

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and New Year. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share about the exciting presents Santa brought.

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome our new nursery children who joined us this week. We look forward to getting to know them more in the coming year.

Christian Value

Our Christian Value this half term is
Creativity

Panto Afternoon

Many thanks to our Friends of Cronton for organising the Panto this afternoon, the children have had a really great afternoon watching it (oh no they haven't. Oh yes they have! Sorry, I couldn't resist it - Mrs Felton)..

Football Report

Yesterday our Year 6 girl's football team took part in a competition in Kirkby. They played 4 games; winning 1, drawing 1 and narrowly losing 2 - the ball just would not go in the net despite the fantastic attempts by the girls. They finished joint 3rd in their group. I am unable to single out a Player of the Match as the girls all played exceptionally well and showed brilliant team work and sportsmanship - well done girls I was very proud of you. Thanks to parents for lifts and support. Miss Wilson.

Bullybusters

There will be a Bullybusters session for all interested parents / carers on Monday 14th January at 3:30pm. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along

Arts Week

What a fantastic start to the new term we have had with our Arts focus!

We started the week by reading the story, "There is Only One You" where a little fish learns some valuable lessons about how to travel through life and how unique he is. The whole school has all made their own unique fish which will be put up all around the school.

Then on Wednesday 9th January we had a fantastic visit from local poet Paul Delaney, who delivered a very interesting assembly to the whole school and then worked with Years 5 and 6 to help them write their own poems.

All classes also undertook their own projects over the week linked to their year group curriculum and from what I have seen around the school - have produced some excellent work!

We finished the week with a pantomime of Cinderella for the whole school - kindly booked and funded by the Friends of Cronton and we had a great time!

Next week the fun continues...

Monday 14th January - Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception: 9-10am and 2-3pm. Parents have received a letter to book onto one of the sessions - thanks to all those who have returned the slips. Parents or accompanying adults should come into school by the main front entrance and your children will be brought through to you. The activities are on a 'Winter' theme and we are sure everyone will have a great time.

Thursday 17th January: A visit from Travel by Tuba - with a whole school assembly and workshops for every year group.

Reception Admissions

Please remember the closing date for applications is **Tuesday 15th January 2019** All applications must be made to the council in which the child lives regardless of which school you are applying to.

Travel to Tokyo

We are pleased to report that 2 of our classes - Year 2 and Year 3 - have already won some prizes for taking part in the initiative. We will inform parents of these prizes when we're notified. Don't forget to log your activity and hopefully we can win some more prizes. You can log your activity via the school website under the parent tab'. Your child's team name is their class. You may need to use the school Post Code which is WA8 5DF. We hope you can take part and see which class has been the most active and in with the chance of winning a prize.

Up-coming Events/Save the Dates in January

Please note these are correct at the time of going to press and are subject to change. Also individual classes may have additional items not listed below.

Monday 14th - Nursery & Reception parents / carers Stay & Play (9-10am and 2-3pm)

- Bully Busters parent session at 3:30pm

Wednesday 16th - Year 4 Class Worship at 9:05am

Thursday 17th - Travel by Tuba day

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 next Worship will be held on:

Year 4 - Wednesday 16th January

Year 3 - Wednesday 13th March

Christmas Jumpers

If anyone has any Christmas jumpers that will not fit their child next Christmas, we would be grateful if you would consider donating them to a scheme run in Widnes to help provide Christmas jumpers for less fortunate families to join in. Our school is a collection point for these jumpers.

Calendars

We have just a few calendars left, priced at just £3 each or 2 for £5. It has all school's important dates so far for 2019 so make sure you get yours before we sell out. Please note all dates are correct at time of printing but can be subject to change.

Little Angels Club

Please note the Little Angels club will resume next Wednesday 16th January 2019 from 1:30 - 2:30pm. 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.

Reminder

Warm coats, PE kits and water bottles are required in school each day. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled, we always have a huge amount of lost property with no names in!

Special Lunch Day

Next Thursday - 17th January - we will be having a special lunch day which all the children are invited to. The lunch that day will cost £1 (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 do not need to pay - they are already included for the Infant Free School Meals scheme). The lunch will consist of a party box containing a sandwich, a vegetarian sausage roll, a packet of crisps, a cookie and a drink. If your child is not eligible for a free school meal and they stay for this or any school dinners, parents/carers will ensure that all meals taken are paid for via the ParentPay system.

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) There is no club until Monday 21 st January	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 Places available	<u>Choir</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3 - 6 Places available Advance notice club will be CANCELLED on 13/2/19	<u>Jujitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 3 - 6 Club is full	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 2 & 3 Places available
<u>Funjitsu</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 1 & 2 Places available		<u>Rugby</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3 & 4 Places available Advance notice club will be CANCELLED on 13/2/19		<u>Critters</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 3-6 Places available
				<u>Multi Skills</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Year 4 & 5 This Club is FULL

Peace Proms

The Children had a lovely experience at the Echo Arena this morning, rehearsing for the Peace Proms on Saturday 26th January.

We have given fliers to the choir today advising parents on purchasing tickets, if you haven't already done so.

For the concert the children should wear their school uniform but with a white t-shirt instead of a blouse / shirt.

I am awaiting further information regarding meeting arrangements and will send a letter as soon as possible.

Attendance Newsletter

Please see this term's Attendance Newsletter for all matters relating to Attendance. This will be a separate item on our Facebook and web pages.

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 Parent-Pay, please click on the 'help & support' section on the main page of the website.

We now have 5 weeks up to the February half term. However next Thursday's special Party Box day is just £1 so dinner money will cost £49 for the half term.

If your child is not eligible for a free school meal and they stay for school dinners, parents/carers will ensure that all meals taken are paid for via the ParentPay system. 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.

Achievements this week—Please see our photos on Twitter @crontonceschool

CLASS	STAR BADGE WINNERS	READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK
Year 6	Ethan Bolger Jesse Ashton Patrick Morris	
Year 5	Amy Rutter Ellie Burke Zak Lucas	
Year 4	Sophie Sands Jacob Kelly Bethany Evans	
Year 3	William Halsall Max Dowding Bobbi-Mae Mealor-Daniels	
Year 2	Joseph Durr Millie Watkin Isabella Blackham	
Year 1	Jacob Sidwell Emily Poland Jonathan Brooks	
Reception	Joshua Mba Nathan Tickle Anayai Burns-Argent	Julia Davies, Frankie Durr

Ninja / Accelerated Readers

Our fabulous Reader Ninja winners this week are: below. Well done to them all:

White Belt Winners

Year 2—Jacob Millward, Gabriella Iddon, Oliver Evans

Year 3—Harry Forster, Morgan Silk

Year 4 - Ellis Thompson, Evie Higginson, Sam Barrett

Year 5—Ashton Houlihan

Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 2 - Ava Reynolds, Joe Humphries

Year 3 - Rachel Almond, Faolan Kelly, Louisa Mallouris, Amba Lomas

Year 4—Sam Buckley, Ellie Schulz, Ruby Fairclough

Year 5 - Ava Probin

Year 6—Jack Regan

Orange Belt Winners:

Year 2—Holly Jenkins, Isaac Walker , Jack Rostance

Year 3—Amelia Mansfield, Jessica Burbury

Year 4—Finn Naylor

Year 5—Lily Walker, Isabelle Ward, Andrew Maclean, Ben Wilkinson

Year 6— Ella Burbury, Mason Cockroft

Red Belt Winners:

Year 2—Aiden Hasalamai, Jessica Hargreaves,

Year 3—Emma Rutter, Sienna Soni

Year 4—Maliha Ahmed

Year 5—Alice Davies, Ellie Burke

Year 6—Joseph Turner

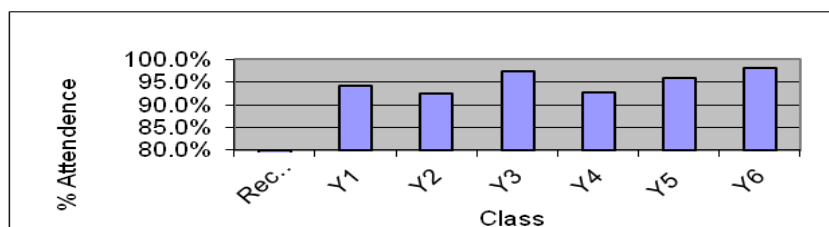
Green Belt Winners:

Year 3—Felicity Eaton

Year 4 - Amelia Foxcroft

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 21/12/2018: 1st place - Year 6 with 98.1%, 2nd place Year 3 with 97.4%, 3rd place - Year 5 with 95.9%. 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.

Lunchtime Awards:

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The winners for this week are:

- Reception** - Beau Stankevitch
- Year 1** - Charlotte Phillips
- Year 2** - Charlie Whalley
- Year 3** - Harry Forster
- Year 4** - Michael Smith
- Year 5** - Joshua Aney
- Year 6** - Finlay Rimmer



kik

Kik (or Kik Messenger) is a free messaging app used by 300 million people worldwide that lets users exchange messages, photos, videos, GIFs and webpages via a Wi-Fi connection or data plan. Kik is unusual in that your child can sign up without a phone number and then find and message other people via just their username. Kik is aimed at anyone aged 13 years and older – the app says teens between 13 and 18 years old will need parental permission but it does not verify ages.



AGE RESTRICTION
13+

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What parents need to know about

Kik



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION & GROOMING

Police in the UK have warned that Kik has featured in 'more than 1,100 child sexual abuse cases in the last five years' and that 'children are at risk' on the app. Offences involving the app include child sexual exploitation, grooming, and image violations. Kik has also been identified by US police as being used by sex predators, and they say it is responsible for several recent incidents involving children, including the murder of a 13-year-old girl by a man she met via Kik.

FAKE OR ANONYMOUS PROFILES

What makes Kik unique to most other private messaging apps is the fact that it doesn't require a phone number as it works through Wi-Fi instead. By using a username, your child can avoid sharing personal information with others on Kik, but on the flipside, this makes it far easier for people to remain anonymous or to create a fake persona.

SEXUAL PREDATORS

Some people may use Kik with the intention of targeting children. Typically, this is a subtle and a potentially dangerous individual who will initially portray themselves as a friend who 'understands' a child. They may also lie about their age and it's possible that your child could be manipulated by a stranger into doing regrettable or illegal activities, and maybe even meeting them in real life.

JOINING PUBLIC GROUPS

As soon as Kik is downloaded, your child can join public groups to chat with up to 49 others about anything from music, to sports, to travel by searching for topics they are interested in. However, groups can include inappropriate names and content. There are also private groups on Kik that can be joined by scanning a group Kik code or if they're added by someone on their contact list.

SEXTING

Due to the general ease of sharing photos and videos, sexting has been reported on the app. These messages can be screen-captured or copied at the press of a button, which could lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.



KIK 'BOTS'

Users can add 'bots' to their friends list and communicate with them on the app. 'Bots' are automated software programs built into the app that mimic conversation – developers, brands and Kik can create 'bots' to communicate with any Kik user who has opted to start a conversation with them. Kik has been associated with 'pornbots' and 'spambots', which try to lure users into clicking on links or porn websites by using suggestive and often personalised messages.

VIDEO CHAT

Your child can take part in a live video chat with their friends in a one-to-one chat, or with up to six friends at a time in a private group chat. There is the danger that conversations can be recorded and shared without their knowledge, and with live video conversations, your child is at risk of seeing or hearing content that is inappropriate, sexual or violent.

PERSONAL OR COMPROMISING USERNAMES

As Kik works with usernames and not phone numbers, some people may search for clues as to who someone is in real life, based on their name. For example, if your child uses their real name or something similar, strangers could potentially find out their identity and even start looking for them on other social media platforms.

Top Tips for Parents

CHOOSING A USERNAME

When setting up a Kik account, ensure that your child knows the importance of a secure username and why it shouldn't contain ANY clues as to who they are in real life – especially their first or last name. Get them to choose a username that is hard to guess, using a combination of letters and numbers.

SHARING USERNAMES

Explain to your child that sharing usernames on social media channels, such as Twitter, Instagram or Facebook, will make it visible to people they might not know – and they'll be able to message your child. If your child joins a group, anyone within that group will be able to see their username. Your teen will have a Kik Code that's unique to them and lets your child connect with anyone that scans the unique code; encourage your child not to share their Kik Code with anyone they don't trust.

DEACTIVATING ACCOUNTS

If your child is under 13, you can submit a deactivation request to Kik by emailing support@kik.com. Use the subject line 'Parent Inquiry' and include your child's Kik username and age in your message. If your child is over 13 and you want to close their account, you will need access to the email address registered to their account before you visit <https://ws.kik.com/deactivate>.

FIND GENUINE FRIENDS

The Kik app includes an optional feature that your child can turn on to help find real friends on Kik. The feature works by checking for accounts in Kik that match an email address or phone number stored in contacts (on a smartphone). If the app finds a match, it will notify both your child and their friend with a Kik message.

SHOW HOW TO BLOCK & REPORT

Teach your child how to block and report users on the app. Kik's 'block' feature lets users block all contact with another user, without revealing to the other user that they've been blocked. The blocked user's name will no longer appear in contacts in Kik. Your child can also report a group if they think it's offensive or being used for abuse. Some users of Kik have reported that they receive sexually explicit, automated messages over the app – this is where automated spam bots have been created to distribute explicit images and texts using the service. Your child can use the 'Report' feature to report spam. Once reported, there is the option to keep or remove the chat from the conversation list. If conversations are saved, Kik will automatically block the spam account but save the chat history.

DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS

If your child knows not to talk to anyone they don't know in real life, the risks of using Kik are drastically lowered. Alternatively, if any stranger happens to send your child a message, teach them to ignore it.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

If your child sees something disturbing, pornographic, deviant or otherwise troubling, they may be left confused and in need of somebody to explain it to them. As such, tell your child that you are always there to help them if they need it, and if they start acting differently to normal, calmly ask them why.

AVOIDING UNEXPECTED IMAGES

Kik censors images from strangers to limit lewd content being shared by surprise. The app will blur all photos in messages when users who have never interacted before contact each other for the first time. Users can only share unblurred images after they have both approved each other.

USING A VALID EMAIL

According to Kik, it is really important for users to provide a valid and accessible email address when registering their account. This will help to make sure your child is able to receive important emails from the service, such as a link to reset their password, when they need them.

MUTING OR LEAVING A CHAT

If someone has said something inappropriate to your child through Video Chat, they can mute the user or leave the Video Chat. Tap on the person's Video Chat bubble and a mute icon will appear. When a child mutes themselves, their microphone will be disabled and nobody else in the chat will be able to hear them.

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SOURCES:
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