



## Crockham Hill CE Primary School News

05/06/26



It has been a wonderful first week back, and it has been lovely to see the children settle back into school so positively.

Our Enrichment Day was a great success. More information can be found below but the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a valuable insight into the important role of the ambulance service.

A quick reminder regarding communication: our staff will always do their best to respond to emails as promptly as possible. However, staff are not expected to check or respond to emails during evenings, weekends or school holidays. We kindly ask that you allow 48 working hours for a response. Emails received outside of school hours, at weekends or during school holidays will be responded to once staff return to work. If your query is urgent, please contact the school office by telephone rather than email, and we will ensure that your message is dealt with as quickly as possible.

We would also like to remind all members of our school community to maintain a professional, respectful and courteous tone when communicating with staff, whether by email, telephone or in person. We are all working towards the same goal – supporting the children in our care and helping them to thrive. Positive and constructive communication helps us to work together effectively for the benefit of every child.

Parents can also keep up to date with what their children are learning in school by visiting our class pages on the school website:

<https://www.crockhamhill.kent.sch.uk/children/class-pages>

We are now looking forward to Sports Day next Friday, 12th June, and hope to see many of you there to support the children as they take part in the day's events. Please remember that if you are planning to park on site, you will need to arrive and be parked by 1:15pm. This is essential to ensure the children can enter the playing field safely and that there is no vehicle movement while they are arriving.

Finally, we are desperately looking for parent volunteers to help with the Lollipop Drop on Thursdays and Fridays. This support plays a vital role in helping us manage traffic safely at the start of the school day. If we are unable to find volunteers, we may need to revert to all parents parking in the top car park and using the side entrance for drop-off. If you are able to help, even occasionally, please contact the school office – your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Higgs

[School Highlights!](#)

**Safety Matters!**















The children had a fantastic first day back for our Enrichment Day, which focused on the important theme of safety.

The day began with a Collective Worship session centred on staying safe in the sun— although the sunshine seems to have disappeared this week! Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of engaging activities, including learning about road safety (and having a local walk), how to stay safe in school, and railway safety.

A particular highlight of the day was the visit from the ambulance crew. A huge thank you to Mr Warburton and Ashley for helping to make this possible—the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable insights into the important work of the emergency services.

In the past, Enrichment Day plans were shared in our end-of-term newsletters. On this occasion, plans were finalised much later than usual, as Mr Warburton was coordinating a great deal behind the scenes to ensure the ambulance could be with us. Going forward, Enrichment Day plans will once again be included in the final newsletter of each term but were not possible on this occasion.

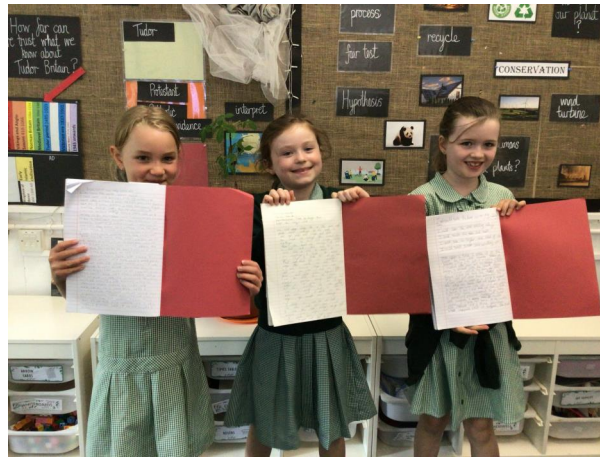
Overall, the day provided a wonderful start to the new term and was enjoyed by all.

### **Cat Protection Afternoon**



This week, we were delighted to welcome Cats Protection into Acorns and Bluebells classes. The children learnt all about how to care for cats properly, including providing them with fresh food and water, a safe place to sleep, regular play and exercise, and visits to the vet. We even had the opportunity to see a real microchip and the special reader used to scan it, helping us understand how microchips can help lost cats find their way home. The workshop helped the children understand the responsibilities of being a pet owner and how to ensure cats stay happy and healthy

### Sevenoaks School Visit



Conkers Class enjoyed a visit from three pupils from Sevenoaks School, who came to share their enthusiasm for creative writing. The visitors delivered a short presentation, offering tips and ideas to inspire the children's storytelling. Using a spooky photograph as inspiration, the children then created their own imaginative stories.

### Todder time!

Friday saw the younger members of our community welcomed for a play time. I think we had the youngest of our community attend at just under 2 weeks old! Do look out for further communication on the next date of this.

Well done!



### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Acorns: **Albert**

Bluebells: **William**

Conkers: **Lizzy**

Dandelions: **Benjamin**



### Well done to our budding artists!

Mrs Gibson entered the children from Dandelions and Conkers classes into an art competition organised by the National Trust. We are delighted to announce that three children from Conkers Class, Rose, Lizzy and Amber, were selected as winners.

As Rose was able to attend the competition launch event, she was invited to write an article for *The Week Junior*, which was published this week – a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Rose, Lizzy and Amber, and well done to all of the children who took part in the competition. We are very proud of your creativity and effort.

## Time flies when you're learning!



As the academic year progresses, children will be introduced to more tricky mathematical concepts, including telling the time. While telling the time is an essential life skill, it is often one of the more complex concepts for children to master.

Below, you will find a breakdown of the time-telling skills and knowledge expected for each year group. We encourage you to discuss these concepts with your child at home and provide opportunities for them to practise in everyday situations.

In today's world of smartphones and digital devices, it can be tempting to rely solely on digital clocks. However, we strongly recommend using analogue clocks when supporting your child's learning. A secure understanding of analogue time provides the foundation needed to interpret and understand digital time confidently.

If you would like any advice or resources to help reinforce these skills at home, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, who will be happy to support you.

- **Reception:** Developing an understanding of time-related vocabulary, including *yesterday, today, tomorrow, morning, afternoon, and evening*, and using these terms accurately in everyday conversation.
- **Year 1:** Learning the days of the week and months of the year, and beginning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour on an analogue clock.

- **Year 2:** Becoming confident in telling the time to the hour and half past, before progressing to *quarter past* and *quarter to* the hour.
- **Year 3:** Reading and recording time using both 12-hour and 24-hour clocks, and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- **Year 4:** Developing an understanding of relationships between units of time, including hours and minutes, minutes and seconds, and months and years, while becoming increasingly fluent in solving time-related problems.
- **Year 5:** Consolidating and applying all previous learning, including reading and interpreting timetables and solving more complex problems involving time.
- **Year 6:** Demonstrating confidence and accuracy across all aspects of time, including calculating durations across midnight, determining intervals between dates, and solving multi-step real-life problems involving time.

## Information Support Session - Bed wetting & Toileting



I am pleased to invite you to an informative and supportive session focused on **bedwetting, daytime wetting, and toileting difficulties in primary school-aged children on Friday 19th June at 2:45pm.**

This session aims to provide practical information, advice, and reassurance for families.

### **During the session, we will cover:**

- Understanding bedwetting and toileting difficulties
- Common causes and when to seek further support
- Practical strategies to help children at home
- Promoting confidence and emotional wellbeing
- Available services and sources of support

- Opportunity for questions and discussion

We want to encourage these discussions to take place in a safe and confidential space but this can be an incredibly sensitive topic to navigate. Therefore, if you wish to gain advice and information without wanting to attend this session please do contact Mrs Taylor directly to organise a separate conversation.

The session is open to all parents and carers of primary-aged children and even to those who extend in to your wider circles. Whether your child is currently experiencing difficulties or you would simply like to learn more, you are very welcome to attend.

Please do get in touch with me directly if there are any questions.

## Reminders



### **Forest School Days - for each class next term**

Thursday 11th June - Elders

Thursday 18th June - Dandelions

Thursday 25th June - Conkers

Thursday 2nd July - Bluebells

### **Parking**

With the morning routine being filled with breakfast, children dressing and teeth brushed whilst remembering bits and pieces, as more of our families are required to go to work, other family members are being drafted in to support with dropping children off to school. A matter was reported last week whereby an older family member with mobility issues could not drop a child off as the disabled parking bays were filled.

Please ensure that you are not parking in these slots unless you have the appropriate blue badge displayed.

Thank you for your assistance in supporting everyone in our community.

## **Family Service at Holy Trinity Church**

We would like to let families know that there will be a **Family Service at Holy Trinity Church starting at 10:00am on Sunday 7th June.**

Our new Reverend, **Emma**, and members of the church community have said it would be lovely to welcome families from the school to the service. It is a relaxed and family-friendly occasion, and everyone is warmly invited to attend.

We hope that some of our school families will be able to join Emma and the church community for this special service.

## **Photo Permissions**

As we love to celebrate and share the many wonderful activities taking place across the school, we are keen to include as many children as possible in our newsletter and on the school website. Please could parents check and update their photo consent preferences on Arbor, as images used in the newsletter may also appear on the website.

## **Prize Giving (5pm on Thursday 16th July)**

This event is for the whole school. This is always a lovely event where children across the school receive awards, as well as having the opportunity to support our Year 6 leavers in celebrating their time at Crockham Hill.

## **Important Dates!**



**Thursday 11th June:** Forest School - Elders

**Friday 12th June:** Pm - Sports Day (whole school)

**Thursday 18th June:** Forest School – Dandelions

**Thursday 18th June:** 3pm – Netball at Chiddingstone (by invitation)

**Friday 19th June:** FUDGE – Fathers’ Day Gift shop

**Wednesday 24th June:** *Reminder: Top Car Park busy as last Wednesday of the month*

**Thursday 25th June:** **Forest School - Conkers**

**Friday 26th June:** 8:45am – Parent Council Meeting

**Friday 26th June:** 1st Transition session for current and new Year Rs Teddy bear picnic (1:30 – 2:30pm)

**Saturday 27th June:** Crockham Hill Fete (Dairy Lane)

**Tuesday 30th June:** 2pm - Woodwind/Piano concert

**Wednesday 1st July:** 2nd Transition session for Year Rs starting in September/parent presentation in the hall (1:30 – 2:30pm)

**Thursday 2nd July:** **Forest School – Bluebells**

**Friday 3rd July:** EDSA Cricket all day at Hever (TBC)

**Friday 3rd July:** 10am Baby & Toddler Coffee Morning

**Friday 3rd July:** 2.30pm - Rocksteady Concert

**Monday 6th July:** 1:15pm – 2:45pm – Whole school transition afternoon (CHANGE OF DATE)

**Monday 6th July:** 1:30 – 2:30pm – 3rd Transition session for Year Rs starting in September & PTA/uniform/advice for parents (CHANGE OF DATE)

**Wednesday 8th July:** 11am – KS2 District Sports (chn TBC)

**Thursday 9th July:** Year 6 production rehearsal all day at Hazelwood

**Thursday 9th July:** Year 5s – Hever Triathlon

**Friday 10th July:** Year 6 production rehearsal all day at Hazelwood

**Friday 10th July:** Reports due out

**Monday 13th July:** All of KS2 - rehearsal all day at Hazelwood

**Monday 13th July:** 1:30pm & 6pm - Year 6/KS2 production

**Tuesday 14th July:** 2:30 – 4pm – Parent afternoon for all current Parents

**Thursday 16th July:** 5:00pm - Prize Giving/Leavers’ Ceremony

**Friday 17th July:** Leavers Church Service – 2pm

**Friday 17th July:** End of Term 6

**Monday 20th July:** INSET DAY

**Tuesday 21st July:** INSET DAY

## PTA Events

**School Planner**

<b>Monday 8th</b> X PE Acorns Conkers Elders  Trainers in a bag Bluebells Elders	<b>Tuesday 9th</b> X PE Bluebells  Trainers in a bag Conkers, Dandelions & Elders	<b>Wednesday 10th</b> X PE Conkers Dandelions  Trainers in a bag Elders
<b>Thursday 11th</b> X Forest School Elders  Woodwind lessons  Trainers in a bag Conkers & Dandelions	<b>Friday 12th</b> X PE Acorns Bluebells  Sports Day Children to be in PE Kit  Trainers in a bag Elders	

**Friday 19th FUDGE Shop**

**Too Many Toys ??**

**Donations of toys for the Crockham Hill Fete Toy Stall are badly needed.**

**Please contact Sue Copp by email: [copp@hotmail.com](mailto:copp@hotmail.com) or message 07484 651350**

**Donations can be dropped off at my house by arrangement or on the morning of the fete at the Crockham Hill playing fields. I am also more than happy to collect directly from you.**