



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

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for our Reception Service last Sunday where our 'Gardeners' introduced their 'Seedlings'. We really enjoy this service and have received many positive comments on it being a fabulous way to welcome our new Reception children.

It was lovely to see so many of our children dressed in Spanish outfits / colours of the Spanish flag for our European Day of Languages on Thursday, and enjoyed learning all about Spain. Thank you for your support in this.

Rugby Report

On Monday our Year 6 team went to the first Knowsley sports competition of the year for the annual Tag Rugby Finals, held at West Park Rugby club. We played St Gabriel's, St Aiden's, Ravenscroft and Park Brow - winning all 4 games, scoring a massive 30 tries in the process. The whole team played fantastically well with all players contributing to the tries. We progressed onto the Semi Final where we met St Margret Mary's; this was an extremely tight game with both teams playing some really good rugby. We eventually won the game 5-4 and progressed onto the finals where we met St Gabriel's again. They improved dramatically after our first meeting and we traded try for try with very little errors. After some great attacking play we won the final 6-5 and became the Knowsley Tag Rugby Champions for the second time in two years. A massive well done to all the children who took part. A big thank you to the parents / carers for help with lifts and their support. Mr Noblett.

Class Worships

Well done to Year 6 for their class worship on Wednesday focussing on our Christian value of Hope. The children spoke of their aspirations for the future and ended with a moving rendition of A Million Dreams. Thank you to Mrs Mooney and Mrs Mansfield for leading this.

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 next Worship will be held on:

Year 5 - Wednesday 21st November

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.

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 29th October from 3:20 - 6:00pm and Thursday 1st November from 3:20 - 6:00pm. Parents should book their appointment slots via our web site from 9:00am Wednesday 3rd October until 3:00pm Wednesday 18th October. The website will confirm your appointment slot once you book it.

Any Parent who has not reserved an appointment slot via the web site by 18th October will receive an appointment time via the class teacher. We will do our best to accommodate but these appointments will only be for whichever slots are left on either night. If you need login details please contact Miss Bird. Thanks.

Please note due to Parent's Evenings Monday Football for Year 6 and Thursday's Jujitsu for Years 3, 4 & 5 will not run that week.

Children's University Photos

We have now received the official photos taken at the Children's University Awards before summer. The photos cost £3, but as they were taken by an outside provider payment must be made in cash. Please call in at the office to view your child's photo.

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

Creatures & Critters - the current club is full. If you were not offered a place this time you were automatically placed on the waiting list for the next club - which is due to start on 11/1/19. Letters will be sent nearer the time, but the next club will be run for 5 weeks at a cost of £30. There is a minimum number of 10 places in order for the club to run and a maximum of 25 places available. The fees for this club will be paid direct to the company NOT through Parentpay.

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.

Milk

We still have a few outstanding payments. 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.

Nursery - 30 Hours Eligibility

Every three months parents are required to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours Tax-Free Childcare. If your details have not changed you only need to tick a box on your childcare service account to

confirm your details have not changed. If you don't reconfirm you may lose your 30-hour childcare provision.

I would also like to inform parents that any temporary codes that were given (beginning with '11') will expire approximately 3 months after they were issued. These parents should have been advised by the childcare services helpline that they will need to complete the full on-line application via the childcare service to continue to access a 30-hour place and also apply for Tax Free Childcare. Again failure to do so may result in losing the 30-hour childcare provision.

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. This Harvest we are raising funds for them 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

October:

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| <u>Tuesday 2nd</u> | - Ice Cats training for Parents at 2:30pm |
| <u>Thursday 4th</u> | - Autumn School Meal Party Box Day |
| <u>Friday 12th</u> | - EYFS & KS 1 Harvest Service for Grandparents / elderly of the village at 2:30pm |
| <u>Sunday 14th</u> | - KS2 harvest at 10:30am |
| <u>Wednesday 17th</u> | - Open Evening 5:00 - 7:00pm |
| <u>Friday 19th</u> | - School & Nursery close at normal times |
| <u>Monday 29th</u> | - School & Nursery open at normal times |
| | - Parent's Evening 3:20 - 6:00pm |

November:

Thursday 1st

- Parent's Evening 3:20 - 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 3 weeks up to the October half term so dinner money is £29.00, (£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

Google Family Link App - Managing a child's digital life can be challenging, especially as the online world continues to grow at a fast pace. The new Google Family Link, designed for under 13s, can be a great tool to help children navigate the digital world safely and build safer online habits. The app allows you to see your child's online activity, set times, lock screens, allow or block apps and track where they are. The app is compatible with Apple and Android devices. To download simply type 'google family link for parents' into the app store, or for more information visit <https://families.google.com/familylink/>. Please see October's Online Safety Newsletter at the end of our newsletter. Miss Bird.

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who donated prizes or came along to the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning today. At the time of going to print we raised a fabulous £1480 which will go towards supporting people suffering from cancer. Thanks again, Karen Clark.

Can you Help?

We are asking for any type of gift bags. If you have any to spare, either used or not, we would be very grateful for them.

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 (Club is FULL)	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 (Club is FULL)	<u>Dance Club</u> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 2 - 4 (Club is FULL)		
<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 6 (Club is FULL)	<u>Creatures & Critters</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3 - 6 (Club is FULL)			

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	Jack Regan Ella Burbury Finlay Clarke	
Year 5	Ellie Burke Amy Rutter Ben Wilkinson	
Year 4	James Chuah Maliha Ahmed Milly Morris	Rosie Reynolds
Year 3	William Halsall Michael Davies Bobbi-Mae Mealor-Daniels	
Year 2	Joe Smith Thomas Davies Holly Jenkins	
Year 1	Leo McIver Ross Kelly Rosie Probin	
Reception		

Lunchtime Awards:

The winners from this week and last week are:

Reception - Julia Davies & Jessica Durr

Year 1 - Leo McIver & Emilia Wilson

Year 2 - Emily Poland & Jacob Millward

Year 3 - Joseph Talbot & Jessica Burbury

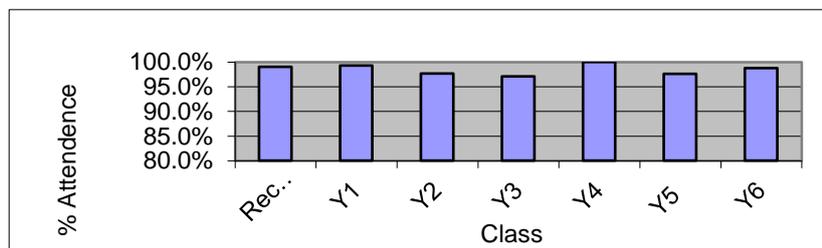
Year 4 - Isabelle Phillips & Ruby Fairclough

Year 5 - Leila Parry & Ellie Burke

Year 6 - Jessica Sutton & Isobel Sands

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 21/9/18: 1st place - Year 4 with 100%, 2nd place - Year 6 with 99.3%, 3rd place Reception & Rec 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 8:30am 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

30th - Team Service

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**



ROBLOX

Roblox allows users to create their own virtual worlds and play with other people on a range of platforms, including mobile

phones and Xboxes. By creating things, players can earn "Robux" to buy accessories, additional skills or more tools and materials to build with.

What do I need to be aware of?

There is a chat facility within Roblox. **For users aged 12 and under**, Roblox automatically enforce more restricted settings so they can only directly message other friends (that they've accepted) **but does your child know all their 'friends' on Roblox? Are they signed up with their right age?**

Players age 12 and younger have their posts and chats filtered both for inappropriate content and behavior and to prevent personal information from being posted. Players age 13 and older have the ability to say more words and phrases, but inappropriate chat and sharing personal information should be restricted. To adjust the chat and interaction settings of your child's account:

- Click on the gear icon in the upper right corner and click **Settings**.
- On the right hand side of the Settings page click the **Privacy** option.

Users and their parents may also enable an Account PIN which requires a 4-digit code to make changes to the account.

Can I see what my child is doing on Roblox?

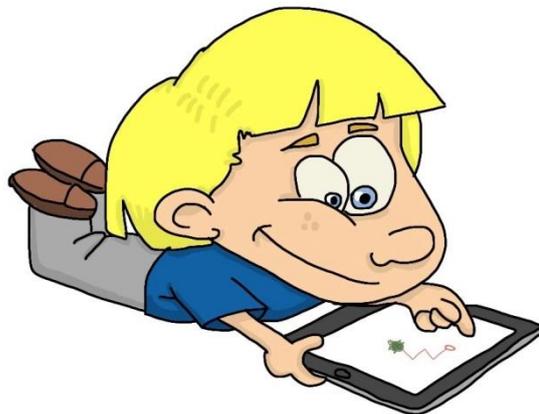
Roblox has several ways to see the history for certain activities. When logged in, you can view the following histories:

- Private message history
- Friends and Followers
- Virtual item purchase and trade history
- Chat history with other players

For more information, Roblox created this parent's guide:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

(Source: <https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/203313120->



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Apple device?

New Screen Time features available with iOS 12

Apple have released a software update which includes a new feature called Screen Time (under settings) which contains daily activity reports, total time spent in each app used, usage across categories of apps and how often you use your device. There is also an 'App Limits' feature so you can set a specific amount of time to be in a particular app, when this time has been reached a notification will display.

Why is this useful for you?

Through Family Sharing, you can view your child's Activity Report from your own device and see how much time your child is spending on their device and set App Limits for them. You can also block usage at certain times e.g. bedtime. When set, notifications will not be displayed. What's really useful is that parents can choose specific apps like Phone or Books that will always be available.

More information available here: <https://www.apple.com/uk/newsroom/2018/06/ios-12-introduces-new-features-to-reduce-interruptions-and-manage-screen-time/>

Games currently being played...

PUBG (PC/Xbox)

(PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds)

This game has been rated **16+** by PEGI: *This game has been rated PEGI 16 due to frequent moderate violence towards human characters and encouragement of drug use. Not suitable for persons below 16 years of age.*

It's an online multiplayer game, in which a group of students are forced to fight to the death by the government. 100 players are dropped on to the island and they quickly need to search for items, such as backpacks, body armour and guns and then try to kill each other until they are the only remaining player.

Parents need to be aware that this can be an addictive game and due to the live chat, inappropriate or offensive language may be heard.

National Online Safety have produced this brilliant guide for Parents which includes how to report users:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/pubg-parents-guide/>

Apps to learn about numbers:



Monkey Math
School Sunshine
£1.99 (iOS)
£1.79 (Google)



Operation Math
Code Squad
£2.99 (iOS)
£2.69 (Google)



Math Vs Zombies
Free (iOS)
Free (Google)



Sumdog
Free (iOS)
Free (Google)

Time to go online together with Think you know



(Source: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>)

Why not visit the Thinkuknow 8-10's website (for 8 – 10 year olds) with your child and play their game, Band Runner together and explore the online safety advice pages together? The game is available here: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/

Think you know have produced some useful conversation starters and advice to help you talk to your child about staying safe online:

- Ask your child about the games, sites and apps they like to use. What do they like about them? Is there anything they don't like?
 - Play *Band Runner* together. You could take it in turns on one device or play at the same time on two. After playing, ask your child what they remember about Alfie's online safety dilemmas.
 - If your child enjoys playing games where they interact with people they don't know, make sure they understand that it is not safe to share personal information like their name, school, and phone number with people they meet in the game. Explain that if anyone says anything that worries or upsets them, they should tell you or another trusted adult straight away.
 - Help your child manage the privacy settings on their apps to ensure that they are only sharing things with friends they know and trust in real life. If your child likes sharing photos or videos with people they know in real life discuss safer ways they could do this e.g. sending via email, messaging service or private link.
 - Find out how to block and report someone in each game, site and app they use and discuss with your child
 - Tell your child that they can come to you if something goes wrong online, that they won't be in trouble and you will be able to help.

