



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 everyone who came along to our EYFS & Key Stage 1 Harvest Service this afternoon and for all your generous donations returned in the envelopes. We now look forward to our Junior Service on Sunday.

Parent Governor

The Governors are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join their team. Please see the information on being a Parent Governor at the end of this newsletter. If you would like further information please make an appointment with the school office to come in and discuss this with me.

Football Report

On Wednesday our Year 6 football team took part in the second round of the Prescot League. The team played really well, drawing 1 and only just losing the other 2 by 1-0 in both games, although the last goal awarded in the second game was a little controversial! Person of the Match is shared between Joseph Turner for scoring our goal and Harry Gore for his fabulous goalkeeping skills. Thanks to Miss Wilson and Mr Olmez for accompanying the children and parents for lifts and support. Mrs Simm.

After School Clubs

You are now able to book places via Parentpay for all new clubs due to start after the half term Please note the only clubs that will run on week commencing 29th October will be Choir and Dance and a new football club which will start on the Friday. There will also be no Fit & Fun on Monday and Tuesday morning on the first week back - 29th & 30th October.

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. 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. 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. Please check out their web site for more details: acecharity.uk or the link on our school's blog.

Please return any outstanding envelopes on Sunday 14th October. Thank you for your continued support in our fundraising.

Open Evening

Our annual Open Evening will be held next Wednesday 17th October from **5:00 - 7:00pm**. Please note however this is not a parents evening and we will not be able to discuss specific details about your child.

Parents Evening

Monday 29th October from 3:20 - 6:00pm and Thursday 1st November from 3:20 - 6:00pm.

The appointment system for booking appointments is open until 3:00pm on Wednesday 18th October. Any Parent who has not reserved an appointment slot via the web site by 3:00pm on 18th October will receive an appointment time via the class teacher before we break up for half term holiday. 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

Please note there are no after school clubs for week commencing 29th October other than Choir, Dance and the new Friday Football Club.

Website / Facebook / School Spider

After School Clubs - We will be sending information via the website for new after school clubs starting after the October half term so keep checking the website.

School Spider - If parents wish to change their phone or email details they don't need to go through school. Simply click on "Dashboard" - "Edit your Account" and you can then change your details but remember to save them.

We **strongly** recommend all parents download the School Spider app. We send messages to all registered Smartphone's and you could miss out on important information if you don't have the app.

Facebook - Don't forget to visit our Facebook page, but in order for us to approve your request you must answer the questions. Thanks

Twitter - Don't forget we also have a Twitter account for all you Tweepers.

Little Angels Club

Our Little Angels Club will be re-starting on Wednesday 31st October, but please note there is a change of time this year.

If you have or look after a child who is 3 year old or under bring them along to our Little Angels Club held in our Nursery every Wednesday from **1:30 - 2:30pm**, where they can enjoy exploring all areas of our nursery. Please see ask in Nursery for more details.

Rebound Dance

The show will be on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at St Helens Theatre Royal. More details will be sent nearer the time.

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.

Monster ball

The Friends of Cronton have sent fliers giving details of their Monster Ball being held on Tuesday 30th October. Please return the tear off slip and place it with the money (not via Parentpay) in a named envelope with "Monster Ball", your child's name and class, to book your child's place.

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.

Class Worship

All class Worship 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

Up-coming Events - Save the Dates

October:

- 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 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.

As we break up next Friday please ensure all dinner money is paid and up to date. 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

TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips - typically about 15 seconds long. Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly, before it was rebranded by the Chinese company that acquired it in November 2017. This free guide for parents & carers covers what they need to know about the platform to help safeguard their children from potential online risks including; *dangerous trends & challenges, over sharing, online payments, inappropriate content and more.* Please click the link below for what you need to know about TikTok:

<https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1049971808852697089> For more information please follow National Online Safety on twitter - @natonlinesafety

Please see the poster about screen addiction at the end of the newsletter. Miss Bird.

After School Clubs

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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Fit and Fun 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) No club on 29/10/19	Fit and Fun 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) No club on 30/10/19	Choir 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 (spaces available)	Jujitsu 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 Last club on 18/10/18	Football 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3 Last club on 19/10/18
Funjitsu 3.15pm - 4.20pm Year 2 Last club on 15/10/18	Football 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 Last club on 16/10/18	Dance Club 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 2 - 4 (Club is FULL)		
Football 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 6 Last club on 15/10/18	Creatures & Critters 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3 - 6 Last Club on 16/10/18			

Ninja / Accelerated Readers

Our fabulous Reader Ninja winners this week are:

White Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Sophie Denson, Ross Kelly, Oliver McWean, Owen McWean, Meredith Shuker

Year 2 - Thomas Davies, Jacob Sidwell, Jessica Hargreaves

Year 3 - Emma Rutter, Libby Burke, Jessica Burbury

Year 4 - Maliha Ahmed

Year 5 - Ellie Burke, Lily Walker, Isabelle Ward, Amy Rutter, Ben Wilkinson

Year 6 - Klevis Dilaveri, Mason Cockcroft, Ella Burbury

Well done everyone. Who will be our Ninja Reader Winners 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's winners are:

CLASS	STAR BADGE WINNERS	READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK
Year 6	Jemma Needham Stephen Higginson Megan Roberts	
Year 5	Maisie Withington Eva Mallouris Sophie Welsh	
Year 4	Mai Woodward Rosie Reynolds Oliver Chesters	Finley Naylor
Year 3	Kiera Seed Beauden Rimmer Rachel Almond	
Year 2	Ava Reynolds Cian Dimelow Anais Hayes	
Year 1	Harriet Gould Daniel Lally Kai Soni	Charlotte Phillips
Reception		

Lunchtime Awards:

The winners from this week are:

Reception - Isla Smith

Year 1 - Elijah Smith

Year 2 - Gabriella Iddon

Year 3 - Amba Lomas

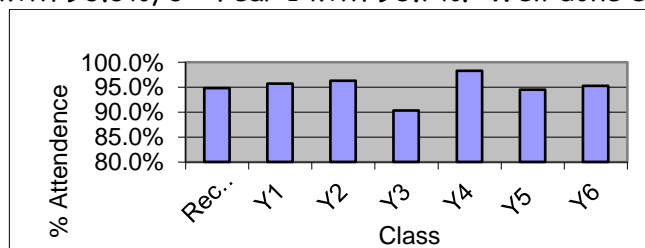
Year 4 - Sophie Sands

Year 5 - Thomas Matthews

Year 6 - Lily Sheron

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 05/10/2018: 1st place - Year 4 with 98.3%, 2nd place - Year 2 with 96.3%, 3rd Year 1 with 95.7%. 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 October

21st - Cafe Style

28th Holy Communion

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.

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: _____

✂.....

COULD YOU BECOME A PARENT GOVERNOR?

A Parent Governor has:

- ❖ An interest in **all** the children's future
- ❖ A desire to make a difference
- ❖ A willingness to accept responsibility
- ❖ An ability to work in a team and is happy to ask questions, listen and learn
- ❖ The skills to contribute to effective governance and success of the school or at least the capacity and willingness to develop them

and will:

- ❖ Act with integrity, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school
- ❖ Fulfil a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- ❖ Visit and get to know the school and the people in it in accordance with the agreed visits protocol
- ❖ Work in partnership with the Headteacher to raise standards
- ❖ Actively contribute to the work of the Governing Board
- ❖ Abide by the adopted Code of Practice.

Once elected, a parent Governor must operate in the best interest of all pupils and not as representatives to lobby on behalf of their constituency.

Parent Governors:

- ❖ Help to decide the priorities for improving the school
- ❖ Focus on their three core strategic functions
- ❖ Work co-operatively with other Governors in the best interest of the school
- ❖ Attend the meetings of the Governing Board and its Committees
- ❖ Promote the interest of the school in the wider community
- ❖ Have an equal right to participate and to state their views whilst respecting the views of others
- ❖ Are loyal to the decisions made by the Governing Board
- ❖ Respect the confidentiality of those items of business that have been designated as confidential and do not disclose what individuals have said or how they have voted
- ❖ Withdraw from a decision from which he or she or a partner or close relative stands to gain or where he or she is too involved to be objective
- ❖ Have regard to the broader responsibilities as a Governor of a public institution in regard to promoting a public accountability for the actions and performance of the Governing Board
- ❖ Participate in training.



It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech-related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?

47%
of parents
said they thought their children spent too much time in front of screens



What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

SMARTPHONE ADDICTION IS A RECOGNISED HEALTH CONDITION

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction.

IT CAN CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ACCEPTANCE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.



APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents



LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.



LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.



ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their outdoor activities to show your support.



REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.



LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.



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