/safe-havens	If you or someone else is in a life-threatening situation and needs immediate support, contact **Emergency Services on Telephone: 999.** If you are not sure if medical assistance is required, the **NHS 111 (tel: 111)** can be contacted for advice.

Mental health Safe Havens



Self-care tips for Winter

Have a cup of something cozy

Get enough sunlight

Journal your thoughts

Allow yourself to rest
Take care of your skin
moisturizer
Bake something delicious

Let's Celebrate!

House Points and awards will be rolled over to next week for an end-of-term super celebration!

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE %	ATTENDANCE TO DATE
Reception	95%	89%
Year 1	91%	90%
Year 2	94%	88%
Year 3 OJ	91% (both classes)	92% (both classes)
Year 3 JT		
Year 4	91%	91%
Year 5	93%	90%
Year 6 AM	87% (both classes)	90% (both classes)
Year 6 MM		

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance this week! We're so proud of you!

Well done to Year 3 for still having the highest attendance to date this academic year. Keep up the great effort!

And please always remember.......

The world is run by the people who show up.
Benjamin Franklin

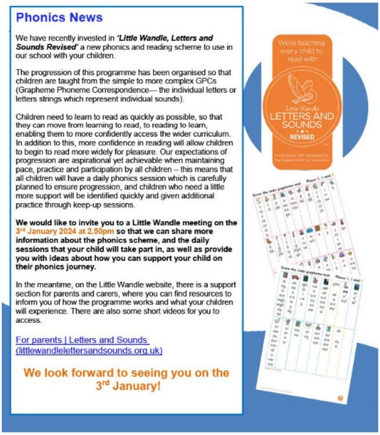
...so let's get to school regularly.

Do check out our social media accounts to stay up-to-date with all the latest information:

Facebook

X (Formerly Twitter)

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Phonics News

We have recently invested in ***'Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds Revised'*** a new phonics and reading scheme to use in our school with your children.

The progression of this programme has been organised so that children are taught from the simple to more complex GPCs (Grapheme Phoneme Correspondence— the individual letters or letters strings which represent individual sounds).

Children need to learn to read as quickly as possible, so that they can move from learning to read, to reading to learn, enabling them to more confidently access the wider curriculum. In addition to this, more confidence in reading will allow children to begin to read more widely for pleasure. Our expectations of progression are aspirational yet achievable when maintaining pace, practice and participation by all children – this means that all children will have a daily phonics session which is carefully planned to ensure progression, and children who need a little more support will be identified quickly and given additional practice through keep-up sessions.

We would like to invite you to a Little Wandle meeting on the 3rd January 2024 at 2.50pm so that we can share more information about the phonics scheme, and the daily sessions that your child will take part in, as well as provide you with ideas about how you can support your child on their phonics journey.

In the meantime, on the Little Wandle website, there is a support section for parents and carers, where you can find resources to inform you of how the programme works and what your children will experience. There are also some short videos for you to access.

For parents | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you on the 3rd January!

We're teaching every child to read with
Little Wandle LETTERS AND SOUNDS REVISED
A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education
Grow the code grapheme mat

The Cranleigh Lions' Santa Sleigh Schedule!

Santa's visits to the local area have already started! They will continue up until Tuesday 19th December.

Please click HERE for more information.

OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Full calendar dates can be found on our website.

Rotary Christmas Carol Concert	6:30PM – 8:30PM	13 December
Last Day of Term - 1:15pm finish	ALL DAY	15 December
Pantomime for All Children	9:00AM – 11:00AM	15 December
Christmas Holidays	ALL DAY From 16 Dec until 01 Jan	16 December
Poster for Peace Competition Opens (Cranleigh Lions)	ALL DAY	01 January
Staff Development Day - No school for pupils	ALL DAY	02 January
Children's First Day Back	ALL DAY	03 January
Planetarium for Year 5	ALL DAY	03 January
Phonics Workshop for Parents - 2:50-3:15pm	2:50PM – 3:15PM	03 January
Half-Term Holiday	ALL DAY From 12 Feb until 16 Feb	12 February

WISHING YOU ALL A
wonderful
WEEKEND!

COMPASSION
THANKFULNESS
HOPE
FORGIVENESS
FRIENDSHIP
ENDURANCE