

CROMWELL ACADEMY NEWS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks it has been, including Grandparent's in School, Thanksgiving celebrations and a meteor landing!

November began with a surprise landing in the playground, we couldn't believe our eyes to see a meteor outside the Year 3 classroom! The children completed newspaper reports about the event. We also had a visit from the fire service to promote 'Fire Safety Day' and a delicious Ministry of chocolate day in Year 3 & 4.

We are very excited to see that the building of the new trim trail has started (See Twitter and Facebook for updates). We look forward to watching it develop further.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who filled in a paper questionnaire – the results will be shared when we have the children's results as well.

Have a fantastic weekend, advent calendars at the ready!

Lauren Blyth
Acting Headteacher

Meteor Landing!

On Wednesday 1 November 2017 a meteor landed on our playground. There were lots of theories about where it had come from and why it was there. It inspired some fantastic writing and lots of imaginative work was produced. Despite making a large hole our wonderful site officer had repaired the playground by the time children returned to school the following day.



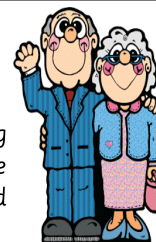
Fire Safety Day

On Friday 3 November the children were treated to a visit from our local fire service. Our pupils learned about the appliance and enjoyed seeing how water was dispersed from the fire engine. We had a very wet playground as well as some very excited children!



Grandparents in School Day

On Friday 10 November 2017 we invited Grandparents to come into school for the morning and join us for lunch if they wanted to. From the many positive comments made we know a good time was had by all.



Art Display at Huntingdon Library

Recently Years 3 & 4 took a walk down to the river and created some marvellous sketches. Many of these have been passed on to the staff at Huntingdon Library who will be putting them on display. Will you see your picture?



Thank you for your foodbank donation.

We managed to collect 39 Christmas Puddings and 42 cans of peas for the local foodbank's Christmas hamper appeal. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated. What a generous bunch you are!



Thanksgiving

On 23 November the children participated in a special assembly. At this assembly they took part in activities around the American Cultural Holiday - Thanksgiving. The children learned the history of this day, the importance of the annual celebration, and they had an opportunity to learn a couple of Thanksgiving songs. On the following Thursday a proper Thanksgiving feast was served for school dinners so that the children could have an authentic Thanksgiving experience.



Ministry of Chocolate

The Ministry of Chocolate visited Year 3 and Year 4 recently in order to inform the children about their current topic, chocolate. During this time children learnt about the history of chocolate, it's cultural significance throughout time and how it's production impacts local communities today. Through hands on activities and role playing the children learnt about fair trade, harvesting of cocoa from the cacao trees, and how to make their very own chocolates!



New Trim Trail

Day one and the digger arrived. This alone was very exciting. Watch this space for progress updates.



Day two – the digging begins! Despite the very cold weather the builders got stuck in. Our children found this very entertaining and took great interest in the building activities during lunch and break times.



School Choir

Our choir will be singing in Huntingdon on Friday 1 December 2017. Don't miss them in the Market Square at 4.00pm.



Children in Need

On Friday 17 November children were invited to wear their pyjamas to school for a donation to this charity. We raised a stunning £160.85! Thank you for your continued generosity.



Upcoming Events:

- 8 December—Christmas Fair
- 8 December— Open afternoon
- 11 December— Reception Production 2.00pm
- 12 December—Reception Production 9.30am
- 13 December—Key Stage 1 Production 9.30am
- 14 December—Key Stage 1 Production 1.45am
- 15 December—Christmas Jumper Day
- 18 December—Best You Can Be treat
- 18 December—Outstanding Behaviour Reward
- 19 December—Christmas Lunch for children
- 19 December—Autumn Term closes

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

QR Code

We've learnt a new ICT trick— scan the code to take part in the online parent/ carer survey.

