

Weekly Bulletin

Friday 1st December 2023

David Clark - Head



Dear Parents,

It's the first day of December and thoughts, quite rightly, begin to focus on the preparations and celebrations of Christmas. Every school marks the festive season in different ways and I am looking forward to entering into the Cranbrook Christmas spirit over the final two weeks of term. We have some lovely events coming up including: Christmas Jumper Day; the Boarders' Christmas Dinner; our special Carol Services in St. Dunstan's Church and I very much hope that you can join us on the evening of Wednesday 13th December at 7:30pm for what promises to be a lovely occasion that we share with the wider community.

Keeping with the spirit of Christmas, I thought I would draw your attention to the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards which are now open. Anyone can nominate a teacher (peers, parents and students), so if you would like to put someone forward, I would encourage you to do so. Please follow [this link](#) to submit an entry.

As I approach the end of my first term, I keep reflecting on all the things that set us apart as a School. We are unique in a variety of ways and there are many aspects about our School that I just love. One of those is the fact that a number of our students are multilingual and, since September, I have identified over 20 different languages spoken at Cranbrook. I speak reasonable French and I am learning Spanish and Italian and it's just wonderful being able to communicate with and practise speaking to native speakers in those languages on nearly a daily basis.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and, who knows, you may even get the chance to watch a French film, listen to an Italian opera or even dig out your old Spanish textbook from your school days!

Best wishes,

David



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David Carney - Deputy Head

There are two wonderful opportunities coming up to hear our talented singers and musicians. The Winter Concert takes place on Thursday 7th December at the Queen's Hall Theatre, from 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased from the QHT website.



Everyone is welcome to the School and Community Carol Concert which takes place on Wednesday 13th December from 7:30-9:00pm at St. Dunstan's Church.

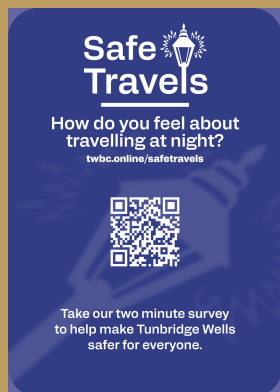
On Friday 8th December we are holding our annual Christmas jumper day. Students should bring in a £1 donation for Save the Children charity. Jumpers should not have any offensive slogans (Grinch permitted!) and be worn with sensible clothing for the weather. Skirts should be to the knee, no leggings please.

Lastly, a gentle reminder that we would be very grateful if you were able to donate some items to the Toys, Tins & Tinsel Appeal. We will be accepting items at Barham Reception until the end of day on Monday 11th December or they can be donated at the big Co-op or The George Hotel in Cranbrook over the weekend. Some more non-perishable items would be greatly received for this community project.

From the Medical Centre:

The winter season is upon us and there are lots of viruses circulating at present. Please can we remind day student families to ensure their child has tissues, a water bottle. If required, please dispense any cold remedy or pain relief medication before coming into school. Thank you.

Medical Centre



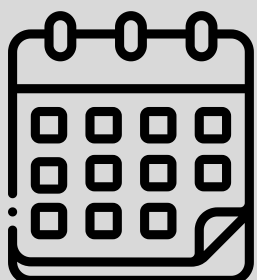
Safe Travels Survey:

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have asked us to share their Safe Travels survey.

The survey takes two minutes to complete, and is designed to help the Community Safety Team understand the areas of the borough where residents feel unsafe after dark.

They are very keen to obtain responses from under-18s and want them to have an impact on the future of the borough.

The survey can be found here: www.twbc.online/safetravels.



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7th December:	Winter Concert, Queen's Hall Theatre
Friday 8th December:	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas lunch
Wednesday 13th December:	School and Community Carol Service, St Dunstan's
Friday 15th December:	Term ends (12:30)
Wednesday 3rd January 2024:	Boarders return (18:00)
Thursday 4th January 2024:	First day of term

You can find up-to-date term dates, lesson timings and A/B week calendar on the website [here](#).



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CSPA:

CSPA Secondhand Shop:

The Shop will be open for two more mornings this term: Thursday 7th December and Thursday 14th December from 8am - 9:30am. For more information [see here](#).

School Merchandise - the perfect Christmas present:

Struggling with Christmas presents for family or friends? Why not buy them a limited edition Cranbrook School branded jute shopping bag or golf umbrella? The fabulous bags are now on sale until Christmas. Visit the [CSPA website](#) for more details.

Cranbrook Rewards - have you signed up yet?:

Cranbrook Rewards Members are already making savings on CSPA events and on purchases and services from local businesses, while at the same time raising funds for the School for the benefit of all students. To sign up please [click here](#) and benefit from the discounts just in time for Christmas.



Rocket Workshop:

On 16th November Mrs Sutton (Head of Physics) visited Year 5 at Cranbrook Primary to teach them about the solar system, the wet weather preventing a tour of the solar system about the school site. However, on her return visit on 23rd November, conditions were perfect for launching rockets and as a reward for their hard work, some Year 5s were selected to take part in a rocket workshop. The air-launch system, created by James Henderson (one of the physics technicians) was used to launch the pupils' rockets which were made as part of the workshop. Sixth Formers from Cranbrook thoroughly enjoyed helping the pupils build and improve their paper rockets, with one travelling 30m!



[Menu for week commencing Monday 4th December](#)

SPORTS RESULTS

W/C MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

KS3

Rugby U13A	VS	SVS	Hockey U13A	VS	Lingfield
3		5	0		1
Rugby U13B	VS	SVS	Hockey U13B	VS	Lingfield
3		10	6		1
Rugby U12A	VS	SVS	Hockey U13C	VS	Lingfield
1		8	2		2
Rugby U12B	VS	SVS	Hockey U13D	VS	Lingfield
3		8	1		7

KS3 SATURDAY FIXTURES

Rugby U14A	VS	Sevenoaks	Hockey U14A	VS	Ashford
22		15	1		2
Rugby U14B	VS	Sevenoaks	Hockey U13A	VS	Ashford
46		12	1		3
Hockey U13B	VS	Ashford			
4		2			

KS4

Rugby U15A	VS	Sevenoaks	Rugby U15B	VS	Sevenoaks
20		17	12		51
Hockey U15A	VS	Ashford			
1		1			

KS5

Hockey 1st XV	VS	Eastbourne	Rugby 2nd XV	VS	Sevenoaks
0		4	11		0
Rugby 1st XV	VS	Sevenoaks	Rugby 3rd XV	VS	Sevenoaks
27		32	7		61



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Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
IS COMING, PEOPLE!
AND IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

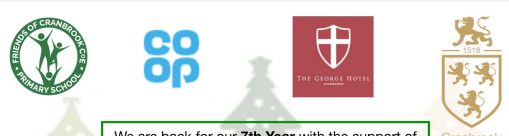
Where: Cranbrook School

When: Friday 8th December 2023

Other details: Please bring in a £1 donation and hand in to your Charity Rep. on the day

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR
Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (213896), Scotland (SC039578) and Isle of Man (1491)

Toys, Tins & Tinsel Appeal 2023



We are back for our 7th Year with the support of
Cranbrook CoE Primary School
Cranbrook School & Cranbrook CSPA
Co-Op Cranbrook
The George Hotel

All four donation points will be accepting donations between
Monday 6th November and Monday 11th December

HOW TO HELP;

- New Toys & Gifts (ages from birth to 16 years old)
- New Christmas decorations
- Non-perishable food items and cupboard items; tinned goods, rice, pasta, cereal, tea, coffee, flour, sugar, spaghetti
- Christmas related food items and essential; Christmas cake, Christmas pudding, mince pies, Christmas crackers
- Household Essentials; toiletries, laundry detergents, feminine hygiene products

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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THE CRANBROOK SCHOOL

WINTER CONCERT

7TH DECEMBER
7:30

TICKETS £8 & £10

WWW.QUEENSHALLTHEATRE.CO.UK

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
AT
ST DUNSTAN'S

Santa's Grotto
The Christmas Tree festival
Christmas Hamper raffle
Christmas activities
Craft products
Festive refreshments

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER
10AM - 4PM
St Dunstan's Church Cranbrook