



Cronton C. E. Primary School
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Newsletter

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Our Christian Value for this half term is - Friendship.

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the last half of our first term of the academic year and the run up to Christmas. We have many activities planned for the coming weeks so please check the newsletters, web page and Facebook for details.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Parents Evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and helpful. I would like to say a big thank you to all our Year 6 Ambassadors for helping the evenings run so smoothly. I have received many complimentary remarks about their attitude and behaviour.

A reminder that our Christmas Card competition closing date is next Friday - 16th November and if your child is entering our Christmas Cracker competition entries need to be brought into school on Friday 30th November.

Class Worships / Year 5 Parent's Workshop

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 by Year 5 will be held on Wednesday 21st November. After the assembly Kate from My Esteem will be leading a short workshop on children's resilience and how they can achieve far more with a high self esteem.

Poppies

We are now selling poppies and lots of other items on behalf of the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy a poppy we are asking for a minimum donation of 50p per poppy. Each afternoon, children from Year 6 will go to each class to sell the poppies and other items. Please note there is a price list for all items other than the poppies, set by the British Legion. Please note when buying items we only have the collection tins - we do not hold change. Thank you.

Foodbank

During the month of November the staff decided to hold a reverse Advent Calendar Box for Foodbank. Each day during November an item of non-perishable food is donated into the Advent Box. At the end of November the Advent Box will be taken to the Foodbank to distribute among those who really need it - especially with Christmas looming so close. Originally this was a staff only event but some parents have heard about it and have asked if they can contribute. They also suggested we open this up to all parents who may like to donate an item. If you feel you would like to contribute to our box please bring your donations to the office. All non perishable food items are welcomed but in particular they are looking for breakfast cereal, long life milk & juice, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, tinned fish, custard, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, instant mash and jars of jam. Please remember this is entirely voluntary. Many thanks.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year our anti bullying week will be from 12 - 16th November. During this week we will be looking at what makes us all special while celebrating our differences which make us unique. Each day we will be showing how different but the same we all are by asking the children to show their differences. On Monday 16th we are taking part in the national Odd Socks Day and ask the children to come into school wearing odd socks. Carrying on this theme of being different we are asking on Tuesday 17th the children wear a funny / odd tie and on Wednesday 18th we are holding a crazy hair day and on Thursday we will be drawing and colouring blue hands. Please note the children should still wear the rest of their school uniform apart from the Friday when it is non uniform day for our Christmas Fair.

Please note this is entirely voluntary and if your child does not wish to take part that is absolutely fine.

Year 5 Llandudno

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 27th November at 3:20pm in Year 5 classroom. We will be giving all information regarding our residential trip to Llandudno next May. Letters have gone out to parents today.

Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent: Blue team will represent St Andrew (Scotland), Red will represent St George (England), Yellow will represent St David (Wales) and Green will represent St Patrick (Ireland).

On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing non uniform in their team colours. The first of these will be Blue Team representing St Andrew's Day. As we have our non-uniform day on Friday 30th November - the Blue Team can wear blue on Thursday 29th November.

Road Safety

Don't forget the Knowsley Road Safety team Be Bright Be Seen competition. They would like the children to colour the pictures sent before half term as brightly as possible (including shiny and sparkly) and return them on Friday 9th November.

Well Done!

On 28th October, Jacob Kelly, along with some friends as a group, took part in the Arriva Scouse 5k Challenge in Liverpool. Between them they raised a fantastic £3500 for the Sands Charity - who support those affected by the death of a baby. What a lovely, caring thing to do on your birthday Jacob, well done!

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Modica family (Jude in Nursery) on the birth of their new baby girl Rosabella.

Special Lunches

We will be having 2 special lunch days this month - both of which all the children are invited to and will cost just £1 each (Infants do not need to pay - they are already included for the free meals). A drink is included with the meals. All meals must be paid via Parentpay.

Friday 9th November - to mark the centenary anniversary of WWI we will be serving the special lunch of Soldiers Stew (a vegetarian version can be made if required) or jacket potatoes. The pudding will be Victory Sponge.

Please note that Wednesday 7th November lunch will now be what would have been that week's Friday's lunch - BBQ Fish Coujons / Omelette / Baked potatoes etc. The pudding will still be chocolate brownie. Please see the menu for full details.

Friday 16th November to celebrate National School Meals Week we will be holding an Italian lunch (as chosen by the School Council). We will be serving cheese & tomato pizza / pasta with tomato & basil sauce or jacket potatoes. The pudding will be ice cream.

Can you Help 1?

The children have asked for more art materials for during wet breaks etc. If you have any spare paints, drawing pads, crayons, colouring books, colouring pencils etc we would be very grateful if you would consider donating them to school. Thank you.

Can you Help 2?

In the New Year we will be having another visit from our talented artist Andi Taylor who will be working with the children creating some new art for our garden. To do this we are asking for any recyclable plastics such as plastic bottles, plastic bottle tops / lids, straws etc. BUT as we do not have storage space we ask you to NOT send any into school until week commencing 17th December. Thank you.

Can You Help 3?

We are asking for any type of gift bags. If you have any to spare, either used or new, we would be very grateful for them. Thank you

Swimming Gala

Our swimming team will be taking part in the Knowsley Swimming Gala on the afternoon on Monday 26th November. Letters will be sent soon.

Little Angels Club

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.

Website / Facebook / School Spider

After School Clubs - there are limited places available at all clubs - please pay via Parentpay to secure your child's place.

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

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

Rebound Dance

The show will be on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at St Helens Theatre Royal. Ticket requests have now been ordered and we will distribute them as soon as we receive them. Please return permission slips for the technical rehearsal as soon as possible - your child cannot attend without this returned. More details regarding costumes and meeting times will be sent soon.

The Friends of Cronton

Monster Ball - Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Monster ball - the children had a great time.

Bags 2 School - Thank you for all the bags we received this week - your support is very much appreciated.

News - Our AGM will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday 13th November in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Up-coming Events - Save the Dates in November

- Monday 5th
- Key Stage 2 Communion at 9:05 in the school hall.
 - Athletics Competition at Prescot Academy. Unfortunately parents are not allowed to watch
- Wednesday 7th
- Diwali
- Thursday 8th
- Remembrance Day Worship in school
- Friday 9th
- Non uniform Day for Christmas sweets / chocolate
 - WWI Anniversary Lunch
- Sunday 11th
- Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph
- Monday 12th
- Start of Anti-Bullying Week - Monday is odd sock day, Tuesday is odd tie day, Wednesday is crazy hair day
- Friday 16th
- Non uniform Day for new and unused tombola prizes
 - National School Meals Week special Italian lunch
- Wednesday 21st
- Year 5 Class Worship
- Friday 23rd
- Non uniform Day for unopened bottles
- Monday 26th
- Swimming Gala
- Thursday 29th
- St Andrew's day - blue team can wear blue non-uniform
- Friday 30th
- Non uniform Day for cakes, DVDs, LPs, - no toys books or videos please
 - Christmas Fair 5:00 -7:00pm

Nursery - 30 Hours Eligibility - Important Information

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.** Once you have reconfirmed your eligibility please complete the parental declaration again so that we know who has done it, and we can carry out our checks. You only need to complete the child's details, the details of who made the declaration and make sure you sign the form.

I would also like to inform parents that the small number of 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.

Reception Admissions - September 2019

Parents / carers must complete the application form from the council **in which they live regardless of which school they wish to apply to.** We recommend that parents apply on-line.

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 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.

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.

Lunches for the rest of this half term will cost £68 - 5 weeks at £10 plus 2 weeks at £9 for the special lunches. 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.

Christmas (53 sleeps) - Christmas Fair - Friday 30th November 5:00-7:00pm.

We cannot believe we are already looking towards our Christmas Fair! If you have any questions or suggestions for our fair please speak to Miss Roberts, Mrs Jones, Mrs Allison, Mrs Felton or Mrs Clarke.

- **Non Uniform Days** - As usual we will be having our non-uniform Fridays in the run up to the Fair with a 'fine' for doing so. The first non-uniform day will be next Friday - 9th November. The 'fines' will be as follows:

Friday 9th November Christmas sweets such as selection boxes, chocolate bars, decorations, tubes of sweets etc.

Friday 16th November new and unused Tombola Items

Friday 23rd November bottles- these can be anything from lemonade to ketchup to shampoo to Champagne (!) but please ensure they are unopened and in date.

Friday 30th November the day of the fair, the 'fine' will be cakes, games, Good condition LPs and DVDs (no videos, toys or books please).

For this non uniform day we are asking where possible if the children have any Christmas items; jumper, t-shirt, bobbles, socks, ties etc they wear them - only whatever they have, please do not buy anything especially. But please note appropriate footwear should be worn, no heels should be worn.

Please remember that these are **voluntary** donations and we ask that it is one per child or per family - the choice is yours. If your child does not wish to participate that is absolutely fine.

- **Christmas Card Competition** - how are our budding artists doing with their cards for our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. There will be one winner from each area - Foundation Stage (Reception & Nursery), Infants, Lower Juniors (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Juniors (Years 5 & 6). These winning designs will be made into cards for our school to send out.

From these 4, one overall winning design will be used for the programme for the Ecumenical Carol Service. This child will also be invited as VIP guest at the Tree lighting Service in the village. The closing date for the competition is Friday 16th November. Before we broke up we sent out a template that should be used, but please make sure the design is within the lines. Also please only use **crayons**,

pencils or paints. Do not use any other materials as we need to photocopy the winning design. Although they look lovely, **we cannot choose any card that has things glued or glittered on.**

All entries should be handed into your child's class Teaching Assistant. Please make sure your child's name and class is on their entry. We really do want the children's work for this so please try to let them do the card themselves as far as possible.

- **Christmas Cracker Competition** - as usual we will be having our ever popular Christmas Cracker Competition. The children can make a cracker at home, and fill it with a gift worth £1. On the night of the Fair, we sell the crackers (often back to the children who made them!). We hold a competition with a prize for the winner of the most outstanding cracker from each class. Some children like to start their crackers over the half term holiday. So the children need to get their thinking caps on to see what ideas they can come up with. Again, we want the children's work for this so please try not to give any practical help. The crackers should only be brought in on the day of the Fair - Friday 30th November.

- **Prizes** - We are again looking for any kind donations for our Christmas Fair and the raffle from any local businesses. If you have or know someone that could possibly donate a prize especially from any local small company or business you could ask or persuade to be kind enough to donate a prize we would be most grateful. We will happily accept anything from a meal voucher to a Spa Day to a household service / car wash/ beauty treatment. Any business donating will receive free publicity on our website up until the fair. We will also happily advertise any donating businesses with their cards / leaflets on the night. We would be very grateful if you could please send any donations into school as soon as possible.

Additionally if you have any left-over party bag favours, unwanted Halloween treats or anything else that we could use for children's prizes we would be most grateful, thank you.

- **Stall Bookings** - We have started taking bookings from private businesses to have a stall at our Christmas Fair. If you would like to hire a stall please get a booking form from the school office as soon as possible or email the school and one can be emailed to you. Spaces cannot be reserved until a non refundable payment of £20 per table (reduced to £15 with a raffle prize donation up to the value of £5) has been received. Please note we cannot guarantee exclusivity for a certain type of stall. The private stalls will be mixed in with the school stalls. You can also advertise your business through cards / leaflets on the night.

- **Santa's Little Helpers** - We are looking for volunteers who could spare us some time to 'man' a stall for us, even if just for an hour we would be very grateful. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help us.

Online Safety

Please see this month's Online Newsletter below. Miss Bird.

Children's Lifestyle

Knowsley Council are undertaking some research to find out more about parent and carer views on children's healthy lifestyle and weight management. This research will be used to help make decision about future services and support across Knowsley. They ask to share your views and have your say by taking part in their 10-minute survey: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Knowsleyparents/>

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
<u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) New Club starts 5/11/18	<u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 1 - 6 (spaces available) New Club starts 6/11/18	<u>Choir</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 (spaces available)	<u>Jujitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 3-6 New Club Starts 8/11/18 Limited places available	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3 Limited places available
<u>Funjitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 1 & 2 New Club Starts 5/11/18 Limited places available	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 New Club Starts 6/11/18 Limited places available	<u>Dance Club</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 2 - 4 (Club is FULL)		

Star Badge Awards and Reader / Writer of the week

Due to our photographer being in school today there was no star badge assembly.

Lunchtime Awards:

The winners from this week are:

Reception - Thomas Roberts

Year 1 - Thomas Vale-Kelly

Year 2 - Riley Walker-Stewart

Year 3 - Jacob Pitt

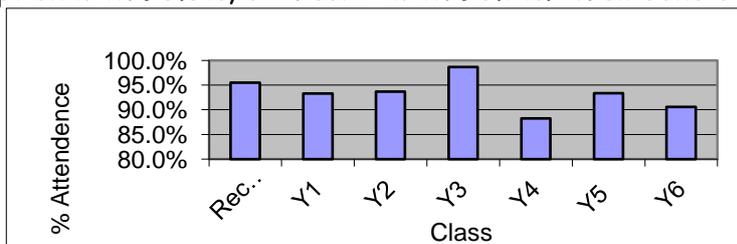
Year 4 - Maliha Ahmed

Year 5 - Louis Simcott

Year 6 - Klevis Dilaveri

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 19/10/2018: 1st place - Year 3 with 98.7%, 2nd place - Reception with 95.5%, 3rd Year 2 with 93.7%. 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.

Services during November

4th - Morning Service / Cafe Style

11th - Joint Remembrance Service. We will meet at the Village Cenotaph at 10:30am followed by a short service here at the Mission

18th - Cafe Style

25th - 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 Administrator on 0151 423 4311.

St Luke's Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be held at St Luke's Church on Saturday 3rd November, 3pm till 4.30pm and the theme will be Remembrance. This year is extra special as it is 100 years since the end of the First World War and in our Messy Church service we will be remembering the sacrifices made by the soldiers and thinking about the importance of peace. There will be loads of activities, games and crafts to get involved with including making poppies to cascade down in the church, adding messages and pictures to our peace wall, decorating poppy biscuits, making flower arrangements, making origami and loads more! Our worship also includes us sharing food as well as lots of fun and laughter. All are welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Best Wishes

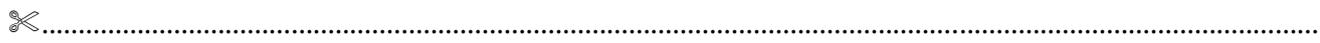
Mrs S Thomson
Headteacher



Cronton C. E. Primary School
Parental Comment Slip

I wish to make the following comment(s)

Signed: (Optional) _____ Date: _____



Cronton C. E. Primary School
Christmas Fair - 30th November 2018

Child's name: _____ Class _____

I will be able to help at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November for the following

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| _____ Setting up from 3:30pm | _____ Helping on a stall 5 - 7pm |
| _____ Helping on a stall 5 - 6pm | _____ Helping on a stall 6 - 7pm |
| _____ Clearing away from 7:00pm | |

Parents Name: _____



Online Safety Newsletter: November 2018

Online Safety Survey findings

40,000 pupils (aged 7 – 16 from 480 schools) took part in this year's *LGfL DigiSafe pupil online-safety survey* about their online lives which concluded in a new report, 'Hopes & Streams'. The results found that an impressive 73% of children trust their parents on online safety but only half of parents talk about online safety with them more than once a year. Worryingly, **2 in 5 pupils have never told anyone about the worst thing that has happened to them online.**

It's important to talk about our children's online life with them on a regular basis. Go online with them and look at apps together, look at the many positives of being online but if there is anything that you see that you are uncomfortable with them doing online then explain to them why. If your child is on social media then show them how to use the privacy settings, reporting functions and how to block people. Also, make sure your child understands that if anything is ever worrying them they can speak to you about it.

The report also found that **nearly 1 in 3 pupils find it difficult to stop using their devices** to have a break probably due to the addictive and immersive nature of some games and social media. This is why it is important to set rules that are agreed by all the family in order to balance screen time with other activities as well as set device free times (e.g. meal times). Ensure your children are:

- seeing friends in 'real life' and spending time with family
- no devices 1 hour before bedtime
 - going to sleep at a suitable time (and devices should not be kept in their bedroom)
 - getting outside/physical activity
 - keeping up with school work/homework

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You can read the full report here: <https://www.lgfl.net/online-safety/hopesandstreams>

"Someone posted my image on an inappropriate website!"

This is a useful video to watch with your child as it explains what to do if someone steals your image and posts it somewhere without your permission:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/mandeville-sisters-stolen-images>



Games currently being played...

H1Z1

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.*

This is another Battle Royale style game available on PS4. It's an online multiplayer game, in which a group of students are forced to fight to the death. 100 players are dropped on to the island and they then try to kill each other until they are the only remaining player.

This is another game that can become addictive and you need to be aware that due to the live chat, **inappropriate or offensive language** may be heard.

Safety tip

When gaming, usernames can be seen by other players so teach your children that user names need to be non-identifying too so don't include your age, year of birth, full name, location etc.

Learn to code: suggested apps



Kodable

Free (iOS)



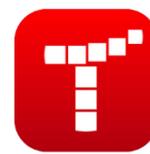
A.L.E.X.

Free (iOS)



Lightbot

Free (iOS)
Free (Google)



Tynker

Free (iOS)
Free (Google)

Do you over share?

Just as in real life, we need to show by example how our children should behave online and set clear expectations. **You need to be their role model.** Are you guilty of over sharing/not thinking before you post? If you do post online, try following these basic rules:

- ✓ Don't post any photos of your child that show their school logo or recognisable places by where they live that can make it easy for people to find out their location.
- ✓ Never include your child's full name.
- ✓ Are there any other children in the pictures you share online? If yes, do you have permission from their parent/carer to upload it?
- ✓ Would your child be happy for your comment/photo about them to be online – remember what might be 'cute' now may be embarrassing to them in the future.
- ✓ Make sure your privacy settings are on.
- ✓ Don't over share! If you share everything or private information online then will your child want to chat to you about things that are concerning them as they may worry that it will be posted online?

Granny App

We've had reports that Primary children are playing this game, it has been rated 12+ by PEGI which means they deem it as **not suitable for children under 12 years.**

Being a horror game it is intense with a scary/ghost like granny suddenly appearing with a bat to hit you, blood splatters then appear. If your child asks to play it, play it first so you can determine if it is suitable. If you decide it is not appropriate explain why to your child.