

Newsletter 2

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

A note from Mr Reeves

Another lovely week flies by with some fantastic activities taking place. I always think how lucky we are with the space outside at Cropredy and this was utilized further this week with the start of our Forest school and PE sessions with Mr. Pemble.

It was lovely to see so many of you on Tuesday afternoon to talk through updates about what has happened with the school since I arrived in late May. For those unable to attend, there is a session recording on the website's Newsletter section. This was then followed by a 'Meet the teacher' opportunity. If you were unable to attend, or have any questions, please come and speak to the office to arrange a time to meet with your child's teacher.

Another exciting development was the start of our folk music teaching this week with our Year 4 and 6 children. Watch this space for some exciting updates about the children showing their skills to a larger audience....

Finally, the fantastic PTFA met last night at school and spoke through lots of ideas around fundraising for the school. One area where they will be looking to fundraise for is the school trips which have been introduced this academic year. Some of the first few fundraising ideas will start with the FUN-ding Fridays. The money going towards year group trips, meaning they are much more reasonably priced.

Have a lovely restful weekend.

Curriculum Letters

Earlier in the week, curriculum information was shared with you via email as well as our Meet The Teacher Afternoon. If you have any questions about these, please see your child's teacher.

School Life Photos

As Mr Reeves shared on Tuesday, we are in the process of developing a new website and some promotion for the school. Photos have been booked in to be taken for the website and other things on Monday and Tuesday next week. This is dependent on the weather, so may be rearranged. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform on these days. If it is a PE day, the PE kit is appropriate. If you have said you do not want your child photographed for this purpose, then they will not be included in these photos. Please refer to the school website if you are unsure about correct school uniform.

Democracy in School

Next week we will be looking at the British Value of Democracy during our assemblies. As part of this, children will be voting for their class school councillors, as well as voting for Year 6 House Captains. No preparation for these needs to be done at home, it will be explained to the children during school and if necessary any preparation time will be given in classes.

School Book Fair

Next week we will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. It will be held in the hall every day after school for 15 minutes after school each day. You can pay cash or scan the QR code at the fair if you want to make an online payment. Every book sold at the fair helps to earn free books for our school!



School Certificates

Well Done to the following children who have received certificates in assembly today.

Headteachers Award

Wilf - Cygnets
George S – Year 2
Monet B – Year 3

Reading Award

Rennie-James - Year 4

Writing Award

Isabella – Year 1
Celianne – Year 2
Thea – Year 3

Maths Award

Nell - Cygnets
Lorenzo – Year 2
Aneirin - Year 4
Ollie G – Year 5
Matilda – Year 6

House Points Certificates

Bronze

Isa - Year 4
Jasper - Year 4
Ella - Year 4
Iris - Year 4
Lucas - Year 4
Toby - Year 4
Liliana - Year 4
Javi – Year 5
Henry-James – Year 5



Out Of School Achievements

It has been lovely to see the variety and range of awards brought into school to be shared.

Sofia G (Year 1) has passed her stage 1 swimming certificate.

Oriarna (Year 1) has completed 'kick & splash' and Liliana (yr 4) has swum 100m. Both girls have also received a certificate for taking part in the Big CPR challenge at the emergency services day.

William W (Year 3) has a certificate and medal from Go Ape for completing the Aced Treetop Adventure.

Ralphie (Year3) has come 3rd and won a rosette at the Moreton in Marsh Show for Mounted Games. To have future achievements shared in the school newsletter, please send the details to the School Office. Any certificates, medals or trophies to be presented in Celebration assemblies on a Friday, please also drop these into the school office.

House Points			
Chestnut	Oak	Sycamore	Willow
337	325	299	328

Next Week In School		PE days	
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Life Photos being taken Year 1 Canal Walk 	Cygnets	Forest School – Thursday PE – Thursday
		Year 1	Forest School – Thursday PE – Monday
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Life Photos being taken School Book Fair 	Year 2	Forest School – Thursday PE – Wednesday
		Year 3	PE Session 1 – Monday PE Session 2 – Friday
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Book Fair School Councillor Voting (in Class Assembly) 	Year 4	PE Session 1 – Tuesday Forest School – Thursday
		Year 5	PE Session 1 – Wednesday PE Session 2 – Friday
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Book Fair 	Year 6	PE Session 1 – Tuesday Swimming – Thursday
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Book Fair Year 6 House Captain Voting (during House Assembly) 		

Upcoming Dates For Your Diary
Thursday 26th September – PTFA Bingo Night – book on ParentPay
Thursday 3rd October – The kitchen is offering an Italian themed menu – order via Parent Pay
Tuesday 8th October – the kitchen is celebrating Space Week with a Space themed menu –order via Parent Pay
Thursday 31st October – Deadline for on time application to Secondary School
Wednesday 13th November – Individual and Sibling Photographs
Wednesday 15th January – Deadline for on time application for Primary School

Sports Updates
Cropredy achieved a Silver Sports Game Mark last year and this year we are aiming for Gold by increasing (and winning) the amount of competitions we enter, including in-house competitions.
Last year we were successful in winning both EPA summer games tournaments (3/4 and 5/6), The Year 5/6 Girls' football tournament & The Tag Rugby Year 5 / 6 Tournament alongside many other successes including 1st place at the Cross Country and coming second place in the Boddington Football tournament.

Upcoming Sports Tournaments
Venue – Chenderit Secondary School on Thursdays after school *unless stated otherwise*
Thursday 19th September 2024 – Year 5 /6 Football Tournament
Thursday 26th September 2024 – Cross Country – all year groups
Thursday 03rd October 2024 – Year 3 / 4 Football Tournament

All children from their respective year groups are welcome to attend with parent supervision, if you could just email the office or let Mr Parsons know in advance so we can either submit one or two teams. Thank you!

Our Week Of Learning

This week Cygnets, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 are sharing their learning.

Cygnets

All of the Cygnets children have made an amazing start to school life! We are so proud of every single one of them! They have been learning our routines and making sure that they are Ready for their learning. Cygnets have been practicing being Responsible, by looking after each other and putting our toys away. We have had a very wet first Forest School, but we enjoyed meeting Mr Pemble and hearing all about the Forest School rules, being Respectful and listening so well! We started our Phonics learning and this week have been practicing blending and segmenting with the letters s, a, t, p.

Finally we ended our week this week with a buddy reading session – introducing our Year 6 buddies to our parents and enjoying a story together. Here are some pictures from our first weeks of learning!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! They have got to grips with new routines and are embracing the challenges of Year 2 with great enthusiasm. In Maths this week we have been working on recognising tens and ones and using this to partition numbers to 100. In English we have been linking our work to our History topic and writing character descriptions based on a story set during The Great Fire of London. Some impressive writing from everyone this week!

Year 4

The first two weeks in Year 4 have been fantastic. The children have loved the new house points and certificate systems.

In English, we have begun our learning journey for the book 'Across the Roman Wall', The children spent the first session acting out a scene from the book (pictures below). They did a really good job writing in past tense and first person in a diary entry about a character in the story, even managing to add detail about their characters thoughts, feelings and opinions.

In Maths, we started our new mastery technique. We covered recognising and partitioning numbers to 1000 and working with thousands.

On Tuesday this week, we had our first Folk Music lesson with Katie from OCC. The children listen to some Folk Music, started to learn a song and got to play some unusual instruments (pictures below)

In Art, the children learned about tessellating patterns. They used 2D shapes and stencils to create simple patterns with no overlapping or spaces and then created their own template shapes to make more complex patterns. (pictures below).



Year 6

An awesome start to the new academic year – myself and Mrs Jeffries have been both pleased and impressed with the whole cohort. Presentation has been reiterated in the past week and Matilda & Jude were this week's certificate recipients for superb presentation and quality of work produced in both maths and writing respectively.

Overall, the class have adapted well to their new surroundings, expectations and seamlessly entered into the routines and high standards expected – this will only continue and develop as the year progresses. We have begun our learning around Ancient Greece, where we will be linking our English, Reading, History and Geography for a more immersive and wholistic learning experience. Please see the curriculum overview emailed out for more details.

Reading high quality texts and a broad range of both fiction and non-fiction has been the second key focus. You should find that your child has been having a range of reading opportunities in year six, including: private reading, group reading, reading aloud and whole class reading. I will personally ensure that your child has access to high quality texts throughout the year that both inform, improve and enhance both their reading and writing ability. Please see pictures below of students who have already finished a recommended book or have been hand-selected a specific book.

Finally, Year 6 have been fortunate enough to have specialised teaching in three key areas this autumn term – swimming at Spiceball which will transfer into Canoeing in the summer term, folk music singing and dancing which will result in a performance at Cropredy Fairport Convention in the summer & Mandarin teaching which is a truly unique and fun experience.



PTFA Updates



**CROPREDY SCHOOL
PTFA**

Bingo!

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY
EVENING TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
5PM-7PM

£3 PER PERSON OR £10 FOR A FAMILY OF 4!
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ON PARENT PAY!

The poster features a light blue background with colorful bingo balls (5, 8, 6) at the top and two bingo cards at the bottom. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif and cursive fonts.

Other Information

Primary School Health Nursing Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to access this terms newsletter from the School Nursing Team.

Year 6 Secondary School Open Days and Mornings

BGN – Open Evening for Year 6 Wednesday 25th September 6.30PM

BGN – Open Morning Thursday 26th September 9.30 - 10.30

Kineton – Open Evening 3rd October

The Warriner - 25th, 26th & 27th of September 2024

Please visit the relevant school websites or contact the schools to arrange attending these.

**Yours sincerely,
Croredy School SLT**