



# February Newsletter



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Dear parents/guardians,

I hope 2024 has been good to you all so far.

The phrase 'time flies' comes to mind as we cannot believe we are almost ready to go off for our half term break.

I wanted to let you know that we are trying to move away from sending Monthly Newsletters. The reason for this is that we share news daily on the school website and the duplication of time spent on both is not sustainable. I would urge you to access the school website on a regular basis to keep up to date with key events and activities. If you are not receiving the messages to your phone through a message or via email, please contact the office or the website who are very efficient in addressing accessibility issues. It is essential to have access to this forum.

## PRIMARY 7 POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

It is hard to believe that our lovely boys and girls in P7 will be leaving us this year. They really are a great group of children and have done us all proud. We hope they will enjoy the coming months in school and make long lasting memories at CRPS.

Online applications are open to apply for Post Primary and will close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at 12 noon. If you need assistance with this application, please get in touch. We are here to help.

## REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will close for **HALF TERM this Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm**. 325 club will run as normal. School will be closed from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Children return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

We are closed for **St Patrick's Day** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**Easter Holidays**-We close on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon for the Easter Holidays. We return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

## ECO FLAG

This year we are aiming to achieve ECO Flag status. We have goals to achieve and new procedures to put in place to ensure we reach our targets. During ECO week, we were super impressed with the motivation and enthusiasm demonstrated by the children. Let's keep this determination up so we can wave our ECO Flag very soon!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PACKED LUNCHES-19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

When we return to school after half-term, the children who eat packed lunches in school will now bring uneaten food and all packaging home to be recycled. We currently collect the containers and additional food in bins and dispose of these. In our bid to reduce our carbon footprint and improve the environment, we will no longer be collecting these. We will talk to the children about this change. We will also encourage the children to take responsibility for this recycling at home.

We have noticed that some children have a tendency to throw away food that they have only half-eaten. When this food returns home, you will be able to see what your child is eating and may wish to reduce the food you are sending to school. We hope this will also be of benefit to you.

## CONFIRMATION 2024

The P7 children will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.00pm**.

We are looking forward to this special day. To allow the children and their families to get ready, the P7 children will go home at 11.00am and are expected to be seated in the Chapel by 2.45pm. Mrs 'O Hagan will send more details closer to the time. If you wish to take your child home at an earlier time, just let us know. We understand that hair appointments may be booked and can take a long time. Siblings can also be collected early if you so wish.

## OTHER EVENTS FOR THE CALENDAR

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. We will celebrate this through our PDMU and PATHS programme. We will finish the week with FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!

### INTERNET SAFETY DAY 2024- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. Whilst we focus on this topic specifically on Internet Safety Day, this is an important issue for every day and every time we use the internet.

This website is a useful source for parents, especially if your child has access to social media. [Parents and carers](#) | [CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)

[Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

This link has useful tips and suggestions for keeping safe if your child has access to gaming.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

### WORLD BOOK DAY 2024-Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

This year we are going to have a 'Pyjama Day' to celebrate this annual event with a focus on bedtime stories/reading. This is optional as some children prefer to wear their uniform.

### SUSTRANS ACTIVE TRAVEL WEEK-11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

We will take part in 'The Big Walking Wheel' as part of our Active Travel initiative. More details will follow on the website closer to the time.



#### **FIRST CONFESSION-PRIMARY 4**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 1.30pm in the Chapel.

#### **FIRST COMMUNION-PRIMARY 4**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 11.30am in the Chapel.



#### **CONFIRMATION-PRIMARY 7**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 3.00pm in the Chapel.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs. Bacheta and staff*