



Autumn 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday evening. The Year 1 and 2 children came together for an assembly with me this morning where we had a chance to reflect on the news and to reassure the children. We will find a way to mark this in school over the coming weeks in an age appropriate way.



It was wonderful to welcome the Year 1 and 2 children back to school last Friday and also to see the new YR children arriving at school for the first time yesterday morning. The school has had a real 'buzz' around it as the children have been busy in their classrooms as they learn and have fun. Everyone has been so welcoming to me in my first week here as Headteacher. The children have been very friendly and many have come to have a chat or to ask how I am enjoying my new job! I have been in all the classrooms this week getting to know the children and spending some time joining in with their learning. I have learnt some interesting facts about Japan with Year Two, have learnt how to use a 'Rekenrek' with Year One (ask your child if they are a Hedgehog or a Squirrel and they should be able to explain), and have seen Year R looking very grown up on their first two mornings as they explore their classrooms and make new friends.

I am looking forward to attending the CHIPS (PTA) meet and greet coffee morning (as detailed below) and it will be a great opportunity to find out more about ways in which you can support our school. It will also be a chance for me to get to know some of you better.

In the mean time, I hope that you enjoy your weekend, and please come and say hello if you see me out on the playground before or after school.

Sian Hosmer

Our parent and teacher association, **Crofton Hammond Infants, Parents, Staff (CHIPS)** are holding a meet and greet coffee morning, in the school hall, on Tuesday 13th September at 09:00. In order for CHIPS to run several successful events throughout the school year, they need volunteers from our school community. Please come along to find out more information. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but can spare time to help, please contact the CHIPS team either via their Facebook page (CHIPS - Crofton Hammond Infant Parents and Staff) or by email (chipspts@gmail.com).



WOW



We are pleased to be continuing with WOW—the Walk to School campaign again this year. As a reminder, children who travel sustainably to school at least twice a week for each month will receive a badge. The theme of this year's badges is Walk through Time!

Sustainable travel options include;

- Walking
- Cycling
- Scooting
- Parking and Striding



We have bike/scooter racks outside year 1 and hall if you wish to leave them on-site. Please note, only walking is allowed on the school grounds. The Crofton Pub offer their car park to our parents to use during school drop off and pick up times. If parking near the school, please be considerate to our neighbours and other road users.

Is your child joining Year R or Year 3 in September 2023?

Hampshire County Council school admissions, for both Year R and Year 3 applications, open on Tuesday 1st November 2021. For children due to start in Year R, we are holding parent 'talk and tour' sessions as follows;

- Monday 3rd October at 18:30
- Thursday 13th October at 09:30
- Friday 11th November at 14:00

These sessions allow parents a chance to learn more about our school environment. Spaces should be booked via the school office.

Readingchest.co.uk

This book rental service specialises in book banded reading schemes, such as Treetops, Collins Big Cat and Oxford Reading Tree. This paid for service starts from £9.95 a month and membership can be cancelled at any time. Books will be sent straight to your door and tailored to your children's reading level and interests! To receive £5 discount off your first month's subscription, please use the discount code; CROFTON22

Change to booking process for families paying with vouchers for breakfast and after school club.

Due to the increasing popularity of our wraparound care, we have reviewed our booking process to ensure fairness for all families, regardless of how payment is made. For sessions required after the October half term, families who pay using vouchers will need to ensure that their school money account has funds on it in advance in order to make their bookings directly on the system. Look out for a letter shortly which will explain this in more detail.

Club Provisions

Crofton Extra Clubs: Each term we offer a selection of clubs run by our staff at no extra charge. Clubs range from games to music and drama to languages. Each term we change the offering to ensure a broad appeal. Look out for further details soon on the Autumn Term dates and club offerings!

External Clubs: We have a few external club offerings available at the moment, please refer to the 'Breakfast and Afterschool Club' page on our website for more information and contact details.

Reminder: Due to children with severe nut allergies, we are a nut-free school. Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Autumn Term Dates 2022

September

13th: CHIPS meet and greet coffee morning, 09:00, School Hall

20th: Year 1 Curriculum meeting, 09:00, School Hall

21st: Year 2 Curriculum meeting, 09:00, School Hall

22nd: Musketeers Welcome Coffee Morning, 09:00, School Hall (more details available on the 'Supporting Our Service Families' page of our website)

26th: Drama4ALL carrying out drama workshops with all year groups

October

3rd: Year R starters for September 2023—Parents 'Talk and Tour', 18:30, School Hall (please contact the office to book a place)

6th: Census Day (a change of lunch offering will be communicated nearer the date)

13th: Year R starters for September 2023—Parents 'Talk and Tour', 09:30, School Hall (please contact the office to book a place)

14th: CHIPS film night

17th-20th: Parent consultation evenings, more details to follow

21st: Down Syndrome Day—raising awareness and funds

24th—28th: Half Term

31st: Inset Day, school closed for training

November

1st : First day back after half term

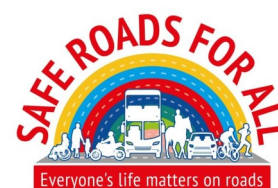
1st: Year R and Year 3 for September 2023 applications open online via Hampshire County Council admissions

7th: Individual school photos

11th: Year R starters for September 2023—Parents 'Talk and Tour', 14:00, School Hall (please contact the office to book a place)

14th-20th: Brake Road Safety Week

25th: CHIPS Christmas Fayre



December— *We are planning a Christmas Production, Children's Gift Fair, Christmas lunch and party, please look out for these dates in our next newsletter.*

16th: Last day of Autumn term—see you on January 3rd!!