



Newsletter 2
Spring Term 2015
Friday 16th January



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week at Cressing, I am pleased to say that children have been engaged and enthusiastic with their learning. On Thursday Class 3 had their first in a series of visits from a specialist gymnastics teacher; we are looking forward to seeing their skills progress during this term. This term Spike has begun coaching Class R with their core ball skills; they seem to be thoroughly enjoying these Friday sessions already.

We hope to see as many parents as possible in school next week to join us for our next set of parent workshops. This term they will be focussing on how we teach phonics/spelling across the school. These short sessions (**9.00 – 9.30am**) will be an opportunity for you to spend time in class with your child to see how English is taught, and also find out the best ways to support their learning at home.

Class 5 – Monday 19th January

Class 4 – Friday 23rd January

Class 2 – Thursday 22nd January

Class 3 – Tuesday 20th January

Class 1 – Wednesday 21st January

Class R will be continuing with their regular 'Stay and Play' sessions. This term they will be held every **Thursday** morning in the Reception classroom between 9.00 and 9.30am. We look forward to seeing you there as often as you feel able to attend.

www.mathletics.co.uk

I have been hearing lots of positive feedback from the children about exploring the Mathletics and Spellodrome programmes at home. In assembly today we awarded our first "Bronze" certificates to the children who have accrued 1000 points by participating in maths/spelling activities at home. Teachers sometimes set homework using this but there are also many other activities and games that can be accessed freely when time permits at home. There is now a leader board in school, being updated weekly, displaying children's names that have been gaining points. Mrs Hedges will also be keeping the school website updated with the results. Children seem keen to participate and prizes will be awarded every halfterm. Children should already be aware of their log in details but if not please do ask me and I can check them.

www.spellodrome.com

We have another week left in the trial version of this spelling based programme from the same company as Mathletics. Children can also log onto this at home and play a variety of spelling based games using their same log in details as for Mathletics. I would be interested to know your thoughts and feedback on this programme as it will help us to decide whether to invest in purchasing it. If you do not have internet access at home please do let me know and I will arrange for a lunchtime computer club to take place.

On Wednesday 28th January we will be offering a CEOPs (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) workshop for parents between 9 -10am. As many of your children will have received new technology at Christmas, it would be a great opportunity to find out how to keep them safe whilst they are online using the internet on a computer, laptop, tablet or mobile phone. If you are able to, please come and join us for coffee, pastries and lots of important information.

Unfortunately Mrs Wood, our office manager, will be leaving us at February half term. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to her for her long standing commitment to Cressing School. Whilst we are very sorry to be losing her we would like to wish her all the very best for the next exciting chapter in her life.

Playleaders

Amy Shepherd is now a fully fledged playleader, she has now successfully completed her 6 weeks of training. Amy was awarded her certificate and hat in assembly today .

Attendance

The attendance data for every class is collected each week. The winning class this week is **Class 3** with **97.6 %**.

House points

Lots of house points have been collected across the school this week for achievement and good behaviour, the champions this week are **Normans** with **191 points** - well done!

This week's Stars of the Week are:

Class R – Sean Camm for becoming more confident during his superhero writing

Class 1 – Holly Underdown for taking her learning home to explore

Class 2 – Eden Stobbart for her brilliant comprehension in a reading quiz

Class 3 – George McAiney for having a great thirst for knowledge and always asking great questions

Class 4 – Eboni Francis for taking control of her learning

Class 5 – Jodymay Creane for excellent progress in both her maths and writing

Well done to all these children for impressing their teachers.

Apologies to Alfie Hellier for the incorrect spelling of his surname last week.

Mathletics 1000 points (Bronze Award)

Ethan Kemp, Alistair Mizon, Peter Kitchen, Jasmine Heath, Kyra Hedges, Caitlin Wright, Morgan Beard, Grace Denny, Katie Bunyan, Jamie Greenaway, Marissa Sapsford, Kai Heath, Amy Shepherd and Aysia Maniam – congratulations to you all!

Mathletics 5000 points (Silver)

Amy Shepherd and Aysia Maniam
– fantastic!

Spellodrome 1000 points (Bronze Award)

Aysia Maniam, Rosie Field, Madison Dufosse, Alfred Snell, Amy Shepherd, Connor Bryant, Kai Heath and Zak Hedges - congratulations to you all!

Reminders

Please do make sure you leave the disabled parking bay in the lay by free unless you are displaying a blue badge.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our school website; it contains lots of useful information including all of the letters that are sent home from school.

In the event of bad weather and the school being closed you will receive a text from Cressing and it will also be published on www.cressingprimary.com and <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

Please do support our 'Healthy School' status by providing a healthy snack for morning playtime (or 40p for the healthy tuck shop) and a bottle for water (flavoured water is permitted) that can be accessed throughout the day. Children are able to have squash, crisps and biscuits as part of a balanced lunch that you provide.

Diary dates for this half term

Non-pupil days for 2015 as follows: Monday 1st June 2015 and Monday 6th July 2015.

Monday 19th January – English workshops **during** this week

Tuesday 20th January – Class 5 to Alec Hunter for ICT session

Wednesday 28th January – Online safety training workshop for parents 9am in the hall

Tuesday 3rd February - Class 5 to Alec Hunter for ICT session

Tuesday 10th February – parents' evening 5.00-7.30pm

Thursday 12th February – parents' evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 13th February – last day of term

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February – half term

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April – Easter holidays

Next week we will be on Week 3 of the Autumn Menu. School dinners cost £2 per day (KS2). All meals must be paid for in advance please.

Miss Rainford



(Head of School)

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