



June Newsletter from Cromford Church of England Primary School

It is hard to believe that there are just over three weeks left until the end of the school year. This is certainly a school year like no other and one we will never forget. I hope you and your children are all keeping safe and well and I am sure by now have adjusted to a new kind of “normal”. We have been delighted with the way the children from years Reception, 1 and 6 have settled into their return to school, alongside the Critical Worker children.

We just wanted to tell you what’s been happening since the children returned to school at the beginning of June. We are running two bubbles, one for Infants and the other for Juniors.

Infant Bubble

- The Infant children in school have been enjoying socialising and learning (with new routines) both indoors and outdoors
- They have participated in I-moves and Boogie Beebies (physical dancing) daily. They have enjoyed being active and learning new dance moves. The children devised and learnt a dragon dance.
- Daily phonics has been taught in two groups where the children have played games and revised the sounds they had previously learnt.
- Year 1s have composed their own music. They have also created artwork whilst listening to Vivaldi’s’ Four Seasons.
- They made amazing paper sculptures that were based on the Beijing Olympic Stadium, ‘Birdsnest’.
- They have started to learn about the solar system, finding out information/facts about space and learning about the different planets.

Junior Bubble

- In the Junior bubble the children have been enjoying working outdoors. They have been participating in lots of physical activities using some new equipment; including ladders, resistance parachutes and individual tethered football elastic belts.
- During the music themed week they composed and expressed how different music made them feel by drawing illustrations.
- Some lovely artwork has been created using step by step online tutorials, also sculptures have been creative of various solar system plants using balloons and papier mache.
- The learning has been based on the online home learning menus provided by school so Literacy and Maths has been taught.

Home learning

We know that many children are continuing to learn from home with their families to help them. We really love seeing what they have done either via email or Purple Mash. There will be another opportunity to collect printed resources on Friday, 3rd July.

Places in school

Due to the size of our building and the current 2 metre restrictions both bubbles are full so we have no capacity to take more children. If there are any changes for schools in the coming weeks which allow us to take more pupils, then we will let you know as soon as we are able to.

September 2020

We do not yet have any guidance or information on what school will look like in September. At the Government's daily briefing last week they indicated that schools will be getting guidance 'in the next two weeks', so we are still awaiting that.

In normal circumstances Wednesday 2nd September will be the first day of the new school year. This will be taken as an INSET DAY and school will open to pupils on Thursday 3rd September. However, as I am sure you will understand, this may well not be the case for everyone on the first day. We will of course update you as soon as we have confirmation.

School Reports

Teachers are busy writing reports for all the children and these will either be handed to your child, or posted out to you in the next few weeks. Please bear with us if this takes a little time – it is a new way of working for us all! The information we send will be based on your child's achievements before Lockdown happened and schools were closed to the majority of pupils from 23rd March 2020.

Free School Meal vouchers

We can confirm that the free school meal voucher scheme will continue during the 6 weeks' holidays. This is for children who are eligible to receive a free school meal not Universal Infant Free School Meals. Parents should receive a one off payment wc 20th July to cover the Summer break. If your circumstances have changed and you believe that you may be eligible for the vouchers, please contact Mrs Hamilton in confidence and she can check for you.

Keep safe and well.