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## Cranham School Newsletter

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September

[Whole Year Dates 2022-23.docx](#)

Dear parents & carers,

We have had a lovely week in school familiarising ourselves with each other, our new classrooms and the new adults supporting us. Getting to know your children has been delightful and I am *almost* there with knowing each of their names. I have been especially impressed with the kindness that the children in Cranham Primary show to one another – the **compassion** they demonstrate every day shows how our school values truly represent this school. The closeness of the parents in the playground and the focus of the FOCS committee embody the **community** aspect of Cranham, and next week I'll be looking out for how our third value, **courage**, is demonstrated around our school.

The children have again shown great compassion when talking through the sad news of our Queen. As the head of the Church of England, it is especially important that our C of E school shows the correct level of respect and appreciation due to her Majesty. Our collective worship sessions have focused on contemplating what she meant to us and the lessons we can learn from the life she led. Each class will be visiting the church to add to the book of condolence and all children have had the opportunity to express their feelings and thoughts through art and poetry this week. At a time like this, we may find we are reminded of those close to us whom we have lost and you may notice your child remembering more personal bereavements. It is important to give ourselves the time to remember what we loved about those we have lost, why they were special to us, and acknowledge the sadness of losing them.

From week 5 of term, we will be beginning **Forest School** sessions. These will run every Wednesday afternoon for one class only on a rolling basis. Please see below for your child's dates. (Note: Reception children will be joining Forest School in the Spring Term.) All these dates are shared on the 'Whole Year Dates 2022-23' link at the top of this page - we will endeavour to keep this list up-to-date so this should be your first point of call. On Forest School days, children will need to come to school dressed in long trousers, long sleeves and closed outdoor shoes. If the weather is wet, wellies would be advisable but please bring these in a separate plastic bag. Please provide waterproof coats and warm clothing including hats and gloves depending on the weather and certainly as we move into the winter months. If you are free on Wednesday afternoons, and can commit to supporting Forest School for the whole of Autumn Term, we would love to have parent helpers involved – please contact the school office.

Oak Class Forest School	Hazel Class Forest School	Beech Class (1&2 only) Forest School
Wed 05 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Wed 02 <sup>nd</sup> November	Wed 09 <sup>th</sup> November	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> November
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Wed 07 <sup>th</sup> December

Please find a link to Cranham C of E Primary School **Parent Survey** below. It is vital that you take the time to complete this – it should only take 5 minutes – as we will be using the results to shape the way we continue to improve our school. Your thoughts and opinion will genuinely be listened to, so please feel free to add optional comments to let us know what has been working well for you and your child, and what needs to improve. Cranham C of E Primary School Parent Survey 2022: <https://forms.gle/e6ZNs9gjM3KqWz6d9>

We are delighted to announce that we will be reintroducing **extra-curricular clubs** from week 4 of term (w/c 26<sup>th</sup> September). Your child will bring home a letter tomorrow with details of clubs; it will also explain how these will affect Chillax Club. Parents can sign up for these clubs by handing completed slips in to the school office by next Wednesday.

The children will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 9.10am. This is also a chance to formally welcome our new Reception children into our Cranham family. We would love you to join us for this celebration if you can make it. Donations for the Stroud foodbank can be dropped into school in advance (non-perishables only please).

Our **sports afternoon and welcome BBQ** will be held on Friday 07<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm at the cricket pitch. If the weather is wet, the reserve date is the following week, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We hope you can join us then to celebrate an afternoon of sport and have a chance to get to know our new members of staff. This will be my first autumn sports day and I imagine coats and hats (but hopefully not umbrellas!) may well be required.

**Reception parents** will be invited to a meeting next Tuesday afternoon to discuss how their child has settled in and whether they are ready to begin full-time. Reception parents will also have the opportunity to attend a phonics workshop later in the term; Mrs Hodges will be in touch with details.

Thank you for helping your children have a positive start to the new school year and thank you for your encouraging comments regarding the new drop-off arrangements – we're very pleased it is more convenient for you all.

Kind regards, Sarah Scott

**Don't forget! Your child needs a water bottle daily. Please bring a coat everyday as the weather is currently very changeable.**



**Oak Class** experimenting with light  
**Hazel Class** holding the trial of John Greening  
**Beech Class** visiting the Book of Condolences

