



Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is Creativity

Dear Parents,

You may be aware that Mrs Felton, our office administrator has been absent from school for some time due to ill health having undergone surgery on 2 occasions over the last year. Although Mrs Felton is now on the road to recovery, she has reluctantly made the decision to retire from Cronton CE which will take effect immediately.

Mrs Felton has worked at Cronton for 25 years. During this time she has been a loyal, dedicated and conscientious member of staff who has always gone above and beyond to support the children, families and staff here at Cronton. I am sure you would all join me in wishing Mrs Felton all the very best in her retirement.

When she is feeling a bit better, I am sure she will be able to join us so we are able to say our proper goodbyes. Take care Mrs Felton, we will all miss you!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Thomson

Headteacher

Parents Evening

Invites for the Parents Evening will be sent via the school app on Monday 27th January.

Parents evening will take place on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February from 3:30pm with the last appointment being at 6:20pm.

If you have any issues with the app, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

We ask where possible parents attend these meetings without your child.

Y1 Multi-skills

Multi-Skills will be cancelled for Year 1 on Tuesday 28th January.

Car Park

We ask parents to refrain from using the Staff Car Park at all times. This is for Staff parking only.

We also ask that Parents **do not walk** across the car park at anytime.

ParentPay

Can Parents please check their ParentPay account and make sure all payments are up to date. This includes, school lunches, wraparound, school trips, etc.

Thank you

Robinwood 2025

ParentPay is open for parents to make weekly or monthly instalments for our Robinwood trip. The total cost is £425 so if you have only paid the deposit that leaves a balance of £375. **All balances must be paid by Friday 4th April 2025.**

Llandudno 2025

ParentPay is open for parents to make weekly or monthly instalments for the Y5 Llandudno trip. The total cost is £260 so if you have only paid the deposit that leaves a balance of £220. **Full payment is needed by Friday 14th March 2025.**

Little Bluebirds

Our numbers for Breakfast Club and Afterschool club are increasing, to ensure your child has a place, **please make sure you are booking your places in advance** where possible.

While every effort will be made, we cannot guarantee a place for any child that has not pre-booked.

Dodgeball

Well done to the Year 4 children who represented the school at the dodgeball tournament. They all showed great enthusiasm and teamwork to make it to the quarter finals after winning 3 games in their group.



School Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor & Wrap Around Support Worker/Teaching Assistant. If you would like more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.crontonce.co.uk/vacancies/>

PTFA

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting last night, we were able to discuss the next few events, with the first being our Valentines Disco on Wednesday 12th February.

Tickets will be going on ParentPay next week at the price of £2.50. This will include a Party Bag on the way out of the Disco containing a packet of crisp, bag of Jellies' and a drink.

Permission slips and more information will be sent next week.

If you are available to help out at the Disco, please let a member of the PTFA know or contact the School Office.

Our next PTFA meeting will take place on Thursday 6th February and would welcome all parents to come along.

Dates for your Diary / Upcoming Events

Please note these are subject to change or may be added to so please check these dates every week!

January 2025

Tuesday 28th - **Y1 Multi-skills cancelled**
- Y5/Y6 Dodgeball 3pm - 5pm

Friday 31st - Café Worship @ 2:30pm

February 2025

Monday 3rd - Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 7th - Safer Internet Day
- Y5 + Reception @ St Lukes Service @9:30am

Monday 10th - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm)

- **Y5/Y6 Multi - Skills cancelled**

Tuesday 11th - Parents Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm)
- **Choir and Y 1 Multi - skills cancelled**

Wednesday 12th - Y2 Trip to The Blue Planet Aquarium
- PTFA Valentines Disco

Friday 14th - **Finish as normal for Half-term.**

Monday 24th - School Open at normal time.

Friday 28th - St Davids Day (Yellow Team)

March 2025

Thursday 6th - World Book Day

Monday 10th - Book Fair

Tuesday 11th - Y3 B Tales - Parents welcome @ 2:30pm

Monday 17th - St Patricks Day (Green Team)

Friday 28th - Mothers Day Coffee Morning

April 2025

Friday 4th - Easter Bonnets

Friday 4th - **Finish as normal for Half-term**

Knowsley's Musical Mondays

Our free ensembles run on Monday evenings at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy and all pupils are welcome. Numbers are growing and we would love to welcome more! Absolute beginners are welcome and instruments can be provided. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/knowsley-music-and-performing-arts-service>

Could you be eligible for free school meals and extra support in the Christmas, February and Easter 2025 holidays?

If you receive certain benefits, your child or children may be eligible for free school meals. This provides nutritious lunch options to support your child's learning and well-being, and until Easter 2025, they also entitle you to vouchers worth £15 for each child, each week of the following school holidays: Christmas 2024, February half-term and Easter 2025*.

Who is eligible:

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (wages below £616.67 a month)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

An income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit with an annual income of £16,190 or less (but not if you are in work and receive Working Tax Credit)

The guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

How to apply

Check the list above and if you are eligible, visit the Council's website and use the Parent Portal to apply for free school meals.

[Apply here](#)

Is your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

Children in these years receive 'Universal Free School Meals'. You do not need to apply for this, every child will automatically receive a free school lunch. However if you meet the criteria above for free school meals and apply, your child's school will also receive extra money (known as the Pupil Premium) which can help pay for extra resources and support for pupils.

Extra support

Visit the benefits calculator on the Turn2Us webpage to check your benefit entitlement

Visit the Council's Household Support Fund page to find details of organisations who can help if you are struggling with the cost of food or essentials

Visit the Council's Benefits page to find details of benefits and entitlements you could receive including Council Tax Reduction

*£15 per child per week supermarket vouchers are available to and including Easter 2025 for each child who is in receipt of free school meals.



Our Celebration Winners Today -



Well done to all our children who have worked and tried very hard this week.

CLASS	Winners and Reasons
Year 6	Phoebe For beautiful reading during whole class shared reading. Isla For being a role model in how to be a responsive and engaged learner. Harrison For Great work with ratio and proportion this week.
Year 5	Chloe For working hard in all subjects all week Nyla For being focused and supportive in class Nethiraa For having an excellent Learning attitude and behaviour4
Year 4	Ellie For showing resilience and having a can do attitude. Ruby For Being a resilient learner and bringing joy to our classroom. Ellis For Working hard in handwriting and being a resilient learner.
Year 3	Inda For being a responsive learner and contributing more within lessons. Jacob For fantastic work when dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number with remainders. Eloise D For outstanding effort when looking at new concepts in Maths.
Year 2	Jessica For great money counting and addition in our maths this week. Thea For great money counting and addition in our maths this week. Hugh For great sentences using conjunctions.
Year 1	Luca For great sentence writing about his own detective animal! Lottie For working hard on the presentation of her writing. Alba For trying hard to learn the new spelling rules and applying them to her writing.
Reception	

Changes to the Law on School Attendance -

Please read carefully if you are planning to book term time holidays in 2024/25

The Government have introduced new laws regarding attendance from August 19th 2024.

The main changes are:

ALL term time holidays will be unauthorised, including holidays which involve a circumstance such as a wedding abroad, trip to see family etc.

In a 10 school week period, pupils who have more than 10 sessions unauthorised (a session is a morning or afternoon) may be fined, whether the absences are 5 days together or single days taken over a ten week period.

An increase in the amount of the penalty notice (fine) from £60 to £80 (if paid within 21 days) and £120 to £160 (if paid within 28 days) for the first penalty notice issued. This is fine is per parent per child. It is not per day but per period of absence (10 sessions+)

Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within 3 years of the date the first penalty notice, will be £160 to be paid within 28 days. No discount is offered.

Any further absences will result in prosecution in the Magistrate Court for the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first penalty was issued.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Lunch Time Leaders

This weeks Lunch-time leaders are:

Reception - Otto

Year 1 - Rosabella

Year 2 - Brodie

Year 3 - Harley

Year 4 - Finley

Year 5 - Franky

Year 6 - Beau

Each of the above children have been chosen by the Mid-day supervisors based on behaviour and manners in the lunch hall and get to be in the front of the dinner queue for next week.

Church News

This Sunday is a service of HOLY COMMUNION at Cronton Mission at 10.30.

Don't forget...all welcome to join CAFÉ WORSHIP next Friday 31st in school at 2.30pm.

Ninja / Accelerated Readers

Our Ninja Readers have really been doing really well. This scheme is always extremely successful and hopefully we will beat the scores of previous years.

Each time your child reads at home please ensure you sign their book. Once they have read 25 times they will get their first colour 'belt' - White. When they have read another 25 times (and all signed for) they will get their next colour "belt" - Yellow. Each time they read for another 25 times they will achieve their next colour 'Belt', all the way through the colours up to black and then move onto Dans. But please make sure your child's book is signed by an adult or their reading will not count towards their certificate.

Well done to all our Ninja Readers this weeks:

Yellow Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Freya F

Year 2 - Mataeusz

Year 4 - Harry

Year 6 - Beau

Orange Belt Winners:

Year 1 - Alba, Maeve

Year 3 - Isabella-Rose, Finley

Year 4 - Harriett, Tallulah

Year 5 - Finlay

Year 6 - Julia, Tom

Red Belt Winners:

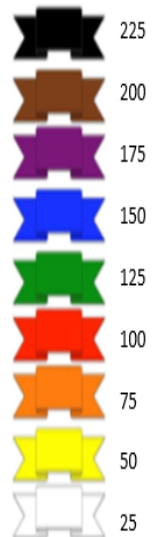
Year 1 - Luca

Year 2 - Elodie

Green Belt Winners:

Year 4 - Robyn

Year 6 - Darcey



BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



Cronton CofE Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Friday 14th February 2025 by 9am



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