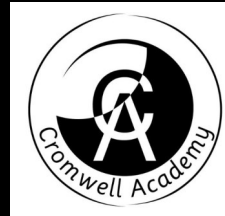


# CROMWELL ACADEMY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all of the staff at Cromwell Academy I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back and an extra special welcome to our new children and parents/carers who are joining Reception and the rest of our school this year. I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are fully refreshed ready for an exciting school year.

The children have all settled well into their new classes and have already been producing some stunning work, as well as a trip to explore the roaring river in year 3&4, year 1&2 History off the Page extravaganza and a fabulous whole school day celebrating Roald Dahl, to name a few.

Our newsletter is going to be monthly this year, so that we can share the month's achievements and news. Please remember to check your upcoming events letter each week – this will be ParentMailed to you. The letter will contain important information and dates for the following week. Special events will also be recorded on the calendar on the school website: [www.cromwellacademy.com](http://www.cromwellacademy.com)

Have a lovely weekend.

**Lauren Blyth**  
Acting Headteacher



Our first parent/ carer lunch took place this week for our **Reception** children, looks like they had a yummy time!



'All of the children enjoyed their Mad Science Assembly where they were investigating fire.'



Our whole school celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday on 13 September 2017 with many staff and pupils dressing as their favourite Roald Dahl characters.



On Thursday 28 September, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a Great Fire of London experience day. They tried out lots of jobs from 1666 including weaving, baking and candle making. The children learnt lots of facts about the Great Fire of London and really enjoyed the day. Felix said "This has been the best day ever." Miss Harrison and Mrs Guerin would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers, without whom this day would not have been such a positive experience.



**Year 3 and 4** enjoyed sketching down by the river at Brampton Mill as part of their Roaring Rivers topic.

A big thank you to the parents/carers who came along with us.



On Friday 29 September 2017 CAF hosted our Macmillan coffee morning.

Later that morning the children bought cakes during their break.

We managed to raise £104.22 for this wonderful charity.

A huge thank you for the cake donations.



**Year 4** have been using their knowledge of the river's physical features to create a class river.



**Year 6** created periscopes and went investigating around the school. They were looking to explore the idea that light travels in straight lines. We found out that objects are seen either because they emit light or by reflecting light into the eye.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Week beginning 2 October 2017

3 October—Reception parent/carers Phonic Workshop 9.00—9.30

4 October—Year 1 parent/carer lunch at 12.15

6 October—Harvest Festival assembly and special lunch (pupil lunch)

Further events can be found on our website

#### Term Dates 2017 - 2018

##### 2017

23-27 October - Half Term

19 December - Autumn Term Closes

##### 2018

3 January - Training Day

4 January - Spring Term Opens

12-16 February - Half Term

29 March - Spring Term Closes

16 April - Training Day

17 April - Summer Term Opens

7 May - May Bank Holiday

28 May - 1 June - Half Term

20 July - Summer Term Closes

23 and 24 July - Training Days

24 July - Training Day



### Attendance

Attendance at school is expected to be 100% unless there are exceptional or unavoidable reasons or in the event that a child is too ill to attend.

In the past historical attendance has been part of the criteria considered when applying a penalty. With immediate effect the local authority will issue requests for penalty notices for single event absences. This will not include absences that are authorised because they are considered exceptional or unavoidable.

Please refer to Cambridgeshire County Council's document on penalty notices which can be found on their website.



Well done to our team of 4 Year 6 children who competed in the heats of the Cambridgeshire Year 6 English Challenge and qualified for the final which will be held at Ely Cathedral in December 2017. They competed against 7 other schools in a variety of different challenges linked to subjects including literature, writing genres and poetry.