



Cronton C. E. Primary School
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Newsletter

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Newsletter Number 1 - 7th September 2018

Our Christian Value for this half term is - Hope.

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday, and thankfully this year's weather wasn't too unkind for us.

I would like to thank all our parents / carers for supporting our uniform policy - the children looked really smart on their return / start days. Please remember however:

- Trainers are not part of our school uniform.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer **MUST** be tied back - including boys.
- Hair accessories should be small and in school colours. Bandanas, scarves big flowers, JoJo bows or large sequined bows / etc should not be worn
- Earrings should only be small studs - your child must be able to remove their earrings for PE or you must provide plasters to cover them.
- Nail varnish is not permitted for school
- Please ensure ALL uniform is named.
- Bags should be a school book bag rather than rucksacks / handbags as we have very limited space in cloakrooms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Change of Circumstances

If either parents have had any change of circumstances over the holiday or if they change at a later date i.e. name, address, contact details etc, please inform us as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date should we need to contact you regarding your child /ren. Thank you.

Well Done Crnton!

We are delighted to inform you that our application for International School Award Accreditation has been approved. This means our school is now accredited up to August 2021. Thank you to Miss Roberts for submitting the application on our behalf.

Summer reading Challenge - Mischief Makers

A reminder of the Reading Challenge the children took part in over the taking part in over the summer. If your child has received their certificate and medal please ensure they bring them into school

Reading Records

Next week all children will receive a Reading Book. We are still awaiting our Reading Record Books for the infant classes. These will be sent out as soon as possible. The juniors will receive their Reading Journal.

Ninja Readers

From Monday, we will be running our Ninja Readers reward scheme once again for reading at home. All children start at 0 and earn points for reading at home each day - but please make sure their book is signed by an adult or it will not count towards their certificate. When they have read 25 times they are awarded a different colour 'belt'. The first colour is white and goes through all colours up to black and then onto Dans. This scheme was extremely successful last year but hopefully we will beat those scores.

After School Clubs

All clubs, where there is a fee payable, are now entered on Parentpay. All relevant classes will be added to the club set up. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis. If there is a limit to numbers for the club, no more applications will be accepted once that limit has been reached and the place paid for. Please note payments are non refundable. There are only limited spaces left so be quick to not miss out.

For all after school clubs the children should bring in their own kit so they can go straight home after the club. However, if they forget they can wear their PE kit but will need to change after the club.

All clubs start next week and finish at 4:20pm unless otherwise stated. Please ensure children are collected at this time unless you have notified school that they may walk home.

Reception Welcome Service

On Sunday 23rd September we will be having a special Church Service to officially welcome all our Reception children. Our Year 5 children are our "Gardeners" who look after a Reception child known as their "Seedling" so our "Gardeners" will also be attending the Service to help introduce their "Seedling". Letters will be sent from both classes nearer the time to explain more about the Service and their child's role in it. All our Reception and Year 5 parents are invited to come along to the service which starts at 10:30 am.

All children should be in school by 10:20am at the latest, wearing their school uniform please.

Up-coming Events - Save the Dates

September

Monday 10th - Meet the Teacher - 5:00pm for Reception and 6:00pm for Years 3 & 4.

Tuesday 11th - Meet the Teacher - 5:00pm for Years 1 & 2 and 6:00pm for Years 5 & 6

Sunday 23rd - Reception Welcome Service

Wednesday 26th - Year 6 Class Worship at 9:05am

Snacks

Please note that, following guidance from the children and School Council last year, classes Year 1 - Year 6 should bring healthy snacks on Monday to Thursday and treat snacks on Fridays. Suggestions for snacks included:

Monday - Thursday Snacks

Cartons of fresh juice

Fruit

Cereal Bars

Dried Fruits

Yoghurt

Cereals

Vegetable crudities

Salad items

Bread / Bread Sticks

Malt Loaf & Fruit breads

Friday Snacks

Snack sized sausage Rolls

Small pepperoni

Crisps

Small chocolate bar

Chocolate biscuit

Biscuit

Small cake

Cheese Strings

Cold Meats

Lollipops and chewing gum are not allowed.

Due to potential allergies peanuts are not permitted at any time on school premises.

Friends of Cronton

Did you know? All parents are automatically part of the Friends of Cronton - we love to see new friends as well as our old friends!

Family Fun Day - sadly we have had to cancel our Family Fun Day. We will of course shortly be planning further events so watch this space.

Facebook - 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 contact Vicky as above or leave a note in the school office and we will get back to you. Vicky & Sharon.

Class Worships

All class Worships start at 9:05am in the school hall. Parents from each class holding the Worship are invited to attend and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. The Worships will be held on the following dates during this first term:

Year 6 - Wednesday 27th September.

Year 5 - Wednesday 21st November

Medicines

Asthma Register - it is a requirement of our Asthma Policy that we have a full and up to date register of the children in our school with asthma. If your child suffers with asthma please could you collect a registration form from the school office and return it to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Hill as soon as possible. We will also need to keep an inhaler in school. This will be kept in the child's class in order to ensure immediate access if necessary. We must have a new form completed at the beginning of each academic year. Alternatively, if your child no longer needs an inhaler please inform Mrs Wilson / Mrs Hill in writing so we can remove their name from the register.

If your child is diagnosed with asthma at a later date please ensure you inform Mrs Wilson / Mrs Hill as soon as possible and ensure you complete a registration form. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Medicines in School - our school has a medicine policy in place, a copy of which is available to look at from the school office. The main points however are:

- Staff are **NOT** permitted to administer **ANY** medication that has not been prescribed by a Doctor or Dentist.
- If you require staff to administer prescribed medication it must be taken by a parent / representative to the school office and the relevant form completed
- All medication must be collected from the office at the end of the school day by the parent / representative
- Please do not send medication to school in children's bags
- Any child requiring the use of an inhaler or epi-pen please must speak to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Hill so that the necessary form can be completed.

European Day of Languages - Thursday 27th September

On Thursday 27th September we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. Each class will be studying Spain and taking part in different activities linked to the country. On that day the children may, if they wish, come dressed in either the colours of their flag (red & yellow), the national costume if they have it, or even the football kit if they have one. Parents do not need to go and buy these items especially - it is only if you have them. There are no costs involved for this day.

Children's University

Don't forget to ensure all after school activities **outside of school** are recorded in a **Children's University Passport**. We still have a small amount of free passports available in school but once they have gone we will need to order more, which will come at a small cost. Please contact the office if you require a Passport. If your child does not have a passport or their hours stamped in it, their hours may not be included for the awards.

Outside school clubs have to be accredited to the University to have the hours counted towards next year's award. It is your child's responsibility to ensure they have a passport and that it is completed and stamped by the 'accredited' provider but please note not all outside activities are accredited so please check with your provider. Please be aware that each club is only allowed 100 hours to add towards the total your child can receive. If your child has already had 100 hours from one activity/ destination this will not be counted again for the next year. The aim of the CU is to support the development of after school activities through a variety of destination and clubs. All information can be found on the CU website.

Every activity must be entered separately in the passport - if any activities are entered as a block the maximum we can accredit to them is 2 hours regardless of how many hours the activity took. If you are unsure about hours please speak to Mrs Wilson.

Please note although children from Years 1 and 2 can start accumulating hours, unfortunately they cannot take part in the ceremony until they are in Year 3. Their hours in the Infants will count and be accumulative.

Online Safety

Please see the September issue of On Line Safety at the end of this newsletter. This gives lots of information on what's available and what to avoid. Miss Bird.

Parking

We have been asked by Knowsley Parking Manager to remind parents of parking restrictions around school - the road markings are there for reason, often to improve road safety, and will be patrolled and rigorously enforced. This especially includes when the school is holding special events such as Christmas Nativities, Sports Days, Parent's Evenings or anything else of a similar nature that could likely create an influx of parking in the area.

Dinner Money (£10:00 per week / £2:00 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 to ParentPay, please click on the 'help & support' section on the main page of the website.

For those who wish to pay for the whole half term, we have 7 weeks up to the October half term so dinner money is £66.50, unless you know your child will be absent for any days during that time. Please deduct £2:00 for each day absent. Thanks.

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.

After School Clubs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available)	<u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available)	<u>Choir</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 (spaces available)	<u>Jujitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3
<u>Funjitsu</u> 3.15pm - 4.20pm Year 2	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5	<u>Dance Club</u> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 2 - 4		
<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 6				

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 over this academic year. This week's winners:

CLASS	STAR BADGE WINNERS	READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK
Year 6	Abigail Evans Robin Crone Ethan Bolger	
Year 5	Isabelle Ward Jacob Murphy	
Year 4	Callum Horsley Betheny Argent Michael Smith	
Year 3	Libby Burke Alexa Owens Max Dowding	
Year 2	Ruby Jordan Ethan Molyneux Lexi Fugaccia	
Year 1	Charlotte Phillips Roan Lally Isabelle Blackham	
Reception		

Attendance

Every week we will publish a chart of individual class attendance. The class with the highest attendance over the half term receives a reward. Please see the Attendance Newsletter below.

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 8:30am on the first morning they are absent, and this must be followed up with a letter explaining the absence on their return to school.

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 10:30 a.m. 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 September

9th - Cafe Style Church

16th - Holy Communion

123rd - Reception Class Welcome Service

30th - Team Service (more details to follow)

Lay Reader Lesley Wright is 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

Outside Clubs, Events or Leaflets

Premier Soccer - we have been asked to distribute the leaflets giving information on their coaching programme starting on 12th September.

The school does not endorse any of the above events, clubs or companies we are merely passing on information.

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)

Signed: (Optional) _____ Date: _____



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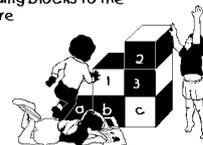
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Newsletter Number 18 - Autumn Term (3rd September 2018- 21st December 2018)

Dear Parents

Welcome to our termly attendance newsletter, which covers all attendance matters, including important information regarding attendance, for the autumn term.

All references to 'parents' throughout this newsletter include carers and those with parental responsibility for a child.

School Term and Holiday Dates

Autumn Term 2018

Term starts 3rd September 2018

School closes for half term 19th October 2018

School reopens after October half term 29th October 2018

Term ends (Christmas) 21st December 2018 **at 2pm***

Spring Term 2019

Term starts 7th January 2019

School closes for February half term 15th February 2019

School reopens after February half term 25th February 2019

School closes 9th April 2019 **at normal times**

Summer Term 2018

Term starts 23rd April 2019

School closed for May Day Bank Holiday 6th May 2019

School closes for Whit half term 24th May 2019

School reopens after Whit half term 10th June 2019

Term ends (Summer) 19th July 2019 **at 2pm***

*NB school closes at 2pm at the end of the autumn and summer terms only

A reminder to parents of your parental responsibilities relating to school attendance:

Parental responsibilities

Parents should ensure pupils are **in school for 8.50am** for morning registration. (The door is open from 8.40am for Reception to Year 6 pupils). A pupil arriving after **8.50am** and up to **9.30am** for the morning session will be marked late.

A pupil arriving after **9.30am** will be marked as late after register closes. This is regarded as an **unauthorised absence** and is marked as a "U" code for the session.

If your child is going to be absent parents must:

- Contact school as soon as possible on the first day of absence; to provide a reason for non attendance. **Even if your child was sent home from school the previous day due to illness.**
- Update the school on the third day of non attendance if the absence is expected to continue.
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence - **you must do this even if you have already telephoned us. (Please state dates of absence).**

Persistent Absenteeism

In September 2015, the Government brought in changes to school attendance; stating they expect pupils to have a minimum level of attendance of at least 97% so all schools need to be working towards this target for the next academic year. A pupil who is **persistently absent** is one who misses 10% or more of their schooling **for any reason** from the beginning of the school year to the end of any given half term period as indicated below

School half terms off	Persistent Absence at 10%	Number of days
September to October	7 or more sessions	3.5 days
September to December	14 or more sessions	7 days
September to February	20 or more sessions	10 days
September to Easter	25 or more sessions	12.5 days
September to May	31 or more sessions	15.5 days

Here at Cronton for the academic year 3rd Sept 2018- 19th July 2019, the percentage attendance target for all pupils to achieve is 97.2%

Attendance and the Law

As a parent, you have legal responsibility to make sure that your child attends school regularly. At Cronton CE Primary School we monitor all absence thoroughly and we operate a "traffic light system". If your child's attendance falls below 95% and above 91% they are in the Amber category and they are monitored at School Action level.

If their attendance is at or below 90%, then they are in the Red category, meaning their attendance is a cause for concern. Your child is classed as a persistent absentee at both school level, Local Authority level and the School Attendance Service (SAS). Our School Nurse may also become involved. If your child does not attend regularly and has a poor attendance record, parents could be fined up to £2500 or be imprisoned. Parents could be given a parenting order, which means they will have to attend a parenting class, or a fixed penalty notice of £60 (£120 if not paid within 28 days).

This is important information that we are asked to share with all parents.

National Changes To Holidays During Term Time

From 1 September 2013, the Department of Education changed the regulations regarding requests for family holidays during term time.

This change meant **there is no legal entitlement for parents to take their children on holiday during term time.** These regulations also make it clear that Head Teachers may not authorise

leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Head Teachers would not be expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional.

Additionally:

- All requests for leave of absence in term time must be made **4 weeks in advance** in writing on the Leave of Absence Request form available from the school office.
- The approval of leave of absence does not set a precedent for similar future requests and the frequency/duration of such leave periods will be considered as factors in any decision.
- The Local Authority will use the full range of sanctions available where leave of absence is taken without the permission of the school.

I am sure that you will support the school by ensuring requests for 'leave of absence' are only made in exceptional circumstances.

Regular school attendance is essential to enable your child to maximise the educational opportunities available to them. It is the school's responsibility to provide the best education possible for your child and they can only do this if your child attends regularly.

Attendance Derby results

The weekly percentage attendance results for your child's class are printed each week in the schools newsletter. They are now also displayed each week in bar chart format to make it easier for your child to see how their class is doing each week and compare their class's attendance.

Attendance Derby Summer Half Term Results:

11 June 18 - 15 June 18	1	R,Y4	97.70%	Y6	97.80%	Y1	97.30%
18 June 18 - 22 June 18	2	Y4	100%	Y6	99.60%	R	98.00%
25 June 18 - 29 July 18	3	Y4	99.70%	R	99.30%	Y2	98.70%
2 July 18 - 6 July 18	4	Y4	98.30%	Y1	97.50%	R, Y2, Y6	97.20%
9 July 18 - 13 July 18	5	R	99.70%	Y2	99.40%	Y1	99.00%
16 July 18 - 20 July 18	6	Y5	97.20%	R	96.70%	Y1	96.00%

The joint winners for summer half term 2 were last year's Reception class now Y1 and last year's Y1 now Y2, who shall now be planning their rewards. Well done to both those classes!

100% Attendees for the whole of the academic year Sept 2017 -July 2018

Well done to all the children who have been in school every day for this academic year:

Reception	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 -July 2018		
Sophie Denson	Daniel Lally	Roan Lally	Charlotte Phillips
Emilia Wilson			

Year 1	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 -July 2018		
Thomas Davies	Cian Dimelow	Emily Poland	

Year 2	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 - July 2018		
Emily Creighton	Harry Forster	Louisa Mallouris	Zachary Morris
Emma Rutter			

Year 3	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 - July 2018		
Oliver Chesters	Callum Horsley	Finley Naylor	Isabelle Phillips
Elenor Schulz			

Year 4	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 - July 2018		
John Aney	Zak Lucas	Eva Mallouris	Amy Rutter
Ben Wilkinson	Maisie Withington		

Year 5	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 - July 2018		
Jamie Denson	Klevis Dilaveri	Jemma Needham	Megan Roberts

Year 6	Pupils with 100% attendance for the academic year Sept 2017 - July 2018		
Emma Darby	Harrison Morris	Cameron Williamson	

These children received their gold medals and had a film afternoon watching "The Jungle Book", as their reward. Again, well done to those children.

Should you have any further questions regarding attendance please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Mrs Gill Gaskin
Learning Mentor

"Attend, Achieve, Succeed."



Online Safety Newsletter: Sept 2018

Setting up Parental Controls



BT
Log in
and

click on the 'Manage your

extras' button. Click 'Setup BT Parental Controls.' BT will then activate your Parental Controls. Once activated, you can change your filter level from a range of filters such as Strict, Moderate and Light. There is also the ability to block categories or sites as well as add a Homework Time setting that can block e.g. social media and gaming at certain times. More information available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/bt-broadband>

Virgin

Log in and select 'My apps,' scroll down and select the 'Web Safe' tile and choose 'overview.' Click the 'Add web safe' button and then click 'Activate your security.' Turn 'Child Safe' tab to on. *This will be turned on by default.* You then have three options, categories which allows you to choose the type of content to restrict, websites which allows you to manually add websites that you don't want to be accessed and timing restrictions to allow children to only use the internet at certain times. More information available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/virgin-media-broadband-web-safe/>

Sky

Log in and click on the 'My Sky' tab and select 'Broadband Shield'. You can then select the age group you want to be restricted too, choose either PG, 13 and 18 or customise it yourself. There is also a watershed feature that allows you to use different settings depending on the time of day. More information is available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile/sky-broadband/>

TalkTalk

Log in and hover over 'My services' and click on 'View HomeSafe settings.' You can then choose/mend which filters you would like. More information available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/broadband-mobile-networks/talktalk-homesafe/>



Omegle

You must be 18+ to use or 13+ with parental permission.

Omegle is a social networking/chat site that connects two strangers together for either a text or a video chat. Chats are anonymous unless a user provides this information. Omegle state that **"predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful."**

No registration is required (therefore no age verification) to use Omegle and there are no reporting facilities, although Omegle do advise to set up parental controls through your Internet provider.

Users are given an option to save the chat's log and share the link. It is always possible for other users to take screenshots of text and video chats.

We recommend that Omegle is *not* used by children due to the language used which can be particularly explicit.

Facebook and Instagram – new time limit tool

Facebook and Instagram are implementing a new tool so you can monitor how much time you spend on each app. This follows concerns that excessive use can have a negative impact on mental health. To use these tools, go to the settings page on either app and select "Your Activity" on Instagram or "Your Time on Facebook". You can also set a reminder for when you've spent a set amount of time on each app.

Grandparents in charge?

Internet Matters have created a Grandparents Guide to Online Safety to help grandparents get to grips with life online.

The guide includes lots of advice and information about online gaming, cyberbullying and useful tips.

Read the guide here:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/grandparents-guide-to-online-safety/>



Tik Tok including Musical.ly (intended for users 13+, free to download but in-app purchases allowed)

Music.ly was closed by its owners on 2nd August 2018 and users were automatically migrated to a similar app called TikTok (owned by the same company) following an update. In Tik Tok, users can watch musical clips, record 60 second clips, edit them and add special effects. Users can choose from a list of music and then the app records them do whatever they want. Please be aware that due to the nature of this app, videos may be inappropriate for some users to view, for example containing offensive language.

We recommend users having a private account so they can control who can see their videos and who can send them messages. All users can block others from contacting them at any time. Even with a private account, profile information (profile photo, username and bio) is seen by all users so ensure your child understands not to reveal any personal information in their profile.

It's important to check your child's privacy controls and **we advise you to set their account to private**. To do this:

- Go to your profile page
- Tap on the top right corner and select "Privacy and Settings"
- Select "Privacy and Safety" option and toggle "Private Account" on/off

Tik Tok includes a 'Digital Wellbeing feature' to control the amount of time your child spends on the app and a 'Restricted mode' to limit the appearance of content that may be inappropriate. To set this:

- Select "Digital Wellbeing" under the app settings
- Tap "Turn On" and set a passcode
- Toggle "Screen Time Management" and/or "Restricted Mode"

More information is available here:

http://support.tiktok.com/?ht_kb=for-parents

Ready for a challenge? Scroll Free September

The Royal Society for Public Health are asking all social media users to take a break from their social media accounts during September. If you can't go 'Cold Turkey' then there are a few other challenges such as taking a break each evening after 6pm. Visit <https://www.rsph.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/scroll-free-september.html> for more information. Good luck!