



Cronton C. E. Primary School
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Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for this half term is - Hope

Dear Parents

Lots of things have been planned for this coming term so please keep a look out in our newsletters, Facebook and Web sites.

Football Report

On Wednesday our Year 6 football team took part in the first round of the Prescot League. After narrowly losing the first match 1-0 they went on to win the next 2 matches 2-0. Well done to all the players. Person of the Match goes to Harry Gore for his superb goalkeeping skills and saves. A huge thank you to Chris Shuker for accompanying as team manager, and to all parent/carers for lifts and support. Mrs Simm.

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". 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.

Leave Of Absence requests during Term time and Penalty Notices.

I must remind parents **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" leave as exceptional. Holiday leave of absence taken is classed as unauthorised absence. I would also like to remind you that I am required to inform the School Attendance Service of any periods of unauthorised absence from school. The School Attendance service will then consider if any legal action or the issue of a fixed **Penalty Notice** is appropriate.

Cronton CE did not need to issue any Education Penalty Notices in the last academic year (2017/18). However, school is advising parents that we will be required to do so in this academic year should the need arise. Full information regarding this is included in our school's termly Attendance Newsletters. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, Mrs Gaskin, Learning Mentor.

After School Clubs

Year 6 Football - Due to Mr Noblett attending a Rugby Tournament there will be no Year 6 Football on Monday 24/9/18. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Creatures & Critters - letters have been sent regarding this new club for Years 3 - 6. The club costs £24. The club will start on Tuesday 25th September and will run for 4 weeks finishing on Tuesday 16th October. There are 25 places available. This club is paid direct NOT through school / Parentpay.

Clubs, where a fee is applicable and required to be paid via school, 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 for some clubs 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 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.

ICE Cats

On Tuesday 2nd October ICE Cats will be visiting our school and holding a Parent's information Workshop from 2:30 - 3:15pm. ICE Cats is a program to help support staff and children in school to learn how to respond to evacuation and lockdown procedures. Please see the letter below from Jo Carter giving further information for parents.

Dates for Your Diary

Apologies for not sending these dates last week - we were waiting to have a couple confirmed before going to press. Please note the changes to Parents Evening and Christmas party days

Please see the Dates for Your Diary for details of upcoming events for this term. Whilst these are correct at this time and we will make every endeavour to keep them, they could be subject to change later. Thank you.

Milk

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is having milk every day, please pay your £1.50 for the year via Parentpay. Thank you.

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 26th September (apologies for the incorrect day notified last week)

Year 5 - Wednesday 21st November

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.

Special Lunch Day

During the year we will again be holding a series of Special Lunch Days, which all the children are invited to. These lunches, with the exception of the Christmas Lunch which will cost £2, will all cost £1,

(Infants do not need to pay - they are already included for the free meals). A drink is included for all the meals.

The first one will be on Thursday 4th October, when we will be having our Autumn Special Lunch Day All payments need to be paid via Parentpay. The meal will consist of a party box - sandwich, vegetarian sausage roll, packet of crisps and a cake or biscuit / fruit pot.

There is a competition for the schools that have over 90% uptake on the Autumn and Spring party days (17th January 2019). One year we won an iPad for our school. It would be fabulous to be entered in the competition again.

The second Special Lunch will be on Friday 9th November to mark the WW1 centenary anniversary we will be having a special Soldiers Stew and Victory Sponge lunch.

Harvest - ACE

Juniors (Years 3 - 6) - Our Harvest service will take place on Sunday 14th October at 10.30am in the school hall. It is the only church service of the year that we expect our junior children to attend. If your child can not attend the service please could you inform their class teacher in writing as soon as possible as we will soon begin rehearsals and allocating parts! All junior children need to be in school by 10:20am in their school uniform.

This Harvest we are supporting the charity ACE (Africa's Children in Education), our on-going project, raising funds to help a school in Tanzania. Please check out their web site for more details: acecharity.uk or the link on our school's blog.

We are supporting them in raising funds to buy food plants and seeds for the school, helping them become self sufficient in growing their own food.

Infants (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2) - On Friday 12th October our infants will be having their Harvest Festival at 2:30pm - all infant parents are welcome to attend. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

On 5th October we will be sending our donation envelopes and ask for the children to draw or paint a picture on the front to reflect our Harvest Collection. Please do not return these envelopes until Friday 12th October. Thank you for your continued support in our fundraising.

Up-coming Events - Save the Dates

September:

Sunday 23rd - Reception Welcome Service at 10:20am

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

Thursday 27th - European Day of Languages

October:

Tuesday 2nd - Ice Cats training for Parents at 2:30pm

Thursday 4th - Autumn School Meal Party Box Day

Friday 12th - EYFS & KS 1 Harvest Service for Grandparents / elderly of the village at 2:30pm

Sunday 14th - KS2 harvest at 10:30am

Wednesday 17th - Open Evening 5:00 - 7:00pm

Friday 19th - School & Nursery close at normal times

Monday 29th - School & Nursery open at normal times

- Parent's Evening 5:00 - 7:30pm

November:

Thursday 1st - Parent's Evening 3:30 - 6:00pm

Friday 2nd - School Photographer - individual and family photos

Secondary & Reception Admissions - September 2019

The admission process for both High schools and Reception Class is now open. Parents / carers must complete the application form from the council in which they live regardless of which school they wish to apply to. We have sent booklets to our Knowsley residents, if you did not receive one please call in the school office. Alternatively, you can apply on-line at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you live in any other borough, i.e. Halton, you will need to contact that relevant council direct.

This means:

- **Knowsley Residents** - If you live in the borough of Knowsley you must only complete a Knowsley application form. You can apply by either application booklet from the school office or apply direct online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference on the application form. If you complete a paper application form please return the application form to the school office.
- **Halton & other Borough Residents** - If you live in Halton or any other Borough to Knowsley you must only complete an application form and return it to your home Borough Council, or go online and complete a form there. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference. If you wish to apply for your child to attend this school please name our school in your list of preferences.

Secondary Admission - The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.

Reception Admission - The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019**.

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. Year 3 children no longer qualify for infant free school meals. Please speak to Mrs Hooks if you require a Parentpay log in to pay for school meals.

For those who wish to pay for the whole half term, we have 5 weeks up to the October half term so dinner money is £39.00, (£1 for party box lunch day on 4/10/18) 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.

Online Safety

As part of the National Online Safety Team's #WakeUp campaign, they have created a free updated YouTube guide for parents & carers. YouTube is the world's largest video platform and the 2nd biggest search platform (after Google), with over 1.8 billion users per month. This free guide covers what parents & carers need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; age inappropriate videos, in-app messaging, dangerous challenge/viral videos, digital wellbeing and more. Their YouTube guide for Parents & Carers can be found at the following link:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1042355435871846401> Miss Bird

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning

There will be Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September at Holy Family Parish Club from 9:00am. This is to raise money so that people suffering from cancer can have the support they need. Everyone is welcome so come along and support this worthy cause. If you can donate any raffle prizes please speak to Karen Clark, or leave them at the school office. Karen will also be selling raffle tickets at £1 each. If you wish to buy a ticket either speak to Karen or call into the school office.

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 (Club is FULL)	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3 (Club is FULL)
<u>Funjitsu</u> 3.15pm - 4.20pm Year 2 (4 spaces available)	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 (3 spaces available)	<u>Dance Club</u> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 2 - 4 (2 spaces available)		
<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 6 (Club is FULL)	<u>Creatures & Critters</u> Years 3 - 6 Starts 25/9/18			

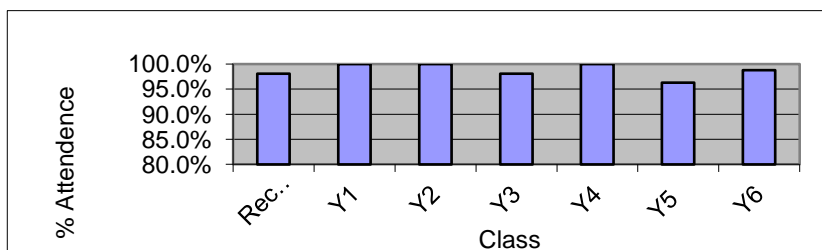
Star Badge Awards and Reader / Writer of the week

Well done to all the children who received Star Badge Awards or Reader / Writer of the Week. This week's winners are:

CLASS	STAR BADGE WINNERS	READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK
Year 6	Isobel Sands Andrew Jenkins Jemma Needham	
Year 5	Grace Bodell Louis Simcott Alice Davies	
Year 4	Ruby Fairclough Maddie Morris Lottie Nimmo	
Year 3	Jacob Pitt Amba Lomas Sienna Soni	
Year 2	Gabriella Iddon Theo Bolger Jack Rostance	
Year 1	Elijah Smith Sophie Denson Blythe Lyons	
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. The winners for week ending 14/9/18: 1st place - Year 1, Year 2 & Year 4 with 100%, 2nd place - Year 6 with 98.8%, 3rd place Reception & Year 3 with 98.1%. 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 8:30am 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

23rd - Reception Class Welcome Service followed by a short service of Holy Communion

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

Victoria Music Ltd - are holding a free 'Greatest Showman' Workshop during the October half-term holiday. Covering all performing arts such as singing, dancing, drama, etc it will run from 1:00 - 4:00pm at St Michaels' Church Hall, Greenway Road, Runcorn, from Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October, culminating in a performance at 7:00pm on the Friday night. The workshop is free and places will be on first come first served basis. Refreshments are provided. For more details email victoriamusicltd@gmail.com visit their web page www.victoriamusicltd.com or ring Rob on 01928 589880.

Cathie Stankevitch Foundation - On December 1st 2018 we are hosting our very first Cathie Stankevitch Foundation Charity Ball at the Holiday Inn, Runcorn.

The charity redistributes unused sports kit to children in the local area who otherwise wouldn't be able to partake in sport. We have recently opened our premises in Widnes to provide much needed youth clubs and hope to open others in nearby towns. In partnership with Master James from Mat Fiddes MMA, more vulnerable children have been provided with self-defence/confidence building sessions.

We need to raise more funds in order to sustain this and are asking local businesses if they would be willing to sponsor the event in exchange for advertising this sponsorship. The options are listed below:

Alison Daly Extravaganza - amazing local singer providing entertainment on the evening £500, Welcome Drinks Package £300, Casino £250. We would also be grateful for any raffle/auction prizes you may be able to offer. Tables are available for £60 per person/£600 per table of 10. This event would be ideal for your Christmas function. We sincerely hope you are able to help this amazing local charity and that you can join us on what will be a fantastic evening just before Christmas. Kind regards, Anne-Marie Hughes - Trustee. Mob 07808 062781/Work 01925 418564 C/O Skin Deep Aesthetics, 184 Chester Road, Warrington, WA4 6AR

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**



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

I wish to make the following comment(s)

Signed: (Optional) _____ Date: _____

ICE CATS Program.

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you with regards to the ICE CATS Program.

Your school has decided to use the program to help support staff and children in school to learn how to respond to evacuation and lockdown procedures. These are things that new legislation requires schools should be planning for and implementing.

I am a Liverpool resident with children of my own, my youngest being of reception age. I have been in school governance for fifteen years and I am fortunate to have a background in security and education. I have used my experience to create a simple 30-minute lesson that is a fun and active P.E. lesson. It works with curriculum and teaches children to respond to guidance in a worst case scenario situation.

Whilst as a parent myself, I understand the dangers we face in modern society and the very real threat we are under. I acknowledge the chance of this happening here in school is very slim, but ... What If.....!!!

By teaching young children and adults to respond, with simple commands and signals they will become second nature and may very well save lives. They are a life skill that can be used in any environment outside school, but also in any country you may visit.

I would like to stress that at no point are guns, knives, bombs or terrorism mentioned in the training with children unless it is age appropriate. But should children have questions about their safety they will be answered appropriately or privately with teachers and parents.

As a parent I entrust the safety of my children to the school they are assigned and believe that school is an extension of my family that they will care for my children with their safety and care being the utmost priority alongside education.

I welcome any questions and feedback...

I understand parents and carers feel unsure of this situation and guidelines currently available and I believe that transparency of the program is of the utmost importance, I will be covering a Parent's / Carers information session on Tuesday 2nd October at 2:30 – 3:15, if parents / carers would like to come along.

Kindest regards

Jo Carter

**Executive Director
ICE CATS PROGRAMME**