



# Cranford CE Primary Newsletter

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Working together for all children to prosper, be full of hope and be excited about their future

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are starting to prepare for some much needed time with your families. It has been a very festive week at Cranford, and we are only just getting started with our Christmas celebrations. It always such a magical time of year at Cranford and its has been lovely to make some special memories with the children.

We started the month with a collective worship focused on Advent. It was fascinating to learn that Advent means 'coming' in Latin and that we use purple cloth in worship as it is a sign of royalty. We all got a little excited about the celebrations that we would be having later in the month!! To help to mark the start of Advent, we lit our candle which has been placed in the classroom reflection areas to remind children of the true meaning of the period; the light Jesus gave to the world!



Our fabulous friends organised an amazing wreath making evening. It was a real community event with some delicious, mulled wine to warm us up on a cold winter's evening. The event was well attended and as always, we can't thank the FOCs enough for their amazing efforts.

This week, we paid a trip to the Royal Derngate to watch the fantastic panto, Cinderella! It is always exciting to have a coach ride with our friends and I know that the children had a wonderful time. There was lots of audience participation, singing and laughter!!



We have some amazing singers at Cranford and Mrs Kemp's Young Voices Choir have been sounding brilliant on a Monday afternoon. So, we couldn't resist the opportunity to share our exceptional talents with the local community this week when we performed our now traditional 'Carols in the Community' concert. The children sounded wonderful as they sang their hearts out and I was thrilled (although not surprised) to hear so many compliments about the children's behaviour.



We all know how important a good dinner is to the whole Christmas Experience; we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day with a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. The children loved pulling crackers, wearing crowns, and telling jokes with their friends. I can also say from personal experience that the dinner was delicious especially the sprouts!!

I wanted to finish by mentioning a couple of charitable acts that have been taking place in the school community over the Christmas period. Firstly, Elms class have been asking for gift donations for patients at Kettering General Hospital; the children have been inspired by their RE topic and will be delivering the donations next week. Furthermore, Thomas from Sycamores class has impressed the whole school with his attempts to raise money for the Hope Centre. Thomas' ambition was to raise £430, this would pay for a half a day service at Christmas. Amazingly, he has already raised £500; we held a Mufti Day at school today to help support this brilliant young man.

Wow, what a busy fortnight it has been at school, and we haven't finished yet. I can't wait to celebrate the end of term next week with the KS1 nativities, Carol Concert and even a talent show on the last day of term. Have a wonderful weekend and see you on the school gate next week for a fantastic last couple of days.

*Mr Tyman*

### **Safeguarding Matters**

Always be aware of what children are doing when they're on mobile devices (phones, tablets and laptops), computers and game consoles. Make sure they're only accessing age-appropriate content and games, whilst talking to them about the dangers of talking to, or sharing information with, people they don't know.

If you are concerned about the well-being of any child or adult, please speak to either Mr Charteris or Mr Tyman (our safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on:

**0300 126 7000**

or out of hours: **01604 626 938.**

### **Online Safety:**

Keeping children safe online is vitally important but also an increasing challenge for parents and carers as children now have so much more access than ever before to the virtual world. We teach online safety in school and to support you at home we would highly recommend downloading the free National Online Safety app which has free guides, resources and courses to keep you up to date. Information can be found here on how to download it:

<https://info.nationalcollege.com/mobile-app>

## A Christmas Prayer

God of hope,

Let us be grateful during this holy time of year.

Help us to show generosity and love  
to those who have lost their loved ones and  
homes.

Help us to pray for those who are persecuted for  
their rights and faith  
Guide them with your light, bring them out of their  
darkness.

Guide us to be men and women for others,  
So that we may all celebrate and rejoice at the  
coming of Christ.

Help us to be faith-filled and hopeful for the futures  
of all our brothers and sisters worldwide.

Help us to support each other with our generosity.  
Amen.

### **Key Term Dates:**

**18/12/2023-** Acorns and Elms Nativity 6pm

**19/12/2023-** Acorns and Elms Nativity 9.30am

**19/12/2023-** Elms, Sycamores and Oak Carol  
Service in Church 2pm – all welcome!

**20/12/2023-** End of Term

**08/01/2023-** School opens for New Term

**08/01/2023-** Young Voices Choir 3.15pm

**11/01/2023-** Thursday Night Girl's Football

**12/01/2023-** Celebration Assembly

**15/01/2023-** Young Voice Choir 3.15pm

**18/01/2023-** KS2 Archery - more info to follow

**18/01/2023-** Thursday Night Girl's Football

**18/01/2023-** Ben Gallagher - UK Paralympic Rower  
to visit the school for coaching and mentoring.

**19/01/2023-** Celebration Assembly

**22/01/2023-** Young Voices Birmingham - more info  
to follow.

**25/01/2023-** Thursday Night Girls Football

**26/01/2023-** Celebration Assembly