



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! The staff have been wonderful teaching me all about the Crayke Christmas traditions – this year with the additional unique Covid slant! The tree looks absolutely stunning and I am so impressed with the quality of the decorations produced by the children throughout school. Thanks to Newburgh Priory Estate for the donation of our tree, which is absolutely beautiful.

We are determined to focus on what we can do rather than what we can't do this year and have updated our Christmas guide with some additional dates in red, as well as a "class guide" to help everyone make sure that they have the right things in on the right days for the next two weeks of term before we break up. Also, a reminder that we finish one hour earlier on the last day of term – so if your usual collection time is between 3:15 and 3:25pm, that's 2:15 – 2:25pm and if your usual collection time is 3:30pm please collect at 2:30pm. School will be closed to pupils on Monday 4 January and we look forward to seeing everybody back bright eyed and bushy tailed on Tuesday 5 January!

Parent Governor Elections

As there was only one application received, there is no need for a ballot and I would like to take this opportunity to both thank and congratulate Pete Wilson for standing as Parent Governor for a second term.

NATIVITY - Message for Class 1 and Class 2 Parents

We understand that the nativity is a truly memorable event as a parent and we are keen to be able to share a performance, albeit in a different way to previous years, which also adheres to Covid regulations. Mrs Helfferich and Mrs Dobson are in the process of arranging to film separate performances for Class 1 and Class 2. It is our intention that these will be recorded and uploaded securely for parents and carers to be able access via Google Classrooms. **If you do not want your child to be included in the video recording it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday 8 December so that alternative arrangements can be made.** Please complete the Microsoft Forms consent available via this link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=5qFB7HDvVkuhiM4hpIpiA5gxWWPmZhFlldnFKmA1UQUFRQVQzUk5NSkdaVkFEVvK84T0dTSU03SS4u> as soon as possible and **no later than the end of the day on Tuesday.** If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Farewell Revd. Liz

During Monday's collective worship we bade farewell to Revd. Liz and were able to thank her (virtually!) for everything that she has done for us. Children from each class shared special memories and we were all able to wish her well as she moves on to pastures new.

Farewell Rev Liz – message from Mr Porter on behalf of the governors

Amongst her many contributions to our school Rev Liz has been a governor for nearly 8 years. She has been very dedicated and has brought empathy, practical common sense, and extensive knowledge to the role. At times she has been Vice Chair and has chaired a committee for a number of years.

Significantly she played an important part in the appointment of both Mr Buttery and Mrs Jackson as Headteachers. For that alone we should be very grateful. As she moves to her new post in York, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Liz for everything she done to support the school, its children, parents and staff. She will be greatly missed but we wish her every success in her new role.

Hugh Porter

Chair of Governors

Financial Assistance Free School Meals – Vouchers

We have now received notification from NYCC that supermarket vouchers can be purchased and issued to eligible families currently in receipt of pupil premium funding. We will be providing these by the end of term.

If you are a family that is not currently receiving free school meals but are encountering financial difficulties at this time and would like a strictly confidential conversation about support which can be provided, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If you are in need of financial assistance during the Christmas holiday period, please contact the North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF). NYLAF can be contacted at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/nylaf or families can call the North Yorkshire County Council Customer Service Centre on: 01609 780780.

Parking at the Sports Hall

Thank you for continuing to park at the Sports Hall in spite of the addition of the new fence. We know that this is an added complication at an already busy and congested time. Please continue to avoid parking in front of the tennis courts as this needs to be used as a turning circle.

CHASA committee meeting – 5:30pm Thursday 10 December 2020

We will be holding a committee meeting via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 10th December 5:30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to join us. If you would like to do so, please email

headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk no later than Thursday 10th December at 12pm so that an email invitation can be issued. The meeting will provide a great opportunity to discuss fundraising opportunities for 2021.

Welly Weeks

The arrangements for the rest of term are as follows:

w/c 7 December – Class 1 and Class 4

w/c 14 December – Class 2 and Class 3

Dance Day – Curve Dance Wednesday 9th December

We are delighted to be welcoming Kelly Goodwin from Curve Dance in to school to run a series of Christmas themed dance workshops for everyone in school next Wednesday.

PE kits – arrangements for final two weeks of term

w/c 7th December – WHOLE SCHOOL Wednesday and Friday

w/c 14th December – Monday (Class 2 & 4) Thursday (Class 1 & 3)

Christmas Parties

Please remember clothing, especially shoes, needs to be appropriate for all day wear and weather. A reminder that parties will be taking place within each class on different days this year, as follows:

Monday 14th December – Class 3
Tuesday 15th December – Class 1

Wednesday 16th December – Class 2
Thursday 17th December - Class 4

Class by Class Guide to Crayke Christmas

CLASS 1 – MRS HELFFERICH	Event	Kit needed
Monday 7 December	Welly Week	Wellies
Wednesday 9 December	Dance workshop	Indoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas jumper!
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Party	Party clothes and sensible shoes
Thursday 17 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit

CLASS 2 – MRS DOBSON	Event	Kit needed
Wednesday 9 December	Dance workshop	Indoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas jumper!
Monday 14 December	Welly Week	Wellies
Monday 14 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit
Wednesday 16 December	Christmas Party	Party clothes and sensible shoes

CLASS 3 – MRS RAYNER	Event	Kit needed
Wednesday 9 December	Dance workshop	Indoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas jumper!
Monday 14 December	Christmas Party	Party clothes and sensible shoes
Tuesday 15 December	Welly Week	Wellies
Thursday 17 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit

CLASS 4 – MRS CHANDLER	Event	Kit needed
Monday 7 December	Welly Week	Wellies
Wednesday 9 December	Dance Workshop	Indoor PE Kit
Friday 11 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE kit
Friday 11 December	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas jumper!
Monday 14 December	Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE Kit
Thursday 17 December	Christmas Party	Party clothes and sensible shoes

Interactive Advent Calendar

Details were shared via a webpost earlier in the week. If you would like to access the resources <https://www.outdoorted.co.uk/advent-calendar>

Hamel the Camel – Advent Book

This term we have been using Collective Worship resources from YoYo Trust. We are pleased to announce that they have also ventured into the world of self publishing.

Our first publication is a Christmas book written for children, but can be enjoyed by adults too! Hamel the Camel is an Advent adventure written in 24 short chapters, making it ideal for bedtime, end of the school day storytime or reading in one sitting.

It is priced at £5.50 and is available in two ways:

1. Order directly from Lulu Bookstore [here](#)

(Please note postage per book reduces dramatically when ordering multiple copies.)

2. If you are in the York area you can email office@yoyotrust.org.uk to place your order.

(To receive your copy before Christmas, please order by Monday 7th December.)

INFORMATION REGARDING CHRISTMAS @ CRAYKE 2020

Here are some important dates for your diaries – **new dates in red.**

Date	Event	Class
Monday 7 December	Christmas cards can be brought in from today*	Whole school
Wednesday 9 December	Dance Day – Christmas Dance Workshops	Whole school
Friday 11 December	Save the Children Wear your Christmas Jumper Day	Whole school
Monday 14 December	Deadline for Christmas cards to be brought into school	Whole school
Monday 14 December (pm)	Christmas Party – wear party clothes all day	Class 3
Tuesday 15 December (am)	Christmas Party – wear party clothes all day	Class 1
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch	Whole school
Wednesday 16 December (pm)	Christmas Party – wear party clothes all day	Class 3
Thursday 17 December (pm)	Christmas Party – wear party clothes all day	Class 4
Thursday 17 December	Distribution of Christmas cards	Whole school
Friday 18 December	Nativity Performances to be uploaded onto Google Classrooms	Class 1 and 2
Friday 18 December	End of term -2:15pm and no later than 2:25pm	1 and 3
	End of term -2:30pm	2 and 4 and siblings

*Please ensure that Christmas cards are clearly labelled with first name, surname and class to ensure safe delivery to the correct recipient!

Standards and Testing Agency Update **Changes to 2021 national curriculum assessments**

Yesterday, Thursday 3 December, the Secretary of State for Education announced [measures to support pupils taking exams and assessments in 2021](#).

This is the update to schools:

“We recognise the difficulties that primary schools are facing in light of the ongoing disruption caused by coronavirus (COVID-19). Therefore, we have altered our approach to the 2021 national curriculum assessments, and will focus on the most important summer assessments for schools, pupils and parents.

For 2021, we have removed:

- all key stage 1 (KS1) tests
- the key stage 2 (KS2) English grammar, punctuation and spelling test
- the requirement to make and report teacher assessment judgements for science at KS1 and KS2

To further support schools, we:

- have delayed the statutory introduction of the multiplication tables check – schools may choose to take part on an optional basis
- have extended the timetable variation periods for phonics and KS2, to allow schools greater flexibility if pupils cannot take the tests on the scheduled dates because of coronavirus disruption
- have removed the requirement for schools to submit applications for pupils who need additional time in KS2 tests or notifications that they used an aid (such as a scribe or word processor)

This means that the following statutory assessments will continue in 2021:

- the phonics screening check for year 1 pupils (and year 2 pupils who have not met the expected standard previously)
- KS2 English reading and mathematics tests
- KS1 and KS2 teacher assessment (excluding science)”

As this information has only just been released, we are having discussions in school to determine what ‘assessment’ will look like for us in the summer term and we will of course keep you updated with this. We know that there has been a great deal of discussion circulating nationally about whether assessments will be taking place at all in 2021 and so wanted to share this press release with you as soon as possible.

Should you have any queries relating to the impact of this information on your child/ren please do not hesitate to contact us.

Covid reminders

Our staff continue to take every measure possible to keep everyone at Crayke School safe. As a school we are continually reviewing and updating our risk assessments. As part of this please be aware of the following reminders:

- **All parents when arriving and leaving school MUST be socially distanced.** The one-way system in place supports this, as well as the staggered arrival and collection times. Please maintain distancing at all times, particularly when passing through the Class 1 outdoor classroom area.
- **Please adhere to your designated drop off and collection time slots.** These are summarised in the table below as a reminder. It is really important that you stick to your times to avoid the children from different bubbles mixing.

	Drop off time	Collection time
Bubble A: Class 1 and Class 3	8:45am and no later than 8:55am	3:15pm and no later than 3:25pm
Bubble B: Class 2 and Class 4	9:00am and no later than 9:10am	3:30pm and no later than 3:40pm
Siblings in both bubbles (e.g. Class 1 and Class 4)	8:45am and no later than 8:55am	3:30pm and no later than 3:40pm

- Please note that Children in Bubble A will be marked as “late” if they are not in school by 8:55am for registration. Similarly, children in Bubble B will be marked as “late” in the register if they are not in school by 9:10am.
- **Children are washing their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.** If your child’s hands are becoming sore, especially as the weather becomes colder, please let us know, particularly if you need to send in some cream for them.
- **Please keep the office informed when your child is absent.** If a member of your household has symptoms, or you are awaiting test results, please keep us informed at this at every stage. This can be done by phoning 01347 821767 or emailing admin@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk
- **Please remember to inform us if your child, or anyone in your immediate family, develops chicken-pox or shingles** – this is especially important as one of our children continues to undergo immune-suppressant therapy.
- **As part of our risk assessment, we have identified that all classrooms must be well-ventilated.** This means that we have to keep the windows open! We have the heating on of course, but please try to ensure that, if needed, your child wears some extra layers to school.
- **Should you wish to read more about the guidance we are following, it can be accessed via this weblink:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Thank you all for playing your part in ensuring we stay safe, healthy and at school.



School Lunch Menu - W/C 7 December 2020



WEEK ONE	Main course	Dessert
Monday	Sausage in a bun	Cake
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese	Chocolate orange muffin
Wednesday	Chicken, potato and vegetable casserole	Oat cookie and apple wedge
Thursday	Mexican beef tortilla boats and vegetable rice	Fruit muffin
Friday	Battered fish and chips	Cheese and crackers

Please note that the menu for the Spring Term is undergoing final checks from NYCC and we will aim to share this with you next week.



Stars of the Week and Headteacher's Awards



Stars	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Stars	Keenan Lee	Joah Brown	Tom Ward	Florence Ritchie
		Rosie Seligman	Odin Dawson	Emily Sharp
Headteacher Awards	Keenan Lee		Isaac Waite	

Term Dates - Academic Year 2020/2021

Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January 2021	School Closed – Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 th January 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January 2021	School Reopens
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	School Closed – HALF TERM
Monday 22 nd February 2021	School Reopens
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April 2021	School Closed – Easter Holiday
Monday 12 th April 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day
Tuesday 13 th April 2021	School Reopens
Monday 3 rd May 2021	School closed – May Day
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 June 2021	School Closed – HALF TERM
Monday 7 th June 2021	School Reopens
Friday 23 July 2021	Last day of term for pupils
Monday 26 th July 2021	School closed to pupils – Training Day

 **Where's Church this week?** 

Sunday 6th December

Hurrah! Our churches are open again after lockdown, but you do need to book to ensure being able to attend since we are strictly enforcing social distancing in church in order to protect our vulnerable people.

10.30am Holy Communion at Brandsby - contact Alison 888202 to book

6.30pm Holy Communion at Crayke - contact Fiona 823131 to book

There will also be our online service at <http://bylandchurches.net> from Sunday morning.

This weekend is my last week here. I was given a wonderful send off from the children last Monday on our regular Zoom Collective Worship and I would like to thank all of you for your support over the years. I hope to see some of you at the school gate again before the end of term.

During the rest of advent, there will be short advent reflections on the website each week and there will be a special Christmas online family service which will be online from Christmas Eve. We can't do our usual large Christmas services but there will be some smaller ones and you would be very welcome.

With every blessing for this Christmas and beyond.

Revd Liz

Have a wonderful weekend,

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