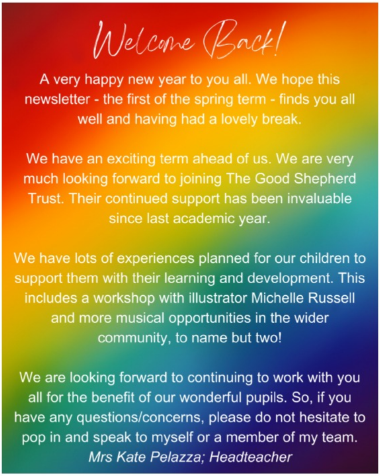
# THE CRANLEIGH CHRONICLE

*Nurturing Belief and Ensuring the Highest Standards of Learning for All*

**Friday 5th January 2024**



## *Welcome Back!*

A very happy new year to you all. We hope this newsletter - the first of the spring term - finds you all well and having had a lovely break.

We have an exciting term ahead of us. We are very much looking forward to joining The Good Shepherd Trust. Their continued support has been invaluable since last academic year.

We have lots of experiences planned for our children to support them with their learning and development. This includes a workshop with illustrator Michelle Russell and more musical opportunities in the wider community, to name but two!

We are looking forward to continuing to work with you all for the benefit of our wonderful pupils. So, if you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in and speak to myself or a member of my team.

*Mrs Kate Pelazza; Headteacher*

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Parent Survey
HELP US IMPROVE!
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

On Wednesday, you should have all received an email with the link to our second parent survey of the academic year. Your support is vital to the school's success and we kindly ask you all to complete.

The survey will close on **Monday at 6pm**; however, if you need more time, or any support to access, please just get in touch.

Thank you to everyone who has been able to complete so far!

## An out-of-this-world start to 2024!

Our Year 5 children had a galactic start to term with a planetarium experience on Wednesday.

They learnt about the solar system, what older stars look like and the names of constellations, amongst other things!

## RICHARD O'NEILL VIRTUAL VISIT

Following his in-person visit to school on 15th November, Gypsy/Roma author Richard O'Neill paid all our children a virtual visit yesterday to tell some more of his amazing stories.

Storytelling is so important if we are to build connections, confidence, and learn about the world around us. Our children had a wonderful time, as before.

RSPB

Big Garden Birdwatch

26-28 January 2024

The **Big Garden Birdwatch** is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

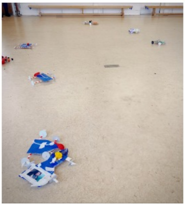
I love taking part each year, and it only needs 1 hour on one day between 26th and 28th January. You don't even need your own garden.

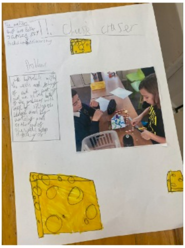
Click the above link for more information.

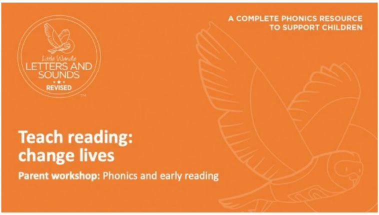
## Balloon Buggies!

Year 6 have been making phenomenal balloon buggies this week. This afternoon, I joined them for their evaluative buggy race in the hall. There were fantastic conversations about improvement and design features. We definitely have some engineers amongst us.

Well done, Year 6!







A COMPLETE PHONICS RESOURCE
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN

Little Wandle
LETTERS AND SOUNDS
REVISED

**Teach reading:
change lives**

**Parent workshop:** Phonics and early reading

### Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our phonics workshop for parents on Wednesday.

Last term, we introduced Little Wandle phonics. It has already proved incredibly effective and we hope you found the information useful.

If you were unable to attend, please do contact the office for more information.

# Celebrate!

## HOUSE POINTS

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

| HOUSE | Weekly TOTAL | TOTAL To Date |
|---|---|---|
| Otters | **355** | 7,076 |
| Porpoises | **355** | **7,973** |
| Dolphins | 229 | 6,620 |
| Whales | 285 | 6,108 |

| HOUSE POINT WINNERS | CLASS |
|---|---|
| Thomas-Joe, Austin, Isaac | Reception |
| Penny, Elizabeth, Nicole | Year 1 |
| Tienna, James, Rose | Year 2 |
| Daniel, Brielle, Benjamin, Noah, William, Layla | Year 3 |
| Emily, Oliver, Chethiya | Year 4 |
| Alex, Naz, Elsie | Year 5 |
| Kaitlin, Zach B, John, Ethan, Daryna, Mark | Year 6 |

## OUR WEEKLY WINNERS!

| READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE | SPOTLIGHT AWARD | Class |
|---|---|---|
| Sebastian | Reuben | Reception |
| Marnie | River | Year 1 |
| Josie | Vogue | Year 2 |
| Callum | Hannah | Year 3 OJ |
| Sidney | Noah | Year 3 JT |
| Chloe | Reggie | Year 4 |
| Naz | Hania | Year 5 |
| Hannah | Kaitlin | Year 6 AM |
| Ethan | Megan | Year 6 MM |

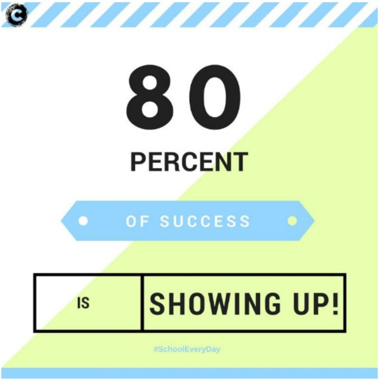
## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

| CLASS | WEEKLY ATTENDANCE % | ATTENDANCE TO DATE |
|---|---|---|
| Reception | 76% | 88% |
| Year 1 | 82% | 89% |
| Year 2 | 84% | 87% |
| Year 3 OJ | 88% (both classes) | 91% (both classes) |
| Year 3 JT | | |
| Year 4 | 93% | 90% |
| Year 5 | 83% | 90% |
| Year 6 AM | 83% (both classes) | 90% (both classes) |
| Year 6 MM | | |

Well done to 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 effort!

And please always remember.......



...so let's keep attending school regularly.

**If you would like any support in getting your child to school regularly and on time, please make an appointment to speak with Attendance Lead, Miss Newman.**

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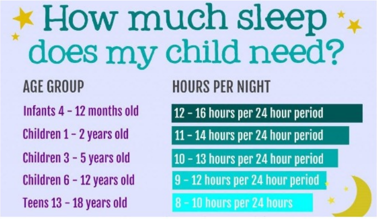
# Bedtime Routine

## NHS Advice

It can be so hard to re-establish children's bedtime routines following a break from school.

The NHS has some great tips for children of various ages, as well as those with additional needs.

Click HERE for more information or come in and speak with a member of our senior team.



## How much sleep does my child need?

| AGE GROUP | HOURS PER NIGHT |
|---|---|
| Infants 4 - 12 months old | 12 - 16 hours per 24 hour period |
| Children 1 - 2 years old | 11 - 14 hours per 24 hour period |
| Children 3 - 5 years old | 10 - 13 hours per 24 hour period |
| Children 6 - 12 years old | 9 - 12 hours per 24 hour period |
| Teens 13 - 18 years old | 8 - 10 hours per 24 hours |

Volunteers Needed!

### We Need You!

Do you have any time to spare? Would you like to help our wonderful children?

**We are looking for volunteers to read with our children.**

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the school office.

A.A. MILNE:
1882 - 1956
WINNIE THE POOH DAY
January 18th, 2024
Celebrating the beloved bear and his creator.

A.A. Milne is most famous for his two *Pooh* books about a boy named Christopher Robin. The character was named after his son and various other characters were inspired by his son's stuffed animals, most notably his bear named Winnie-the-Pooh.

Read more HERE.

**On January 18th, it is National Winnie the Pooh Day.**

It would be wonderful to see photos of our children reading A.A. Milne's stories, or being read to. There are lots of online stories too!

CHECK OUT OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS!
FACEBOOK
X (FORMERLY TWITTER)

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

Facebook

X (Formerly Twitter)

COMMUNITY NOTICES
CRANLEIGH • EWHURST • SURREY

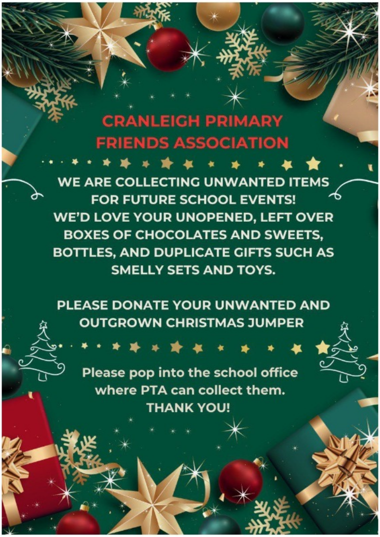
## Deadline for Reception and Year 3 Admission Applications

### A reminder:

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2024 entry is **15th January 2024.** If you haven't already completed an application, please do so as soon as possible.

Surrey encourages online applications. Please click HERE to complete.

However, you can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website.



## CRANLEIGH PRIMARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

WE ARE COLLECTING UNWANTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE SCHOOL EVENTS!
WE'D LOVE YOUR UNOPENED, LEFT OVER BOXES OF CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS, BOTTLES, AND DUPLICATE GIFTS SUCH AS SMELLY SETS AND TOYS.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR UNWANTED AND OUTGROWN CHRISTMAS JUMPER

Please pop into the school office where PTA can collect them.
THANK YOU!

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## OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR

Full calendar dates can be found on our website.

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|---|---|
| Parent Survey Deadline -<br>6:00PM – 6:00PM | 08<br>January |
| Year 4 Parent Meetings (Rescheduled)<br>3:30PM – 6:00PM | 11<br>January |
| Illustrator Michelle Russell Workshop<br>1:30PM – 3:00PM | 17<br>January |
| Year 4 Parent Meetings (Rescheduled)<br>3:30PM – 6:00PM | 18<br>January |
| Half-Term Holiday<br>ALL DAY<br>From 12 Feb until 16 Feb | 12<br>February |

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| Staff Development Day - No School for Pupils<br>ALL DAY | 19<br>February |
| Children's First Day Back<br>ALL DAY | 20<br>February |
| World Wildlife Week<br>ALL DAY<br>From 26 Feb until 01 Mar | 26<br>February |
| Guildford Bee Keepers Association Workshops<br>1:00PM – 3:00PM | 26<br>February |
| The David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Workshops<br>ALL DAY | 27<br>February |
| Music Works Spring Performance for Parents<br>ALL DAY | 13<br>March |
| Red Nose Day<br>ALL DAY | 15<br>March |
| Poster for Peace Competition Deadline (Cranleigh Lions)<br>ALL DAY | 15<br>March |
| Last Day of Term<br>ALL DAY | 28<br>March |
| Good Friday<br>ALL DAY | 29<br>March |

Happy weekend
Wishing you a fantastic and relaxing weekend.