THE CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE

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Friday 1st December 2023

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGES

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

It has been an exciting week at Cranleigh C of E Primary. Our Reception and Key Stage One children have been busy practising their Nativity performance. We cannot wait to welcome parents next Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December. Please contact the school office for more information.

Next week also sees Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas school lunch and our Christmas Fayre. With Advent beginning on Sunday 3rd December, we are officially on the countdown to Christmas - quite possibly my most favourite time of the year.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Mrs Kate Pelazza; Headteacher

The Nativity rehearsals are under way!

ADVENT

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning.

The words Advent simply means 'coming' – it's the season when Christians remember that God came to Earth to be born as the Christ child, Jesus.

God also promised that Jesus would come again at the end of time to heal all the world's hurts and divisions. Advent remembers this amazing promise; so, it's a time of hope, of getting ready, and of expectation.

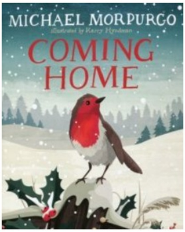
Do join us in our countdown using this **online Advent calendar**.

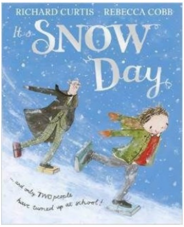
Our local church, **St. Nicolas**, is holding their Advent Carol Service on Sunday from 6-7pm.

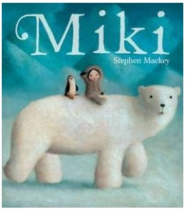
All are welcome.

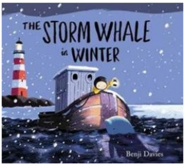
WINTER STORIES

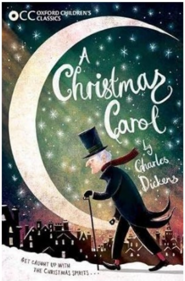
What better way to spend an afternoon than reading winter stories with your child? Perhaps you could try one of the following?

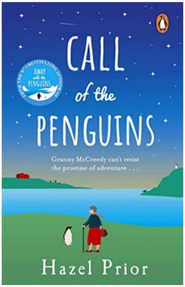



RICHARD CURTIS · REBECCA COBB
It's SNOW Day
...and only TWO people have turned up at school!






OCC OXFORD CHILDREN'S CLASSICS
A Christmas Carol
by Charles Dickens
GET CAUGHT UP WITH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRITS . . .


CALL of the PENGUINS
FROM THE No.1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF AWAY with the PENGUINS
Granny McCreedy can't resist the promise of adventure . . .
Hazel Prior

GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Schools' Christmas Art Exhibition

For the second year running, some of our children have created artwork for this exhibition which is being held at Guildford Cathedral from **1st December 2023 - 3rd February 2024.**

This year, the artwork has been created on the theme of 'God's Gift' and features creations from many of the church schools within the Diocese of Guildford.

It would be lovely if our parents could make a trip to see our children's artwork. If you do, please take a photo of yourselves with the artwork and send it to us; we would love to create a display to celebrate our children.

Well done to Naz, Faith, Mia, Josie-Marie, Lira, Windy, Daryna and Alizza who took part.

CHRISTMAS-THEMED BAKING

Yummy!

Check out these tasty baking recipes for some festive fun!

What a great way to spend quality time with your child whilst also practising key reading and mathematical skills!

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):

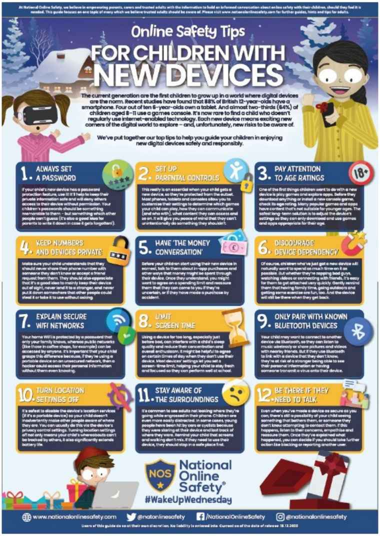
- **Phone:** 0300 470 9100
- **Email:** cspa@surreycc.gov.uk

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

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

SEE SOMETHING
DO SOMETHING
Safeguarding is
everyone's business

ONLINE SAFETY ADVICE



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 topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Online Safety Tips FOR CHILDREN WITH NEW DEVICES

The current generation are the first children to grow up in a world where digital devices are the norm. Recent studies have found that 88% of British 12-year-olds have a smartphone. Four out of ten 6-year-olds own a tablet. And almost two-thirds (64%) of children aged 8–11 use a games console. It's now rare to find a child who doesn't regularly use internet-enabled technology. Each new device means exciting new corners of the digital world to explore – and, unfortunately, new risks to be aware of.

We've put together our top tips to help you guide your children in enjoying new digital devices safely and responsibly.

1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD

If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't unintentionally do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS

One of the first things children want to do with a new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE

Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'

Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY

Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are fun, too. And the device will still be there when they get back.

7. EXPLAIN SECURE WIFI NETWORKS

Your home WiFi is protected by a password that only your family knows, whereas public networks (like those in coffee shops, for example) can be accessed by anyone. It's important that your child grasps this difference because, if they're using a portable device on an unsecured network, then a hacker could access their personal information without them even knowing.

8. LIMIT SCREEN TIME

Using a device for too long, especially just before bed, can interfere with a child's sleep quality and reduce their concentration and overall enthusiasm. It might be helpful to agree on certain times of day when they don't use their device. Most devices' settings let you set a screen-time limit, helping your child to stay fresh and focused so they can perform well at school.

9. ONLY PAIR WITH KNOWN BLUETOOTH DEVICES

Your child may want to connect to another device via Bluetooth, so they can listen to music wirelessly or share pictures and videos with nearby friends. But if they use Bluetooth to link with a device that they don't know, they're at risk of a stranger being able to see their personal information or having someone transmit a virus onto their device.

10. TURN LOCATION SETTINGS OFF

It's safest to disable the device's location services (if it's a portable device) so your child doesn't inadvertently make other people aware of where they are. You can usually do this via the device's privacy control settings. Turning location settings off not only means your child's whereabouts can't be tracked by others, it also significantly extends battery life.

11. STAY AWARE OF THE SURROUNDINGS

It's common to see adults not looking where they're going while engrossed in their phone. Children are even more easily distracted. In some cases, young people have been hit by cars or cyclists because they were staring at their device and lost track of where they were. Remind your child that screens and walking don't mix. If they need to use their device, they should stop in a safe place first.

12. BE THERE IF THEY NEED TO TALK

Even when you've made a device as secure as you can, there's still a possibility of your child seeing something that bothers them, or someone they don't know attempting to contact them. If this happens, listen to their concerns, empathise and reassure them. Once they've explained what happened, you can decide if you should take further action like blocking or reporting another user.

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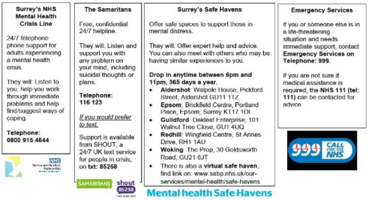
WELLNESS THIS CHRISTMAS

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

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

The Samaritans

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**

Surrey's Safe Havens

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.

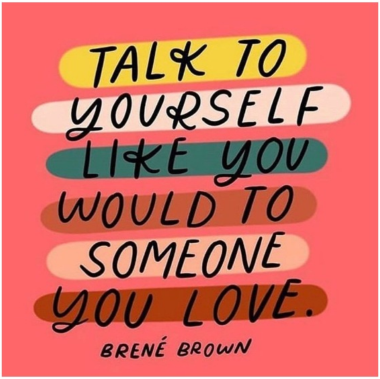
Drop in anytime between 6pm and 11pm, 365 days a year.

- **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

Emergency Services

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


TALK TO YOURSELF LIKE YOU WOULD TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE.
BRENÉ BROWN

Let's Celebrate!

HOUSE POINTS

Check out our total to date on the website's Home Page, too!

HOUSE	Weekly TOTAL	TOTAL To Date
Otters	678	6161
Porpoises	**921**	**7037**
Dolphins	888	4981
Whales	485	5294

Class	House Point Winners
Reception	Willow, TJ, Reuben
Year 1	Levi, Nicole, Tommy
Year 2	Charlotte, Amelia, Aaron
Year 3	Tracy, Evelyn, Phoebe, Daniel, Brielle, Benjamin
Year 4	Chethiya, Alex, Tadisa
Year 5	Naz, Faith, Mary
Year 6	Maggie, Ethan, Daryna, Addison, Hannah, Valentine, Krisztina

OUR WEEKLY WINNERS!

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE	SPOTLIGHT AWARD	Class
Frank	Renee	Reception
Darcey	Caleb	Year 1
Lincoln	Danil	Year 2
Benjamin	Callum	Year 3 OJ
Layla	Shiryu	Year 3 JT
Tadisa	Oliver	Year 4
Ayla	Bonnie	Year 5
Bailey	Krisztina	Year 6 AM
Daryna	Eddie	Year 6 MM

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

CLASS	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE %	ATTENDANCE TO DATE
Reception	91%	88%
Year 1	92%	90%
Year 2	81%	87%
Year 3 OJ	84% (both Y3)	92% (both Y3)
Year 3 JT		
Year 4	92%	91%
Year 5	85%	90%
Year 6 AM	85% (both Y6)	91% (both Y6)
Year 6 MM		

Well done to Year 1 and Year 4 for having the highest attendance this week! We're so proud of you!

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

Please remember.......

"THERE'S REALLY NO SECRET TO SUCCESS. YOU MAKE YOUR OWN SUCCESS."
ALEX MORGAN
JOBS IN FOOTBALL

...and it starts with attending school regularly.

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

Facebook

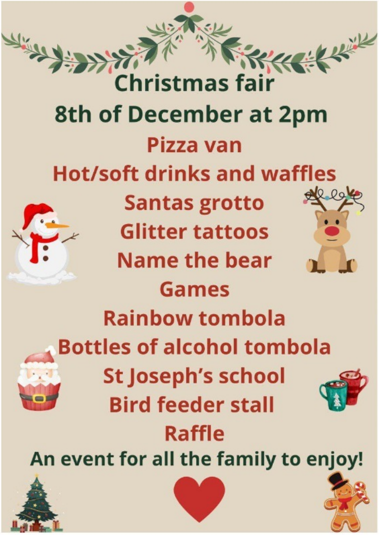
X (Formerly Twitter)

Quiz Time!

Can you and your family answer these questions together?

1. **Which year groups are performing the Nativity for parents next week?** ▼
2. **On which date does Advent begin this year?** ▼
3. **At what time does St. Nicolas' Advent service start on 3rd December?** ▼
4. **What is the date of our school Christmas Fayre?** ▼
5. **Which day next week can you wear a Christmas jumper?** ▼

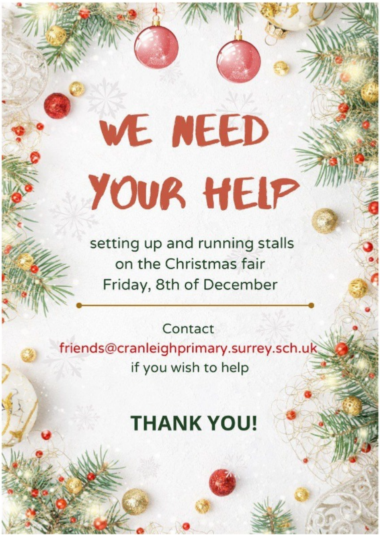
COMMUNITY NOTICES



Christmas fair
8th of December at 2pm

Pizza van
Hot/soft drinks and waffles
Santas grotto
Glitter tattoos
Name the bear
Games
Rainbow tombola
Bottles of alcohol tombola
St Joseph's school
Bird feeder stall
Raffle

An event for all the family to enjoy!



WE NEED
YOUR HELP

setting up and running stalls
on the Christmas fair
Friday, 8th of December

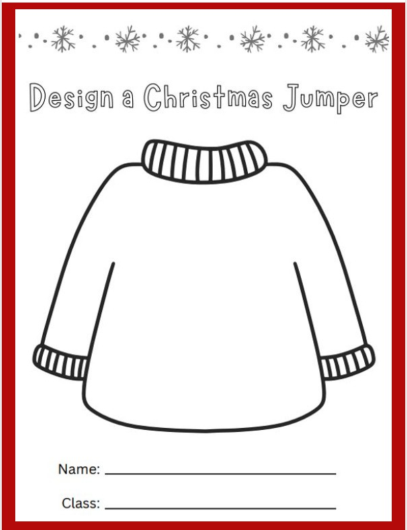
Contact
friends@cranleighprimary.surrey.sch.uk
if you wish to help

THANK YOU!

Design a Christmas Jumper Competition!

Your child should have brought home the following to decorate ahead of our Christmas Fayre next Friday. **Deadline: Thursday 7th December** please.

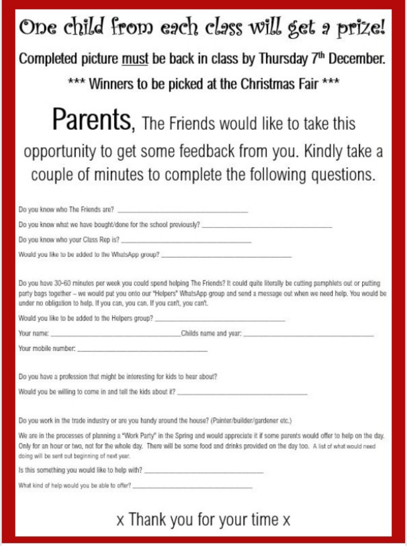
We can't wait to see their festive designs!



Design a Christmas Jumper

Name: ______________________________

Class: ______________________________



One child from each class will get a prize!

Completed picture must be back in class by Thursday 7th December.

***** Winners to be picked at the Christmas Fair *****

Parents, The Friends would like to take this opportunity to get some feedback from you. Kindly take a couple of minutes to complete the following questions.

Do you know who The Friends are? ______________________________

Do you know what we have bought/done for the school previously? ______________________________

Do you know who your Class Rep is? ______________________________

Would you like to be added to the WhatsApp group? ______________________________

Do you have 30-60 minutes per week you could spend helping The Friends? It could quite literally be cutting pamphlets out or putting party bags together – we would put you onto our "Helpers" WhatsApp group and send a message out when we need help. You would be under no obligation to help. If you can, you can. If you can't, you can't.

Would you like to be added to the Helpers group? ______________________________

Your name: ______________________________Childs name and year: ______________________________

Your mobile number: ______________________________

Do you have a profession that might be interesting for kids to hear about?

Would you be willing to come in and tell the kids about it? ______________________________

Do you work in the trade industry or are you handy around the house? (Painter/builder/gardener etc.)

We are in the processes of planning a "Work Party" in the Spring and would appreciate it if some parents would offer to help on the day. Only for an hour or two, not for the whole day. There will be some food and drinks provided on the day too. A list of what would need doing will be sent out beginning of next year.

Is this something you would like to help with? ______________________________

What kind of help would you be able to offer? ______________________________

x Thank you for your time x

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INTERNATIONAL

The Cranleigh Lions' Santa Sleigh Schedule!

Starting at 5pm on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at the entrance to Little Manor Gardens, Santa and his sleigh will be visiting the local area on several dates up until Tuesday 19th December.

Please click HERE for more information.

OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Full calendar dates can be found on our website.

Classical concert for pupils at Cranleigh Arts Centre	12:30PM – 2:00PM	05 December
Reception & KS1 Nativity Afternoon Performance to Parents - 1:30pm start	1:30PM – 2:30PM	06 December
Christmas Jumper Day	ALL DAY	07 December
Christmas Lunch	ALL DAY	07 December
Christmas Tree Being Delivered to St. Nicolas Church	ALL DAY	07 December
Reception & KS1 Nativity Morning Performance to Parents - 9:30am start	9:30AM – 10:30AM	07 December
Christmas Fayre from 2pm	2:00PM – 4:00PM	08 December
2pm Collection for Children	2:00PM – 2:00PM	08 December
Rotary Christmas Carol Concert	6:30PM – 8:30PM	13 December
Last Day of Term - 1:15pm finish	ALL DAY	15 December

Happy
Weekend!