

Crayke C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has Sprung – Return to School!

What a lovely week it has been! Spring is definitely in the air; the days are already seeming longer and brighter and the sunshine has been wonderful for the soul!

It has been fabulous for the staff to have had the opportunity to “see” their class live on screen and interact during Google Meets and I absolutely adored the chance to see so many of you during our live worship this morning. Thank you for being so respectful, courteous and polite towards each other during the sessions

Whilst we can't wait for all the children to come back to school on 8 March, we understand that some children – and parents – may be experiencing a range of emotions in relation to this and would encourage you to talk to us if you have any concerns. Next week, I will be sharing a short survey for you to complete to help make us aware of how emotionally ready your child/ren are for the return to school and to help us plan and prepare accordingly. Thank you for engaging so well with the online surveys and consent forms – it is a huge time saver all round.

In addition (as was offered in the final week of the summer holidays) if there are any families who have not been in school since before Christmas who would like the opportunity to visit and see the measures that we have put in place, we would welcome you to make an appointment out of school hours next week. Please email me on [headteacher@](mailto:headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk) if you would like to arrange this for your children.

Further details will follow under separate cover early next week confirming the logistical and staffing arrangements for the full reopening of school. We do not anticipate many changes to the systems we had in place during the Autumn Term. We will be resuming our staggered start and finish times as previously. Hot meals will be provided for all children who request one. There will be two days during the week where children will need to come dressed in PE kits (days to be confirmed for each class). One of the main changes we have implemented this term is that staff now wear face coverings when moving around the school building – you may wish to prepare your child/ren for this if they have not been in school to see that this term.

Books for Ghana

Back in the summer term, we donated a number of books to Learning for Life Ghana to make way for our lovely new Amazon wishlist donations. We have received a letter from the charity, thanking us for our generosity: *The Learning for Life Ghana trustees and the “Tools for Teachers” project team want to say a huge thank you to you and your staff for gathering and sharing such a generous donation of reading and reference books. They have all been shipped to Ghana and distributed to schools. The teachers have been so excited to receive them and have been teaching the children how to carefully turn the pages so as not to spoil the books! The teachers are encouraged beyond measure and the books will be a great help to them as they continue to help their learners with reading and spelling challenges. Thank you!*

Amazon Wishlist

Our Amazon Wishlist is still “live” and we continue to be incredibly grateful for any donations received. The current list is accessible via this link:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2TMPM915I4NGC?ref=wl_share

Thanks in advance!

Information for next week

Message for Class 4: Mrs Chandler – Curriculum Training on Tuesday 2 March

On Tuesday next week, Mrs Chandler and I are participating in curriculum training, which is intended to help support and enrich the development of our exciting broad and balanced curriculum offer. It is an all-day online training event from 9am-4pm. This means that for Class 4, the lessons will have a slightly different look and feel. Lessons will be provided via Oak Academy/BBC Bitesize and therefore feedback will not be provided on “private comments” by Mrs Chandler that day. The lessons have built-in assessments (e.g. quizzes) so please encourage the children to complete these.

Google Meets – next week

Following the success of the sessions this week, we are aiming for these to take place as follows:

Date	Teacher	Year Group	Time
Tuesday 2 March	Mrs Rayner	Year 3	10:00am
		Year 4	11:00am
Wednesday 3 March	Mrs Dobson	Year 1	11:15am
		Year 2	10:00am
Thursday 4 March	Mrs Helfferich	Reception A*	9:30am
		Reception B*	1:30pm
Friday 5 March	Mrs Chandler	Year 5	1:45pm
		Year 6	10:00am



World Book Day – 4 March 2021

Mrs Rayner has put together an absolutely awesome package of events to celebrate WBD next Thursday and I am sure that children of all ages are going to absolutely love it. She has developed a separate google site – available here:

<https://sites.google.com/crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk/craykeworldbookday/home> which is available to view from today.

ALL learning for ALL classes will be taking place via this site next Thursday – **there will be no usual lessons on the individual class pages**. It would be worth spending a little time navigating the site in advance of next Thursday. Mrs Rayner has created this with the theme “Build your own World Book Day” so there are plenty of activities available to suit all ages, abilities and interests. There will also be a selection of video stories shared by some familiar faces. It promises to be a really exciting and enjoyable day. Please note that the staff will be using Thursday as an opportunity to prepare for the full return to school so individual feedback will not be provided to children on Thursday. However, Mrs Rayner would love to see photographic evidence of what you get up to during the day – these can be emailed to class3@

Mrs Rayner would also like to use the opportunity to conduct a Reading Survey – details will be available on the class pages next week.

Achievement Worship – Friday 4 March

We would like to invite you to our second live achievement worship on **Friday 4 March at 11am**. The Zoom link for this assembly will be available on the *“Collective Worship”* page of the Whole School Site next week. We would love you to join us as we celebrate our final set of remote learning stars!

Non-uniform day – Friday 4 March

All children in school next Friday (and those of you at home who have insisted on wearing your uniform throughout!) are welcome to wear non-uniform next Friday to mark the final day of the current restrictions. You can wear fancy dress or show us your rainbow colours if you wish!

Lent Kindness Challenge



We have received a mission from the York Diocese - instead of giving something up for lent – give to others in this kindness challenge. Full details can be found on the attachment received along with this newsletter.

Upcoming Events/Information**Comic Relief – Friday 19 March**

We look forward to celebrating this popular event in school and children are welcome to wear RED in return for a donation to this incredibly important charity. As we continue to ensure our procedures are Covid secure, we would ask that instead of bringing coins into school, you can make the donation via this link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2371> All monies raised will be donated directly to Comic Relief. Thanks to Mrs Bacon for organising this.

Teachers2Parents Text Messaging Service

We continually strive to improve our communication methods and as part of this have been investigating the use of a “text messaging” service to parents. I am delighted to confirm that we will be implementing this before Easter with the intention of ensuring that important messages are not missed by parents and carers. Further details will follow once Mrs Bacon has had her training. **In the meantime, if your telephone contact details have changed, please let us know so that we have the most up to date information for you.**

 Stars of the Week and Headteacher's Awards 				
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Stars	Mabel Dawson	Ted Clark	Asa Champion	Penelope Ritchie
		Grace Dawson	Isabelle Sargent	George Clark
Headteacher Awards	Daisy Ritchie		Team Swan	

Have a restful weekend,

Judi Jackson
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