

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thought of the week: "Tolerance is the positive and cordial effort to understand another's beliefs, practices and habits without necessarily sharing or accepting them".

(Joshua. L. Liebman)

As always we celebrate the children's achievements:

Star of the week for ARP: Amari W-L

Gold Awards: Tazmeen. U-3G, Harry. M-3G, Maya. I-3G, Zoya. B-3R, Musa. P-3R, Usman. M & Zoya. M-4Y, Arif. K, Adil. M, Riley. H, Jessie. S & Yahya. D-5G, Maryam. B-5R, Ayoub. M-5Y, Ibrahim. R, Raihaan. S & Ayaan. F-6R, Cloe. P, Sebi. C & Inaayah. N-6Y, Believe. F & Artem. N-6G

Achievement Award for Maths: Safeeya. I-1R, Hamzah. S-1Y, Haris. R- 1G, Devaansh. B-1B, Shayan. D-2R, Zakariyah. P-2Y, Omer. K-2G, Faruk. K-2B, Inaayah. T-3Y, Aleena. M-4R, Dylan. G- 4B, Inaya. H-4Y, Aisha. R-4G, Erika. L-5R, Ayesha. H, Adil. M-5G, Yaqub. A-5B, Abtahi. S-6R, Arvin. S-6Y, Stefania. S-6G, Reya. R-6B **Well done everyone!**

Rights Respecting- Raising Awareness on children's rights

RIGHTS RESPECTING



Article 17: (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Road Safety - The Car Park: We have made a considerable effort to ensure that our car parks are safe for our children and families and will continue to do so.

Despite our efforts, there are still a number of parents/carers who are not following our advice. This creates delays in the car park, increases the likelihood of confrontation with other people (which we do not want) and puts our children at higher risk of injury.

Please find attached a letter from Cranbrook Safer Neighbourhood Team - who have been supporting us in keeping our children safe in the car park.

Missing Jacket/Lost Property: We will always do our best to reunite pupils with their lost possessions. However, it would help if you could put your child's name and class on each item of clothing, book bags etc.

If your child has lost an item of clothing in school, please take a look at the **Lost Property Tubs**, which are located in the school playground by the green sheds.

Some pupils have not been able to recover their lost jackets. In this respect, please can you check at home for jackets that may not belong to your child. We understand that mistakes can happen.

Attendance: Well done to Year 4 Red for achieving 100%. The overall percentage for the school was **93%**. Our target for this year is **96%**, which means we are still well below the national. **Please let's all continue to work together every week and try harder to reach our target!**

The lowest attenders are currently **1 Yellow!**

We need to see an improvement this week, 1 Yellow!

Absences: If your child is away from school, please contact us to let us know the reason. Please note that if your child is missing school too often due to ill-health, we will request medical evidence in line with the agreed policy. Holidays during term time will not be authorised and parents **will** receive a penalty notice, especially when flights have been booked prior to seeking authorisation, even if special circumstances apply.

Year Group Workshops: All sessions will start in the main hall at 9am till 9.30am on the relevant dates below. Please make a note of your child's year group's turn. These sessions provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet briefly in the main hall and then spend time in class to observe. The focus for these will be **Mathematics**.

Year Group Parent Workshops - 9am -9.30am (Main Hall)

19th January - Year 5

20th January - Year 6

You Tube and supervised experience: Supervised Experience builds on the historic (and pretty poor) Restricted Mode, which is essentially a filter allowing users to block content which is deemed for adult users only. There are now 3 filtering levels which are:

- Explore- for users 9+
- Explore More- for users 13+
- Most of You Tube-all content excluding content marked as 18+

Importantly, you can manage these settings from your own device via Google Family Link.

There's a really simple and helpful guide. It includes a walkthrough video (under "Supervised Accounts on You Tube-How do I Get Started?" Please click on the link below for more information.

https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/?gclid=Cj0KCQjA2sqOBhCGARIsAPuPK0h3gNmafc9FS-QISoyubQdAUQuJ-HDXB77k10P3ItgRuuWB3bEBuRAaA-vycEALw_wcB&gclidsrc=aw.ds

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Website: I would encourage all Parents/Carers to visit the school website regularly to read and note new updates and information. It is full of key information and support to help with pupils learning. You will also find the Spring year group presentations for parents.

Universal Free School Meals: Please remember that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals. However, families on low income (less than £15,000) still need to apply for free school meals, so that the school continues to receive the funding to pay for these and for other little extras.

If you require help with this, please speak to the office staff.

British Science Week 2023

This year the British Science Week will run from 10 -19 March and the theme is 'Connections!' We experience connections everyday and the world of science and technology is built on these marvellous connections. Please have a look at the taster packs on the school website for some fun activities you could do at home as a family. There will also be a poster competition coming up and activities that will take place at school during science week.

Foodie Futures Themed lunch-Friday 19th January 2023

ISS catering is holding an exciting event themed lunch on 19th January 2023

With more and more children calling for action on climate change and demanding a stronger focus from adults on protecting our planet, ISS have been thinking about what they can do to be more sustainable caterers. As well as looking at how they can act more responsibly behind the scenes in our kitchens – reducing plastics and food waste, recycling, composting and more – they have also been thinking about what they can do to help share and promote positive messages to children around sustainable food choices.

Foodie Futures an annual themed day, which will run on **Thursday 19th January**, designed to prompt conversations on how we can support a healthier, more sustainable environment. It will consist of: a special menu which promotes dishes that are either plant-based, vegetarian and/or are made with sustainably sourced ingredients. The menu is based on some of our most popular dishes to allow us to support census day and the environment.



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Key Dates for this Term

Spring Term 2023:

Thursday 5th January 2023-Friday 31st March 2023

Year Group Parent/Carers Workshops- 9am-9.30am- in the Main Hall

Friday 19th January-Foodie Futures Themed lunch

19th January - Year 5

20th January-Year 6

Tuesday 31st January 2023-Year 3R/3B-Visit to Hindu Temple

Thursday 2nd February 2023-Year 3G/3Y-Visit to Hindu Temple

Half term break: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023: Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

Half term break Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Days:

Monday 20th February 2023-Parents meeting in the afternoon (face to face meeting)

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

Please note: The school will be closed for pupils on inset days.

Year 6-Learn to Knit Club at lunchtime:

Dear parents and carers, some of the year 6 children have expressed an interest in learning to knit in a small lunchtime club. In order to help facilitate this activity, we are asking for donations of wool and knitting needles to help us get this project up and running for the children. Please bring any donations to the school office for the attention of the year 6 team.

Human Appeal Charity

We are very excited to be partnering with the non-profit charity organisation, Human Appeal, who work across the globe to strengthen humanity's fight against poverty and social injustice. We will be carrying out various fundraising projects across the year which run in line with our school drivers. More details to follow soon so watch this space!

Head teachers

Jas Leverton / Cassim Bana