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15 February 2018

Dear Mrs Thomson,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading and in mathematics in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading and mathematics at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for attainment in reading and mathematics.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading and in mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**



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# Newsletter

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## Newsletter Number 22 - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

Our Christian Value for this half term is - Forgiveness.

### Dear Parents

I was very pleased and proud to receive the letter at the beginning of the newsletter, from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, congratulating our school on its high standard of achievement in our reading and maths Key Stage 2 SATS last year. We all work very hard to help our children reach their full potential and it is always means a great deal to receive acknowledgment of our success.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Book Week this week, your support enables us to purchase books for our school. I will advise parents next week how much the school made in commission to buy books with and how that money will be spent.

Thank you to Paula and her team for yet another successful special school lunch day.

Thank you to all the children who brought books in today for our World Book Day. If you were unable to bring one in today, please bring it in on Monday.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

The Governing Body of Crnton CE Primary School are looking to appoint a suitably qualified Teaching Assistant as soon as possible, initially based in the KS2 area. NVQ qualification Level 2 or above is essential. Please email Mrs Felton for an application pack - [eileen.felton@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:eileen.felton@knowsley.gov.uk)

### Facebook

Whilst we really appreciate the positive comments, it has been dis-heartening to read some negative comments surrounding our activities for World Book Day on our Facebook page today. School works very hard to provide an outstanding education for children, receiving many differing opinions from parents. We try to accommodate everyone's wishes as much as possible, whilst trying to ensure the children enjoy the activities.

This World Book Day, which we are very much involved in, centred on learning about other cultures and stories from Africa as part of our International school work. We felt this would be a fun learning opportunity for the children. I must point out we delayed by a day so that our children could celebrate St David's Day in their team colours.

Over the last 4 years we have varied our ideas for World Book Day, including dressing in the colours of the flags each class was studying, book characters etc. We are fully aware however that costumes can be quite expensive, especially if more than one child is to be catered for in families. After all this is a learning day about books and reading - not costumes.

We put on a lot of effort into offering different fun activities for the children throughout the year, and hope that we will have your support in this.

I would ask that if parents / carers would like to discuss a particular concern, please speak to your child's class teacher or email the school office. Facebook is meant to be a source of communication from school.

Sadly, as it turned out, the African story tellers were unable to get to us due to severe weather conditions in the South East. They have rescheduled to come next Thursday when we hope the weather will be better by then. We spent today learning about different books - the children therefore will have had two World Book Days - not just one. The children should wear their normal school uniform for this

### **Cronton is 50!**

Our next future events to celebrate our 50 years at our current site are:

**Children's Party** - the school council are busy organising a celebratory party in the afternoon of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June for all the children. This is the date the school was officially opened back in 1958. More details on the party will be sent nearer the time.

**Dinner / Dance** - on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be holding a Dinner Dance for current and previous staff, parents, Governors and guests at The Select Stadium Widnes. Please note this is an over 18's event only. Tickets will cost £35 each and orders are now being taken on a first come first served basis with a £15 per ticket non-refundable deposit. Please complete the order form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

### **Wanted**

Do you have any old VHS tape cases hiding in the cupboard that you will never use. We are looking for any cases to help us organise our reading books. If you have any and would like to donate to us we would be very grateful. Please send them into school as soon as possible. Please do not send in any VHS tapes - we only need the cases. Thank you.

### **Up-coming Events - Save the Dates**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 5 will be taking part in day 2 of Bikeability. The children will ride around the village to prepare them for taking part in the second part of road-based Bikeability in Year 6. The children will again need a bike (with brakes) and a helmet in order to take part. Hopefully the weather will be a lot kinder to us next week. This activity will be risk assessed by the organisers on the day, should the weather be bad.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** - we will be celebrating Mother's Day in school. We will again be holding a coffee morning / afternoon - Foundation and Key Stage 1 Mums / Grandmothers / carers from 9:30 - 10:30 and Key Stage 2 from 2:15 - 3:15. If you have a child in both infants and juniors we ask you attend in the afternoon. The day will also be a non-uniform day - the 'fine' being cakes.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Height & Weight Checks in school.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March** - the Friends of Cronton will be holding a chocolate Bingo on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March. More details will follow but in the run up there will be 2 non uniform days - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March with the 'fine' as soft toys and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March with the 'fine' of Easter Eggs.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Green team can wear green to school

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Friends of Cronton non-uniform day with the 'fine' of Easter Eggs

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - this week is Holy Week and we start with Key Stage 2 Family Worship Holy Communion at 9:05am in the school hall. All are welcome to join us.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - we will be holding an Easter Bonnet / hat and Easter Garden competition. The children in Foundation & Key Stage 1 are invited to make an Easter bonnet / cap / hat and Key Stage 2 children to make an Easter garden. All entrants will receive a small egg and winners of the best from each class will receive an Easter egg.

### **Nursery 30 Hours**

Parents must reconfirm their eligibility for the extended hours funding with HMRC every 3 months. Failure to do so may affect your eligibility and could therefore either lose the extra hours or have to pay for the term. Please ensure you re-confirm your eligibility so you don't lose out. It is parent's

responsibility to ensure they reconfirm their eligibility and to notify school of any changes to details or codes.

### **Dinner Money (£9.50 per week / £1.90 per day)**

If you have lost your log in details please speak to Mrs Hooks in the school office. If you have any problems logging in please click on the 'help & support' section on the main page of the website.

We have 3 weeks and 4 days until the next school holiday. This means lunches will cost a total of £36.10. However, if you know that your child will be absent during this period you should deduct £1.90 for each day's absence.

Please remember if your child wishes to stay for school lunch they must stay for the week; they are unable to alternate between school dinners and packed lunches in the same week.

### **Little Angels Club**

If you have or look after a child under 3 years old bring them along to our Little Angels Club held in our Nursery every Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30am, where they can enjoy exploring all areas of our nursery. Please see ask in Nursery for more details.

### **Facebook**

Don't forget to check out our Facebook Group but please make sure when you request to join you answer the questions. We have been advised NOT to allow any persons who have not answered the questions. We will try to put reminders and new items on as much as possible, but please note this is for school news only. Please note no children will be accepted to join the group.

Don't forget we also have a Twitter account for all you Twitters. Thanks.

### **After School Clubs**

**Please make sure clubs are paid for where applicable via Parentpay**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b><u>Fit and Fun</u></b> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 <u>(spaces available)</u>	<b><u>Fit and Fun</u></b> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 <u>(spaces available)</u>	<b><u>Zumba</u></b> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 4 to 6 <u>(spaces available)</u>	<b><u>Jujitsu</u></b> 3:20pm 4:20pm Years 2-5 <b>This club is full</b>	<b><u>Multi Skills</u></b> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 1 <b>This club is full</b>
<b><u>Archery</u></b> 3:20 - 4:20pm Year 3 - 6 <b>Starts 26/3/18</b> <b>This club is full</b>	<b><u>Football</u></b> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 1 & 2 <b>This club is full</b>			
	<b><u>Revision Club</u></b> 3:20 - 4:30pm Year 6 <b>This club is Full</b>			
	<b><u>Choir</u></b> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 2-6 <u>(spaces available)</u>			

### **Website / Online Safety**

Research states that more than half of children have used an online social network by the age of 10. It is therefore really important that children learn how to use social media safely. Next week our Junior

children will receive usernames and passwords for GoBubble, a social network created for children so they can have all the fun in complete safety. There is a free app that you can download on phones and tablets. There is also a free web version though this has limited functionality. Child accounts can only be created by a school, therefore verifying children's ages and there are strict checks on every school. The children are able to chat to others in our school and are able to make friends with children in the same age group in other GoBubble schools from around the world. There is a filter with 2300 keywords which are flagged up to parents and school. To see more about how GoBubble works, check out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VN0xIDfafQo>

Mrs Edwards

### **Ninja Readers**

We have our first Purple Winner this week with 175 reads- well done Amelia Foxcroft in Year 3

Our fabulous Reader Ninja winners from last week and this week are:

#### White Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Rachael Almond, Jacob Pitt

Year 6 - Max Chesters

#### Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 3 - Josh Dennett

Year 5 - Matthew Sharkey

Year 6 - Sally-Ann Chesters, Jessica McGlynn

#### Orange Belt Winners:

Year 5 - Jemma Needham,

Year 6 - Jessica Davies, Harry Jones

#### Red Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Riley Walker-Stewart, Joe Smith, Ethan Molyneux

Year 2 - Jessica Burbury

#### Green Belt Winners:

#### Blue Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Emily Poland

Year 5 - Joseph Turner, Lily Sheron

#### Purple Belt Winners:

Year 3 - Amelia Foxcroft

Well done everyone. Who will be our Ninja Readers next week?

### **Star Badge Awards and Reader / Writer of the week**

Well done to all the children who received Star Badge Awards or Reader / Writer of the Week this week:

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>STAR BADGE WINNERS</b>		<b>READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK</b>	
Year 6	Megan Kay Hugo McIver	Lola Lawson Jack Seed	Megan Kay Evan Eastwood	Evie McLean Jackson Wright
Year 5	Jamie Denson	Louis West	Klevis Dilaveri	Mason Cockroft
Year 4				
Year 3	Mai Woodward	Finley Naylor		
Year 2	Libby Burke	Amelia Mansfield		
Year 1	Joe Humphries	Gabriella Iddon		
Reception	Emily Fry	Meredith Shuker	Oliver Williams	Theo Madigan

### **Lunchtime Awards:**

This week's winners are:

**Reception** - Poppy Atkinson-Brown

**Year 1** - Isaac Walker

**Year 2** - Kiera Seed

**Year 3** - Charlotte Gore

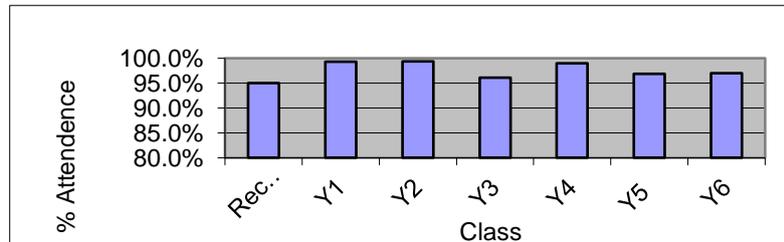
**Year 4** - Elise Baxter

**Year 5** - Erin Jones

**Year 6** - Jessica McGlynn

### **Attendance**

Every week we publish a chart of individual class attendance. The winners for week ending 09/02/2018 1<sup>st</sup> place - Year 2 with 99.4%, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Year 1 with 99.3%, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Year 4 with 99.0%. Well done everyone.



Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as is possible, unless of course they are ill. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you must ring school at 8:30 on the first morning they are absent, and this must be followed up with a letter explaining the absence on their return to school.

### **Next Week / Future Up and Coming Events**

Please note other events may be going ahead in individual classes - your child's Class Teacher will inform you directly of these:

#### **5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March**

##### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Bikeability for Year 5
- Year 6 Prescott League Football leaving at 3:15pm

##### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Non-Uniform day - the 'fine' is Cakes
- Mothers Day coffee and cake celebrations

##### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Mother's Day

### **Friends of Cronton**

Please note all parents are automatically part of the Friends of Cronton - we love to see new friends as well as our old friends!

**Future Events** - If anyone has any ideas for events for the coming year please either speak to one of the committee members or leave a message in the school office and we will get back to you.

**Facebook** - Please note we have a Facebook page called Friends of Cronton CoE Primary, keeping parents up to date with events organised by the Friends. Have a look and give us a 'like' or a message.

**Contact** - if you wish to speak to any of the committee please leave a note in the school office and we will get back to you.

### **Church News**

Every year a number of adults from Widnes are confirmed. If you are interested and would like to know more please phone the Parish Office. 0151 423 4311.

**Services here at the Mission will be at 10:30am unless otherwise stated below.**

Families are always welcome to come to church in the school on the dates listed below. Please note there is a service of Morning Prayer every first Sunday of the Month.

#### **Services during March**

4<sup>th</sup> - No Service - it will be held at St Ambrose Church

Rev Lyn and Lay Reader Lesley Wright are available each Monday afternoon between 1:00 - 4:00pm if you would like to meet with them.

Any enquiries about Baptisms or Pastoral Care please contact the East Widnes Team Administrator on 0151 423 4311

Best Wishes  
**Mrs S Thomson**  
Headteacher

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**Cronton C. E. Primary School**  
**Parental Comment Slip**

I wish to make the following comment(s)

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Signed: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_