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From the Headteacher



Year 4 – at the National Archives

Crane Park Winter Concerts

'Tis the season to be jolly' and there has certainly been lots of Christmas cheer recently at Crane Park! We have thoroughly enjoyed watching the Reception concert. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. The KS1 concerts are taking place this week and KS2 the week after.

This is a lovely time of year in school and remembering the times in the last few years of not being able to celebrate and come together as a community, means celebrations in school are extra special.

I would like to continue to say an impressive thanks to our teaching and support staff who all 'put so much into' the life of our school and make it always extra special.

KS2 Winter Concerts

Just to confirm the KS2 Winter Concert will be taking place on **Tuesday 16th December – 2.00pm and Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am.** We apologise for any confusion regarding this.

Year 4 and the National Archives

As part of Kids in Museums, Year 4 were invited to take over the National Archives for the day. We had lots of fun being in charge of the tannoy announcements and all aspects of the museum, including the conservation of the collections, the gift shop, marketing, events, and becoming document specialists.

Our KS2 to the cinema

We had a highly successful trip to the cinema on Thursday 11th November to see *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The children's behaviour was impeccable and the staff at Cineworld were extremely complimentary. Thank you to all who attended and to Mrs Knight for ensuring that we got the booking!

Christmas Jumper Day – 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day taking place at Crane Park on Thursday 11th December.

Children in Need – Mufti Day was a great success!

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations for Children In Need. The monies are being counted and we will then tell you the outcome.

End of term arrangements

Playgroup and Nursery **will close on Thursday 18th December 2025** for the end of term.

Reception – Year 6 will finish on **Friday 19th December 2025 at 1.45pm.** There will be no Aftercare on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Healthy Packed Lunch

If you are sending a packed lunch for your child, please make sure that it contains healthy and nutritious items. Please check out the following website

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes> for great tips and ideas.

Please remember all items in a packed lunch must be nut free. We only expect children to bring a chocolate bar or pack of crisps once a week.



School Photographs

Individual photographs of the children have now been sent home. Please ensure that you follow the instructions regarding how to order them online that are enclosed in the envelope.

Class parties

All classes will be having a Christmas party and from Nursery – Year 6, School will be providing a small treat; so please do not worry about sending in any food. Children are welcome to wear/bring in party clothing on that day.

Headteacher review – positive outcomes

Recently we had a whole school review. This included our senior leadership team who worked alongside headteachers from two other schools and did a 'deep dive' into what the children are learning and how effectively the school is running. The review went incredibly well and we wanted to share some of the highlights with you. The team identified some key strengths!

- Learning in classrooms - Purposeful, strong differentiation, all of the children were engaged and learning really well
- The team were incredibly impressed with the work that TA's are doing in classrooms - Well done team!
- Outstanding relationships - Real collaboration within classrooms
- Children engaged throughout the lessons – Strong systems for behaviour for learning and a very strong ethos across the school. Inclusion is strong
- Wellbeing provision and pastoral care were identified as a real strength of the school

Diary Dates

December		January	
4 th December	Year 2 – Athletics Competition	5 th January	Inset day for all staff All children return to school – 8.45am
3 rd December	Reception Winer Concert – 9.30am	6 th January	
8 th December	Year 5 to Springwest		
9 th December	KS1 Winter Concert – 2.00pm		
10 th December	KS1 Winter Concert – 9:45am		
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day		
16 th December	KS2 Winter Concert – 2.00pm		
17 th December	KS2 Winter Concert – 9.30am		
18 th December	Playgroup and Nursery last day.		
19 th December	Last day of term – School closes at 1.45pm.		

Black History Month in Year 2.

During Black History Month, Year 2 read the book 'I am Rosa Parks' by Bradley Meltzer. We did lots of writing as if we were Rosa and had experienced the incident where she was asked to get out of her seat on the bus, which led to the bus boycott in Alabama. We thought Rosa was very inspiring because she stood up for what she believed in: everyone being treated equally, whatever their skin colour.

Health Update - Illness / absence

It is very important for children to attend school regularly. Congratulations to all who do! If your child has a cough or cold **but no temperature**, we expect them to be in and we will ring you if there is a problem. Children with fevers (38 plus) should be kept at home until they no longer have a high temperature. Also, if your child has had either diarrhoea or vomiting, they must be kept away from school for at least two full days after their symptoms stop.

Thank you for supporting us with all aspects of this.