



The Infant Informative



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READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE - that's our school motto. Your children should be familiar with this. Please encourage and repeat this motto at home. We show that we are ready, we show that we are respectful of our friends and adults and we keep safe. Ask your children to show you how to say our motto in British Sign Language - which we learn every Friday!

Sadly this week, we say goodbye to Ms Kirby, our amazing ELSA who has gained a full time position at a college. Ms Kirby has worked at our school for over 5 years, working with hundreds of children in a very specialist way. We thank her for her expertise and kindness to our children. Thankfully, we have another fabulous qualified ELSA, Ms Sawyer, who will takeover from Ms Kirby starting next week.

Thank you for your attendance at our curriculum meetings this week. For those that could not attend, do not worry, all the information was sent to you via Parentmail and can also be found on our website. Reception's is next Tuesday from 08:45am.

Next week, staff from St. Paul's Church will join us in school to launch our Harvest Festival week. We will be collecting dried foods and tins from next Tuesday until Friday. More information has been sent to you.

I met with local neighbours in their homes this week. I was told that our parents are verbally abusing our neighbours, when it is our parents who are illegally blocking driveways, making illegal U-turns and obstructing pavements etc. What will it take for our parents to park sensibly... a fine? A telling off from the police? A child killed? Do NOT park on double-yellow lines. For those that do park correctly, thank you. Hopefully others will follow your lead!

Mr O'Shea :)

Our Safeguarding Team

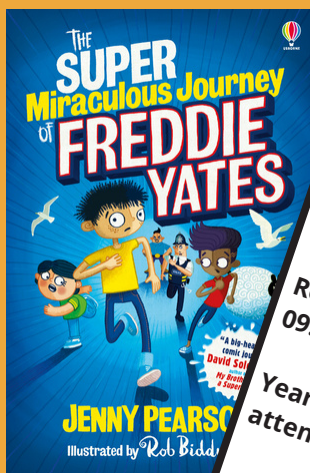
Benedict O'Shea, Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Kim Berry Year 2 Teacher - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

A message from our new Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates by Jenny Pearson - a tale of three boys and a comedic summer adventure.

Next Week's author of the week : Olaf Falafel



DIARY DATES

Harvest Celebrations - Assembly Mon 3rd & Fri 7th October. Donations welcomed Tues 4th to Fri 7th.

Reception Curriculum meeting 08:45 - 09:15 on 04/10

Year 1 Space Day on 07/10, parents to attend from 14:30

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Reading stars & PANTS

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Along with many schools across the country, at Crawley Ridge Infant School we use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

At a level appropriate for their own age, all children learn about how the parts of their bodies which are covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch and how important it is to talk to someone about anything which upsets or worries them.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-IL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>



READING STARS



Starting on Monday 3rd October, when a child has read at home at least three times in the week, and this is documented by an adult at home (reading record book signed three times) they will receive a golden star sticker. These will be stuck to the back of reading records. There is a competition to see which children at school will collect the most!!

This will hopefully encourage children to ask and plead to read at home, which is the key to reading for pleasure.

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This week we have...

Our week started by finding a frog in the outside area! This led us nicely onto our book of the week – Oi Frog by Kes Gray. We have enjoyed our frog based activities and learning rhyming patterns.

We have now fully opened the outside space, introducing the sandpit and mud kitchen which the children have enjoyed playing in. They know that they must wear their wellies to go in these areas so please ensure children have a labelled pair to wear in school.

The children should be able to sing the nursery rhyme Five Little Speckled Frogs and we have been practicing our counting with frogs on logs.

In maths the children have been using the language 'same' 'similar' and 'different' to compare different objects, as well as sorting and finding matching pairs.

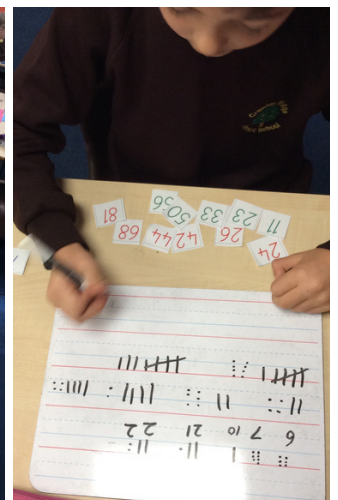
We have started 'funky fingers' where we develop our fine and gross motor skills through different activities, preparing us for writing!



This week the children in Year 1 enjoyed the story "Here come the aliens". In English we described aliens and had fun drawing our own aliens too. We have started learning about our senses in Science and this week we found out about our eyes and the sense of sight. We explored our school grounds in Geography and enjoyed making maps to show all the different areas of our fantastic grounds. We are so lucky! Our Maths learning has been about matching numbers and objects and about using the language "More, fewer and the same". We have continued learning our Space Songs and can't wait to sing them for you on Space Day next Friday afternoon. .

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This week Year 2 have begun to learn about instructions. They have followed instructions to construct their own paper shields including a charge which represents their personality. They have applied this experience to writing their own instructions including imperative verbs! In Maths we have been very busy as we have compared and ordered numbers and counted in steps of 2, 5 and 10! In science the children have enjoyed learning about the human life cycle from baby to elderly person. In D.T we have continued to develop our castles, we have painted brickwork by mixing colours to create brown and changing the tone with white or black paint.



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PTA news and clubs



Get your friends and family together for Quiz and Chips!

On Friday 14th October we'll be hosting a fun, light hearted quiz in the school hall. We'll answer questions, have a laugh and have some fish and chips too.

We're planning a fun evening – it's not going to be like Mastermind!

Get a group together and come as a team (6-8 people per team.) Or if you'd like to come, but don't have a full team, we'll join you with some other friendly faces to make a team.

Feel free to make a team with friends or family outside of school. It doesn't need to be CRIS parents only.

Bring your own nibbles, cutlery & condiments etc. and either bring your own drinks or buy from the bar on the night.

Licensed Bar & Raffle available during the evening. Over 18s only.

Tickets are £12 each, which includes the fish and chips (other food options are available.)

Book your tickets here: pta-events.co.uk/cris

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm – 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm		Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	

There are still spaces on many clubs.



Jam Coding is undersubscribed so it cannot run this half term. If there is enough interest, hopefully it will start again after half term - please contact Jam Coding to sign up.

<https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/parents/clubs>

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Reading - Oxford owl

Reading is the most important aspect of any school's curriculum. Reading inspires children, improves vocabulary and speaking, helps with writing and is a genuine life skill that opens the doors for your child's future.

All children will have a book issued to them. This will be in their bookbag. These books will be at your child's reading level. Books should be readable and not too challenging – children should be able to read them successfully. This improves the chances of children developing a love and passion for books. If they are too challenging, research shows reading then becomes a chore and is not as enjoyable for young readers. Children must also be able to comprehend/understand the book they have read.

Children in Reception will start their phonics lessons next week. For now, they will be issued with a wordless book. Children learn how to hold and use a book; turning the pages and talking about the images they see. Parents can ask questions such as:

- What can you see in the picture?
- What number is on the page?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What is your favourite picture - why?
- What part of the story would you change - why?

In addition to children's books in book bags, our school also has an online eLibrary. This allows teachers to allocate groups of books to children. These can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device. At school, we will monitor which children are using the eLibrary and prizes will be awarded to those participating consistently.

I cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read at home with and to your child. We will be running phonics workshops for parents this term to help empower you all to continue supporting your children at home.

Your child's login details are attached inside their reading record book/reading diary.

A full guide has been sent to all parents - please check your ParentMail



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WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and Twitter account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include; photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



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