

Newsletter

CRANBERRY
ACADEMY

Friday 17th January 2025

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break. We have a very busy couple of weeks at school but thank goodness the weather has been warmer this week. Please find below some reminders and the important dates coming up this term.

Swimming Pool

You will have received a letter about the return of the swimming pool for three weeks, week commencing 24th February 2025. Please ensure you complete the questionnaire on ParentPay, to allow us to timetable the children in ability groups.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a wonderful tool to allow you to contact the class teacher quickly with any small queries. Please understand that staff are only expected to look at messages and reply within their working day. Monday- Friday 8.00 – 5.00pm.

Netball

Our Year 5/Year 6 Netball team took part in the first leg of their 3 week netball competition last night. The whole team were fantastic and showed true resilience and determination. They made Cranberry extremely proud and we can't wait to see how they play next week.

MIND Fundraising

Children's Mental Health Week is the week beginning 3rd February this year. The national theme is based on the Pixar movie, Inside Out, which explores different feelings and emotions. In school, we will be using this as a basis for the children's own learning around the different feelings and emotions they may feel at different times, and how to manage these. In addition, after school on Wednesday 5th February, we will be having a fundraising film event, where the children can watch the film Inside Out 2. Please book your child's place on ParentPay, it is £2 per child and all proceeds made will be donated to MIND Charity.



Number Fun Day

We will be holding a Number Fun Day on Friday 7th February for the NSPCC. More details will follow but all children are invited to wear non-uniform, either a TT Rockstars related costume or a number related outfit.



St Barts Art Competition

GET READY TO MAKE A SPLASH WITH THE
ST. BART'S ART COMPETITION
THIS YEAR'S THEME IS...
IMPACT
HOW WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Do you have a big idea that could **change the world**? This is your chance to show it off!

The St. Bart's Art Competition is back, and this year's theme is all about **making a difference**.

Let your imagination run wild and show the St. Bart's family **your IMPACT!**

Entries can be created at home or at school and should be returned to your class teacher **by February 12, 2025**.

Don't forget to **put your name and school** on your artwork!

Winners will be announced early in the **summer term**.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS TO GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING:

PLEASE POWER	COMMUNITY COLLAGE	UPCYCLED ART	HERO PORTRAITS
Create artwork that shows your promise to make the world a better place.	Make a collage that shows how everyone can work together to make a difference.	Turn trash into treasure by creating a beautiful sculpture from recycled materials.	Draw or paint your heroes – the people who inspire you to make the world a better place.
BEFORE & AFTER PICTURES	KINDNESS ROCKS	COMIC BOOK	NATURE'S ART
Show the difference that kindness and environmental actions can make.	Paint rocks with uplifting messages to spread kindness and positivity.	Create a comic book that shows how one person can make a big difference.	Make art from nature to show the importance of protecting our environment.

Please see our Facebook page for more information.

PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Monday 20th January, straight after school. All parents/carers are welcome, we hope to see you all there!

Dates for Diaries

- 29th January – Chinese new year – Activities in school
- W/C 3rd February – Children's Mental Health Week
- 5th February – Inside Out 2 Film Night
- 6th February – Year 1 + Year 2 – Chester Zoo trip
- 7th February – Number Fun Day
- 14th February – INSET Day
- W/C 24th February – Swimming Pool Arrives – 3 weeks
- 24th February – Young Voices

Sources of Support

Send a text to the School nurse team Chat Health Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm: 07507 329908
Mental Health Helpline - 0300 303 3972 (open to all Cheshire East residents)

Checs (Cheshire East Children's Services - Social Care): 0300 123 5012 (option 3) Out of hours Emergency Duty Team on 0300 123 5022

Samaritans www.samaritans.org
Young Minds www.youngminds.org.uk

NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk

Childline www.childline.org.uk

Alsager Community Support
www.alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk

Safeguarding

We take safeguarding very seriously and it is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are kept safe. Please contact us if you have concerns. Our safeguarding leads include Mrs North, Mrs Smith, Mrs Whitmore and Mr Colbert.