



Cranwell Primary School Newsletter

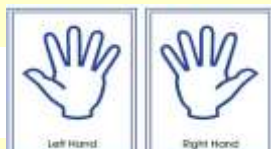
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Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to Term Two!!!

I do hope you have all had a relaxing or at least enjoyable half-term break. I would like to begin by thanking all of the parents who attended Parent Interviews during the last week of term. This vital link between home and school allows us to move forward together to ensure your child is able to reach their full potential.

Supporting our Left-Handed Writers



Learning to write may be more difficult for left-handers than for right-handers because our culture's left-to-right progression favours right-handers:

- It is easier to pull a pen or pencil across a page than to push one.
- As the left-hand moves across the page, it not only covers what has been written but may smear the ink or pencil marks as well.
- The spiral binding or rings on a notebook get in the way.

Top tips!

- ✓ Sit left-handers on the left side of a table.
- ✓ Chair should be at a height that allows the child's feet to rest flat with the hips, knees and ankles all at 90 degree angles.
- ✓ Desk height should be 5 cm above the height of the child's bent elbows.
- ✓ Use a hard lead pencil so that it does not smear easily. (Be aware that thicker pencils may actually impede small hands).
- ✓ When holding the pencil, the forearm should rest on the writing surface with the hand resting on the little finger. The wrist should be in a slightly extended posture (bent back) as this brings the thumb in a position where it can comfortably oppose the fingers.
- ✓ Teach left-handed children to hold their pencils about 4cm higher than right-handers so that they can see over or around the hand. They should point their pencil towards their left shoulder.
- ✓ Keep wrists nearly flat against the writing surface and straight, with their elbows close to their bodies.
- ✓ Turn the writing paper to the right rather than the left. This should help the children to position their hand underneath the writing line. Children need to develop their own natural slant – no more than 45 degrees.

Governor Vacancies

We would like to thank Mr John Culshaw and Mr John Hansford, whose 4 year term of office with the school as parent governors have come to an end. Additionally, Mrs Emily Foran and Mrs Clare Stratford have successfully acquired different employment opportunities which means they are sadly unable to continue their role as Governors. We are sure you will join us in expressing our gratitude to these four governors who have helped lead the school during their terms of office, and wish them every success for the future.

As a result, four positions are now available, rather than the three advertised yesterday.

If you are interested in being a candidate please complete the slip on the application documents, proposed and seconded, with signatures from all three parties (nominee, proposer and seconder) and forward it to the Returning Officer at the school, or by email to clerk@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk to arrive **not later than 12 noon on Friday 10th November 2017**. It is recommended that candidates supply a short personal statement (not more than 250 words) about themselves for circulation to voters.

A copy of the relevant documentation can be found at: <http://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/governorswho.asp>

Mr Pete Nelstrop
Chair of Governors

Mr Chris Wilson
Headteacher

PTA Non-uniform Day

Due to the success of last year's Christmas Fayre tombola donations for our non-uniform day, the PTA would like to once again invite your child to take part in this event on Friday 24th November 2017. If you would like to participate, please send your child to school in non-uniform and bring along a donation for the tombola.

Do you wish to help out with decision making and raising money for the school? Our next PTA meeting is on Friday 3rd November at 9am in school. Your continued support is much appreciated.

Cranwell Primary School PTA.

Stay safe on Bonfire Night

- Never touch fireworks
- Stand well back from the bonfire
- Never go near a firework after it has been lit
- Only one sparkler at a time
- Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep pets indoors

Hair Tied Up

Please note, that children with long hair should have it tied up. We know from experience that most children with long hair leave the house with their hair tied up, however, it is often released by the time the children enter school. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Christmas Fayre

Preparations for our Christmas Fayre are well underway. The date is Thursday 7th December 2017 between 15:15 and 17:00.

If you wish to book a stall, please contact the Chair of the PTA, Mrs Karen Newton via the School Office.

St Michael's Church

On Monday 11th December 2017 classes 5/6H, 5/6B, 5B, 4P, 3/4H, 3P and 2/3CO will be celebrating together at St Michael's Church, RAFC Cranwell. There will be a service, along with a short drama extract, celebrating Christmas. **The service will begin at 18:00, and we welcome parents, who wish to join us, for the occasion. Tickets will be required for all who wish to attend. More details are to follow.**

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale during the school day. If you would like your child/children to buy a poppy, please send a donation in to school with them.

Also for sale:

Wristbands - 50p

Reflector - 50p

Friendship bracelet - £1

Snapband - £1



Stay Safe, Be Seen!!!



**Lincolnshire
Road
Safety
Partnership**

Please can we remind all of our children to:
MAKE YOURSELF VISIBLE
Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially when walking at night and to and from School. Dressing to be seen will make it safer for you and drivers, and put lights on bikes!

Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure school is informed before 8.45 am by phoning 01400 261271 or email

enquiries@cranwell.lincs.sch.uk.

If your child is absent with D&V, children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Upcoming Events:

Next PTA Meeting:

Friday 3rd November 2017 @ 9:00

PTA Bring a Tombola Prize - Non-uniform Day:

Friday 24th November 2017

Infant Productions:

Monday 4th December 2017 @ 13:30

Tuesday 5th December 2017 @ 18:00

Christmas Fayre:

Thursday 7th December 2017 from 3:15pm to 5pm

Festival of Carols:

Monday 11th December 2017 at 18:00

Pantomime Trip to Newark - Beauty and the Beast:

Monday 18th December 2017

This Academic year:

Term 1 ends: Friday 20th Oct 2017

Term 2: Tuesday 31st Oct - Tuesday 19th Dec 2017

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January - Friday 9th Feb 2018

Term 4: Monday 19th Feb - Wed 28th March 2018

Term 5 : Monday 16th Apr - Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6 : Monday 4th Jun - Friday 20th July 2018

Academic Year 2018-2019:

Term 1 Tuesday 4th September - Friday 19th Oct 2018

Term 2: Tuesday 30th Oct - Tuesday 20th Dec 2018

Term 3: Wed 7th January - Fri 15th Feb 2019

Term 4: Mon 25th Feb - Fri 5th Apr 2019

Term 5 : Tuesday 23rd Apr - Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6 : Mon 3rd Jun - Friday 19th July 2019

Telephone 01400 261271

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or visit

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Is your child
starting school in
September 2018?

Cranwell Primary School's Foundation
Stage is holding an open morning on

9th November 2017

Drop in anytime between
9:30am - 11:00am



for parents and children to come and look
around and meet the
Foundation Stage Team

