



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

It really feels as though the children have never been away, after just two short weeks back with everyone together. Today has been particularly lovely to be able to enjoy a non-uniform day all together and to see Year 6 children out on the playground enjoying Bikeability – it is so wonderful to feel a sense of normality returning.

We are all so impressed with how well the children have remembered routines and expectations and how well they have readjusted to being back in the classroom and playground together.

We are looking forward to sharing further details about how they have settled back in during our Parent Consultation sessions next week – please do remember to sign up for an appointment if you haven't already:

<https://craykece.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We hope that you will find the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher via video link useful. Please click on this link if you need any support about how to access the meeting:

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

Please be aware of the following information to help ensure that these meetings run as smoothly as possible:

- You will see the remaining time for the appointment counting down in a blue bar at the top of the screen. This will turn red when the last 10 seconds begin.
- If anyone loses access to the system for some reason during the call, they can log in again and click *Start Appointment* on the video call screen. As long as the other person is still in the call this will let you continue with the appointment.
- When the countdown in the blue bar stops, the appointment time is over and the call will automatically end.
- **Note** that if you or the teacher are late, or leave and rejoin the call, it does **not** reset the timer. The appointment will always end at the scheduled time.
- **Note** that if you delay starting a call it does **not** extend the duration for that appointment. The appointment will always end at the scheduled times.



Comic Relief

It is brilliant to see so many children showing their support for Comic Relief today by wearing red.

Thank you for all the donations received so far. If you would still like to donate but have not yet done so, please do so via:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2371>

Staffing Update

This week we carried our interviews for Mrs Dobson's maternity cover. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Fiona Thompson will be joining us after Easter to cover for the Summer Term. Miss Thompson has written a message to share with you all to introduce herself:

"I live in York with my partner and our cocker spaniel. We recently purchased our first home and renovation project, which we hope to finish by the end of the year. I like to cycle, read and have a huge number of house plants. I'm musical and very much look forward to being able to travel to and explore different places again soon."

There will be a handover between Mrs Dobson and Miss Thompson to ensure that she is fully up to speed before Mrs Dobson's maternity leave commences on 30 April. I am sure you will all join me in making Miss Thompson feel welcome as the newest member of our Crayke family.

Virtual Disco

I hope that you enjoyed last night's disco! Thank you for the amazing messages of thanks received both last night and this morning – it seems as though it was a big hit! I think I counted approximately 60 children boogying away and enjoying the scavenger hunt style games and many parents getting fully in the swing of it all too! DJ Mark messaged afterwards to say that it was an absolute pleasure to have run the session and how impressed he was with the levels of engagement from the children and great parental involvement.

A big thank you once again to CHASA for funding this enjoyable experience for our children. I think it is one definitely to be repeated!

Wellbeing

This week in worship we shared the wonderful story "The Huge Bag of Worries" which I would definitely recommend as a bedtime story if any of your children are feeling a little overwhelmed at this time.

We also discussed the idea of a "Helping Hand" and it was lovely to hear that some of the children have followed this up with parents at home. It is a great way of helping children of all ages identify people who can help them – two adults at home, two adults at school and one friend.



Upcoming Events/Information

Easter Service – Friday 26 March 2021

We are delighted that Lucy Willshaw has agreed to lead a virtual Easter Service for us next Friday morning to include prayers and readings.

School closes for Easter holidays one hour early – Friday 26 March 2021

Please note that school will close one hour earlier than usual as is normal practice at the end of term. Therefore, if your child is in the earlier bubble collection time, they will need to be picked up between **2:15pm** and **2:25pm**. If your child is normally collected at the later collection slot, they will need to be picked up at **2:30pm**.

Community Information

Easingwold Community Butterfly Project

Every child in school has had the opportunity to decorate a butterfly for a local community project and we thought that you would like to see a sample. They will now be varnished by a team of local volunteers (who include Mrs Rayner's mum!) and then they will be displayed outside the library in the willow tree amongst hundreds of other butterflies from organisations across the town. I can't wait to see them!



Diocese of York Children of Light Festival

<https://dioceseofyork.org.uk/schools-and-youth/children-of-light-festival/>

Lucy Willshaw has shared this resource with us which is ever growing and changing so please do keep checking in.

Climate change art competition

In the lead up to the UN Climate Change conference 'COP26' being hosted by the UK in Glasgow during November, we will be getting in touch with schools to encourage taking action to cut carbon and educating pupils around climate change. **Deadline for entries is 5th April.** Winning pupils' artwork will be displayed at the COP26 conference, where world leaders and their representatives will be coming together to discuss taking action on climate change.

<https://together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/creative-earth/>

Submissions can be sent to TogetherForOurPlanet@cabinetoffice.gov.uk



Junior Bake Off – Apply Now!

For any budding bakers out there, this could be right up your street. The closing date is fast approaching, so get your applications in quickly!

Easter Holiday Information

School will close for Easter on **Friday 26 March** for all children. We will reopen to all children on **Tuesday 13 April**.

Support for families over the Easter holidays

Easter packs and vouchers will be distributed to eligible families before the Easter holidays.

If your financial circumstances have changed and you feel that your child may now be eligible for free school meals – **and ensure that school gains valuable funding too** – please do get in touch for a confidential discussion.



Contact tracing – Easter Holidays

As in previous holidays, parents will be required to report a positive Covid-19 test result during the first part of the Easter break. This can be done by emailing our dedicated email address covidalert@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk This will be monitored between 9am and 10am each day during the holiday **from Saturday 27 March up to and including Thursday 1 April**. We do not need to be immediately notified of any positive results received after 1 April, up until our return to school. Please note that the school telephone line will NOT be available during the school holidays so email is the only method of contact to be used. In the event of us being notified of a positive case, we will contact relevant parents and carers via email to inform you of the implications.

York City Football Club – Football Holiday Courses

 A colorful poster for York City Football Club's Football Holiday Courses. It features a blue background with a white rabbit and several colorful Easter eggs. Text includes: 'JUST £10 PER DAY', 'FOR AGES 5 - 13', '10am - 3pm', 'FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES', 'FUN | INSPIRING | ENGAGING', and 'www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity'. It also mentions 'Huntington Secondary School' and 'Easingwold Town AFC'. A note states: 'Holiday Course Will be LIMITED on Spaces. All Bookings MUST be made in advance and for ALL days of the course, bookings will close 4pm on the Thursday prior to the start date.' The website <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/holiday.html> is provided.

CHASA News

You can now raise funds for school, at no cost to you, when you purchase from Amazon. Please click on the link here: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1119662-0> to activate this feature on your account.

We are very grateful for your support. Thanks to Mrs Swiers, our CHASA treasurer, for organising this.



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There is currently a "double on" event on at certain retailers which ends on 21 March. As of last night, an impressive total of £6,073.79 has been raised to support our cause from 71 supporters.

You can help raise funds for our school without having to donate money yourself or spending time doing things like baking cakes for sales. Over 4,000 retailers will donate to us for free every time you use Easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can support us at no extra cost to yourself when you do your everyday shopping. Whether you're buying school supplies, clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, or anything else! Just find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and you'll raise a donation for us when you make a purchase.

Joining is easy and completely FREE. Just visit:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/craykeceschoolcrayke/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-e6

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DfE information: Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.”

Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#) – **THE NEW STADIUM AT MONKS CROSS**

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#) – **POPPLETON BAR PARK AND RIDE**

|  Rapid Test Collection COVID-19 Test and Vaccination Site Finder | |
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| Poppleton Bar Park & Ride | |
| Site Details | |
| Address | Poppleton Park & Ride, Poppleton Bar, York, YO266QF |
| This site is | Closed |
| Site status last updated | 10/03/2021 19:33 |
| Normal opening times today | Mon 01:00pm - 08:00pm Tue 01:00pm - 08:00pm Wed 01:00pm - 08:00pm Thu 01:00pm - 08:00pm Fri 01:00pm - 08:00pm Sat 01:00pm - 08:00pm Sun 01:00pm - 08:00pm |

Please note that this is correct at the time of writing but may be subject to change so it is strongly recommended that you check in advance of visiting the collection point. You can do so via this weblink: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.



School Lunch Menu

w/c 22 March 2020

| WEEK TWO | Main course | Dessert |
|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| Monday | Minced beef hot pot | Oaty biscuit |
| Tuesday | Cauliflower macaroni cheese | Orange brownie |
| Wednesday | Roast chicken pie | Cheese and crackers with apple |
| Thursday | Pasta bolognese | Raspberry bun |
| Friday | Crunchy fish nibbles and potato wedges | Chocolate sponge |



Stars of the Week and Headteacher's Awards

| Stars | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Stars | Carl Keaney | Elise Fenton | Sophie Sargent | Edward Lowther |
| | | Wynter Brierley | Ethan Jackson | Reo Twedde |
| Headteacher Awards | Seb Parris | | Evie Marwood | |

Safeguarding concerns

A reminder that if you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to get in contact either by phoning school or emailing headteacher@crayke.n-yorks.sch.uk

Have a wonderful weekend,

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