

# The Infant Informative



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## Pic of the week



- This week the children in Reception became superheroes! Their book of the week was named 'Ten Little Superheroes' - they made their own masks and capes and even wrote their about their own super powers. The children also investigated which materials would keep their superhero dry. In maths we have been exploring the numbers 6, 7 and 8. Writing and recognising them. For internet safety we explored Digiduck and the magic castle, using emojis to link to characters and how they were feeling when using the internet. In phonics we learnt the 'ch' digraph sound and went on a mission into the forest to search for this sound.
- This week Year 1 have been learning all about questions and how to use a question mark in their writing. They listened to the story 'Monkey Puzzle' which had lots of great adjectives in and then wrote clues and a question to give to each other to guess the animal they were describing. The children loved watching our new gates being installed this week and have been asking lots of questions about the machines they saw and the jobs the builders were doing which really helped them get ideas of how to ask questions for English too. They have had lots of learning and activities related to Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Week so hopefully they now know ways to stay safer online and how to look after their emotional wellbeing.
- What a busy week! Year 2 have been exploring 2d shapes in Maths and have begun to look at lines of symmetry. In Science they have been finding out about food chains and how one species depends on another. As you are aware, the children have been inspired by their study of animal habitats, and in particular the rainforest. They are keen to make sure our world is cared for and protected, so this week they have written letter to our local MP to highlight their concern for the natural world. We were absolutely thrilled by the wonderful dioramas the children produced! Their habitat models were so realistic and we were very impressed by the imaginative use of materials and attention to details. Thank you so much for supporting your children to create such amazing models. They should be very proud of their superb efforts! We hope you enjoyed the chance to look through the children's books this week and see the progress they have made so far this year. We look forward to continuing to support the children's learning journeys after the half term break.

## Week twenty

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HALF WAY THERE. Can you believe it? Today marks 50% of this academic year complete. Excitingly, it also means we have another term and half left!

This week has had two main focuses - Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week. I ran assemblies with all children. We spoke about the importance of always being with an adult when they are accessing the internet. I explained that if children ever see anything online that scares or upsets them, they must speak to an adult at home or in school. Parent's should not leave children on devices unattended. It is also helpful to know that there are almost always, children friendly versions of popular apps e.g. YouTube Kids. Today we spoke about mental health, what it is and how we need to keep our minds and brains healthy, just like we do for our bodies. We discussed thoughts and feelings and how everyone reacts differently to different circumstances. These are great conversations to be having at home. At the very least, children should always know that when they are feeling down, upset or anxious, that they know talking about it will make them feel a little better.

When we return we will have the Breck Foundation in to run workshops with year one and two.

Please remember, tomorrow the school is closed to pupils. We return on **Monday 21st February**.

We welcome Ms Heath as a new mid day supervisor and Ms Webb as a Year 2 teaching assistant.

I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable half-term holiday. Take care, all the best.

Bosha  
Mr O'Shea



## DIARY DATES

Children back to school 21/02  
Breck Foundation Internet Safety talk 21/02  
PTA Twosday Tuesday 22/02  
PTA Clothing collection 23/02

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# some information...

**REDUCED TO CLEAR!**

**Crawley Ridge Infant  
Summer Dresses**

**Were £16.95  
Now £8.50**

Whilst stocks last

Brenda's

**This clearance is for the striped style dresses.**

**Please note that our school uniform policy is being updated. This year, children can wear striped and checked/gingham yellow summer dresses. More information to follow.**



Ultimate coaching will now be offering dodgeball sessions on Thursday's after school when we return. This will be from 15:00 until 16:15. Please visit [www.ultimate-coaching.co.uk](http://www.ultimate-coaching.co.uk) for more information.

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## We have learnt these BSL signs



HELLO



GOOD



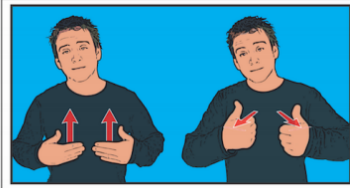
MORNING



AFTERNOON



NIGHT



HOW ARE YOU?



THANKS/PLEASE



SORRY



GOODBYE



bear



bird



butterfly



cat



chicken



cow



deer



dog



duck



elephant



fish



horse



lion



monkey



pig

pink



orange



red



yellow



brown



green



blue



purple







# join in...

Following on from our successful Book Fair last term and to celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we have partnered with Katie Slingerland from Usborne Books again to run a sponsored read in half term. ALL the sponsor money raised will go towards brand new books for our school and in addition to this sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Our target is to raise £1000 in sponsor money, with Usborne donating an additional £600 of books for free. This will give us a total of £1,600 to spend on new books and resources for the children.

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day in half term either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

\* Every child who raises sponsorship of £20 or more will receive a prize! \*

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please use the sponsorship form and reading log for your child if they wish to use it to record their reading. These were sent to you by ParentMail yesterday - hard copies will also be sent home in book bags. Sponsorship money can be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer and is due in by Monday 28th February.

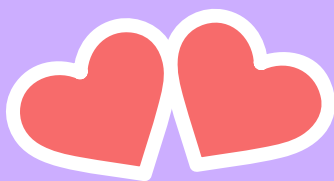
We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

Best regards

School Admin Team



## PTA



**Thank you so much  
for supporting our  
hot chocolate and  
biscuit sales this half  
term.**

Clear out your books and clothes  
Over half term please could you collect your old clothes, towels, and soft toys and put them in the Bag2School bag that went home in the book bags yesterday. The full list of what they accept is on the Parentmail email.

In a SEPARATE bag please could you collect any books you want to clear out, especially Children's books.

Please bring your bag of clothes and bag of books to the nursery gate at drop off and pick up on Wednesday 23rd Feb and drop off only on Thursday 24th February.

The clothes will go to Bag2School. The books will go towards a book fair we are holding the week of World Book Day.

22.2.22 Twosday Tuesday  
We're celebrating all the twos on this day! (FYI - This is the first Tuesday after half term.)

Children should bring in as many coins as they can that have a 2 on it. 2p, 20p and £2 are all accepted. They can then wear odd socks, or odd hair bobbles to school.

There will be bottles/buckets by your classroom for you to put your coins in.

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# important information...

Thank you for your patience whilst our new gates were being fitted. This work has now been completed.

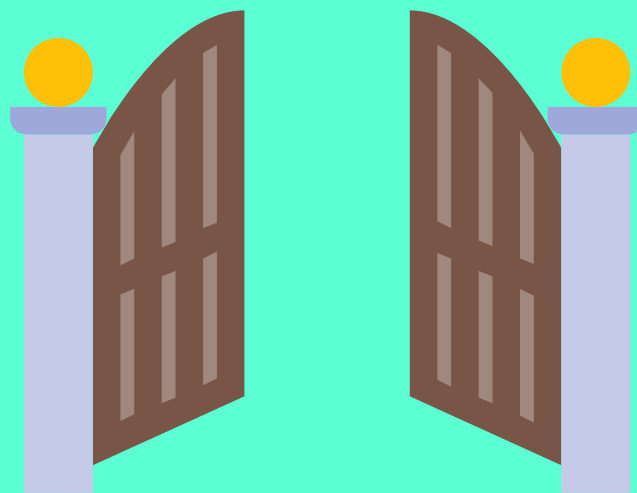
## Entrance to the school

Our new main entrance to the school is now near our caretakers house. There is a pedestrian gate for use of parents and children. This gate will open from 08:25am - 09:00am (registers still close at 08:45am) to allow for children that are late for school. The gate will automatically unlock at 08:25am. Just simply push the gate all the way open, until it locks open in place.

The KS1 gate that we have been using constantly during the works, will be open from 08:25am - 8:45am. The gate will automatically unlock at 08:25am. Just simply push the gate all the way open, until it locks open in place. The gate will close at 08:45am automatically. After this time, children must enter the school through our new main entrance as mentioned above.

## Exit from the school

Our main entrance pedestrian gate AND the KS1 gate will be open at 14:45pm - 15:15pm. Just simply push the gate all the way open, until it locks open in place from this time.



Any clubs during half-term will be accessed via the KS1 gate. This is for both drop up and pick up.

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# notices and reminders...

## Are you a working parent looking for high quality childcare?

The Graitney Club provides high quality, affordable and reliable before and after school childcare for children aged between 4-11 years who attend Crawley Ridge Junior or Infant Schools. The Club is based at Crawley Ridge Junior School and is linked to the Infants' school by walking bus.



The team of highly trained staff at

Graitney provide a play centred environment where children feel safe, secure and happy. Activities include cooking, craft, outdoor play, imaginative play and so much more. Please see our Facebook page for some of the things we have been up to recently.



The children are provided with breakfast in the morning and there is a substantial snack in the evening included in the cost.

For more information please call Charmaine on 01276 61144 opt 2, or email [graitney@crj.tamjat.org.uk](mailto:graitney@crj.tamjat.org.uk)



## HELP WANTED

There is an opportunity to collect a lot of free bark which we can use in our forest school. This needs to be collected locally. If anyone has access to a pick up truck or large vehicle and would volunteer to collect some for us, we would really appreciate it. Please contact the office if you think you can help!

Ultimate Coaching Half Term holiday camp  
<https://ultimate-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/camp/97>

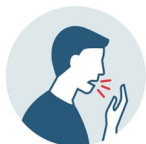
Ultimate Coaching Inset Day  
<https://ultimate-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/camp/91>



Your child should not come into school if they have any of the following symptoms, or feel unwell:



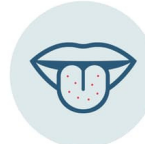
HIGH TEMPERATURE



NEW PERSISTENT COUGH



LOSS OF SMELL



LOSS OF TASTE

## BOOK A PCR TEST

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## ORDER LATERAL FLOW TESTS

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