



## Cropredy Church of England Primary School

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### Newsletter 17

Dear Parents and Carers,

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022

This week it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the milder weather, with a wide range of learning activities being completed outside. We have had the field back in use, helping the children to have more active and fun breaktimes and lunchtimes. Please can children continue to have coats in school each day and bring wellington boots also (if not already in school).

#### COVID-19 Update

From the Local Authority meeting I attend earlier in the week, considerable time was spent reviewing the current rates in each locality and the increase in reported positive cases for children and staff in primary education. Data was also shared from the Office for National Statistics (up to 22<sup>nd</sup> January), which indicated that the reported positivity rate was highest in those aged 2 years to 11 years.

At the present time, with the positive cases that we have in school, please can I ask that face masks continue to be worn at drop off and collection time (unless medically exempt). We continue to monitor cases very closely and will keep you updated accordingly.



#### Safety outside school – School Entry and Exit Arrangements

With some concerns raised last week over children's safety on School Lane, due to stationary and moving traffic, from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January all children from our School and also Cropredy Pre-School will need to enter the school site through the main school entrance on Station Road.

As the top gate from site will be kept closed at these times, all school users will need to exit the site around the school hall or through the main entrance. This will help children and adults to leave school gates and move straight onto pavement areas, avoiding movement through and around vehicles.

I will monitor how these altered arrangements work to support safe entry and exit from site; please do share feedback with me, so I can put in place the best possible arrangements, with the highest regard to safety of all.

Thank you for your support.

#### Road Safety

This week, we were visited by PC Lana Smith, to help review traffic congestion at the start of the school day. The Rural Police Team are now going to try to visit more regularly, to help provide ongoing support.

From our discussions, please can I remind parents to take great care when parking on the road up to Great Bourton. Please can parents get children to leave the car onto the verge (not into the live traffic lane).

Please can I also ask that parents do not stop on the hatchings outside school to drop children off or collect them.

#### Highway Code Update

Thank you very much to the parent who helped signpost me to the Highway Code changes, that are in place as from Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

These changes have been put in place to help improve the safety of people walking, cycling and riding horses.

Please visit the following site for more information regarding these changes:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

## **Big Garden Birdwatch**

Pick a time over Friday 28 to Sunday 30 January, and watch the birds in your garden, from your balcony, or in your local greenspace for one hour. It doesn't matter what time you do your Big Garden Birdwatch, but you're likely to see more birds if you do it first thing in the morning.



Count the highest number of each type of bird you see all at once during the hour, not the total number you see of those birds. For example, if you see two blackbirds and then one blackbird 15 minutes later, your count is two blackbirds. Log your results at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

## **Next Week in School**

### **Monday:**

- Cygnets, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Physical Education lessons

### **Tuesday:**

- Year 1 and 2 trip to Kenilworth Castle
- Forest School for Cygnets

### **Wednesday:**

- Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Year 1

### **Thursday:**

- Year 1 Physical Education lessons
- Forest School for Year 2

### **Friday:**

- Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 Physical Education lessons

## **Upcoming Dates for the Diary**

### **February**

- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – NO Drama Club running
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Break the Rules Day – School Council/PTA event
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February** - End of half term
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET Day for Teachers
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – Welcome back to all for the new half-term

### **March**

- **Week of 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evenings – more details to follow – please note that during this week there will be no After School Clubs running in school
- **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Cygnets and Year 6 children – Height and Weight checks

### **April**

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Chance to Shine Cricket Day – Year 3 to 6 classes
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Term ends

## Golden Rules and House Points

### Golden Rules Stars this Week

Very well done to these children who have shown clear understanding and great application of our Golden Rules.

**Francesca B, Miles P, Isa B, Reuben C, Jacob S, Jada-Louise H, Alex P, Oscar F-D, Emiliana G, Arthur W, Felicity P, Evie T-D, Sam C and Ruby R.**

### House Points

#### House Points Totals

Sycamore	Willow	Oak	Chestnut
1244	1258	1256	1243

#### Stars of the Week

**Troy B and Chloe S** for wonderful writing about the Naughty Bus Book.

**Hannah H** for working very hard when writing her story.

**Libby E** for excellent thinking skills in Maths, that helped support her reasoning.

**Harry J** for fantastic use of descriptive language when describing the dragon.

**Oliver R** for fantastic efforts with his joined-up handwriting.

**Rosie A** for superb gymnastic skills shown in our lesson on Monday.

**Maci C and Zanna E** for a wonderfully presented and accurate pictogram about healthy eating.

**Alex P** for showing fantastic support to me in school throughout my day in Year 3 on Monday. As well as providing great support, Alex's Maths knowledge and understanding about fractions was also just wonderful to see.

**Rory M and Emmett T-C** for showing a wonderful approach when learning about a new type of computer programming software at After School Club.

**Riley C** for working so hard to achieve 10/10 in his tough tens everyday this week!

**Ivy P-G** for maintaining amazing efforts towards all of her learning throughout the week.

**Bella B** for her Haiku on the peppered moth which beautifully captured its essence.

**Lucy M** for splendid modelling of how to find equivalent fractions, demonstrating superb reasoning skills.

**Diana W** for making huge improvements in her reading fluency and also in her Maths skills. Well done Diana!

**Louisa W** for improving her problem solving and reasoning skills in Maths – greater depth awaits now Louisa! Many congratulations also to Louisa for achieving a new Parkrun personal best last weekend. Louisa was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 70, with a time of 24.33 for her 5Km run. Very well done Louisa!

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

Phil Goldsworthy