



# Cranwell Primary School Newsletter

## Have a Lovely Half Term Break

Half term is upon us, Spring is on the way, we wish you and your families a lovely holiday!

## We are Sorry you are Leaving

I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Sue Clark all the very best in her retirement. We are extremely grateful for the dedication and hard work in our school over the last 19 years. Mrs Clark trained here at Cranwell Primary School and will be dearly missed by all of the staff and children in the school. Mrs Clark's last day is tomorrow, and we wish her and Rupert all the very best for the future.

Also we are saying goodbye to Mrs Claire Holding and Miss Kezia Cook who are relocating to be nearer to their wider family. We wish Claire and Kezia all the very best for the future, and thank them for their care and dedication to their roles in school.

## World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

We are celebrating World Book Day 2023 on Thursday 2nd March. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please ensure that your child's costume is suitable for school and warm enough for outdoor play. The children will have a fun day full of reading related activities culminating in a World Book Day Top Hat parade (children will be making these in school) in assembly. Please see the attached leaflet with solutions for low-cost and imaginative dressing up ideas. The children will also receive their World Book Day tokens to bring home.

## Raising Awareness around the risk of Radicalisation

The Lincolnshire Police Prevent team would like to reach out to parents / carers within the county to raise awareness around the risk of radicalisation among young people. It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes

that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned seek advice.

ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned.

[ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation](https://actearly.uk) <https://actearly.uk>

PC Nicky Defraime - Prevent Officer, Lincolnshire Police

## Parents' Afternoon

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning our Parents' Afternoon.

This will take place on Thursday 25th May 2023 from 1.15pm.

During this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to tour the school with your child.

Details have been sent out. Please contact the School Office if you require more information

## Grandparents' Day

You will be pleased to hear that we are currently planning for our fabulous Grandparents' Day which has sadly not been able to run since 2020.

The date will be Friday 26th May 2023, which is the last day of term 5.

Details have been sent out. Please contact the School Office if you require more information

## If it Snows

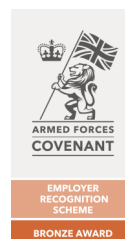
If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision may not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading

## Lunches

If you want ideas on how to make a healthy packed lunch: [www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx](https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/Pages/healthy-lunchbox-picnic.aspx)

...have got some great ideas for you, and in no time you'll have delicious lunchbox ideas for all the family.

Take the lunchbox list with you when you shop - it will help you avoid reaching for tempting, less healthy foods, and it could save you time and money too!



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## The Importance of Reading

It is important that children experience a broad curriculum. Learning about our World, the people within it and its climate are important. Keeping fit and healthy is vital for the children to reach their potential. Maths, writing and spelling are just as important in the casserole of learning a child needs. A child's reading skills, however, underpin their success in school in all subjects, as they will allow them to access the breadth of the curriculum and improve their communication and language skills. Reading opens more doors to new worlds for our children.

## What difference can I make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are just as important as teachers. Reading to your children and listening to them read is so important for their development.

## How to encourage your child to read?

Here are some websites with great ideas to encourage your children to read:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/encouraging-your-child-read>

<https://www.english.com/blog/motivate-children-reading-five-fun-activities/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/activities-to-encourage-pre-reading-621060>

## Active Learn

Remember, your child has free access to hundreds of books online on Active Learn



<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0&l=0>

## Parent's Evenings

Parent's Evenings have been arranged for the week beginning 27th March 2023.  
More details on booking a slot will be sent out shortly.

## Term Dates

### Academic Year 2022—2023

Term 3 : ends — Fri 10th Feb 2023

Term 4 : Mon 20th Feb — Fri 31st March 2023

Term 5 : Tues 18th April — Fri 26th May 2023

*Please note:*

*Bank Holidays 1st and 8th May 2023*

Term 6 : Mon 5th June — Fri 21st July 2023

### Academic Year 2023-2024

Term 1 : Wed 6th Sept — Fri 20th October 2023

Term 2 : Tues 31st Oct — Wed 20th Dec 2023

Term 3 : Wed 3rd Jan — Fri 9th Feb 2024

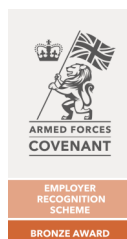
Term 4 : Mon 19th Feb — Thurs 28th March 2024

Term 5 : Tue 16th April — Fri 24th May 2024

Term 6 : Mon 3rd June — Fri 19th July 2024

Further dates for 2024 –25 and 2025—26 can be found on the school website at

[www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/termdates.asp](http://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk/termdates.asp)





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## Be smart on the internet

Childnet  
International  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

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SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

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MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

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ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

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RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

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TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

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