



**Christian Value - Our Christian Value this half term is HOPE.**

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. We hope you all had a peaceful summer holiday. It was really lovely to see our children coming into school looking happy and very smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support in this. We would like to welcome all our new children who have started in our school and Nursery. We hope it is the start of an enjoyable and rewarding time for you here at Cronton CE.

Please remember to check our website and weekly newsletter as a lot of information is included within these.

To join our Facebook parents will need to answer the 3 questions before we can grant access. If you have any queries please email us at [crontonce@ldst.org.uk](mailto:crontonce@ldst.org.uk)

If you have changed your address or any contact numbers please email us with the details as soon as possible so we can keep your records up to date.

Congratulations to Mrs King who recently completed her National SENDCo qualification and Mr Tunstall on passing your NPQ Senior Leadership Assessment. We are all very proud of you.

Finally, I was really sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs Ann Jones who was caretaker here at Cronton CE for many years. Ann was a lovely lady and we send our condolences to Andy, Sarah and all the family.

Have a good weekend,

**Mrs Thomson, Headteacher**

### Meet the teacher.

We will be holding our "Meet the Teacher" meetings on Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th September. These are an opportunity for Parents to meet their child's class teacher and receive valuable information for the year ahead.

Meetings will take place at the following times

- 09.09.24 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Year 1 & 2  
                   - 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Year 3 & 4  
 10.9.24 - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Year 5 & 6  
                   - 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Reception

### Pumps in School for PE

All children should now be using school pumps for PE rather than trainers. This has been part of our school uniform policy for 12 months.

If your child does not have pumps in school, they will do PE indoors in bare feet and if it is an outdoor session, this will be carried out in their school shoes.

Trainers are not part of our school uniform and will be returned home. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Pick-Up from School

If someone else is picking up your child from school or you are allowing your child to walk home alone, **can you please inform the class teacher**, via a message into the office or to the teachers on the door that morning.

### Toastie Tuesday

As from Tuesday 10th September we will again be serving toast every Tuesday during morning break.

If you wish your child to have a piece, please pay via ParentPay by Monday evening for your child to be on that weeks toast list.

The cost will be £7.50 and will cover a piece of toast each week up to when we finish school in July 2025.

### 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>

### Asda Rewards Incentive

All parents/carers who use the Asda Rewards app, school can receive 0.5% of your total spend up to 30th November if you sign up.

To activate, please log in to your Rewards app, click on the 'Cashpot for Schools' advertisement they where it gives you the option, select your school and click submit.

## 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!

### September

- Saturday 7th - Cronton Gala & Music Festival  
Monday 9th - Meet the teacher  
4:00 - 5:00pm - Y1 & Y2  
5:00 - 6:00pm - Y3 & Y4  
Tuesday 10th - Meet the teacher  
4:00 - 5:00pm - Y5 & Y6  
5:00 - 6:00pm - Reception  
Monday 16th - Y5 Bikeability Week  
Thursday 26th - European Day of Languages  
Friday 27th - KS2 Harvest + Café Worship

### October

- Sunday 6th - Reception Welcome Service (+ Year 5)  
Thursday 10th - World Mental Health Day  
Monday 21st - Parents Evening 3:30 - 6:30pm  
Tuesday 22nd - Y6 B Tales  
- Parents Evening 3:45 - 6:30pm  
Wednesday 23rd - Y3 trip to Tatton Park  
Friday 25th - **Finish for Half-term at normal time.**

### November

- Monday 4th - Back to school  
Sunday 10th - Remembrance Sunday  
Monday 11th - Anti-bullying week  
Tuesday 12th - Odd Sock Day  
Wednesday 13th - Open Evening 5 - 7pm  
Tuesday 26th - Y4 B Tales  
Friday 29th - St Andrews Day (Blue Team)

### December

- Sunday 8th - KS1 Nativity (Y1 + Y2)  
Wednesday 11th - EYFS Christmas Production  
Thursday 12th - Christingle ( Reception + Y5)  
Monday 16th - Nursery Christmas Party (PM)  
Tuesday 17th - Rec + KS1 Christmas Party (PM)  
Wednesday 18th - KS2 Christmas Party (PM)  
Thursday 19th - Talent Show  
- School Disco (PM) More details to follow.  
Friday 20th - Breakfast with Santa  
- **Finish for Christmas @ 2pm**

### Church News

This Sunday, there is a service of Morning Prayer at Cronton Mission starting at 10:30. Jam club will also meet on Sunday at St Lukes Church 3-4pm. Both services are suitable for young families - all welcome.

Advance notice - there will be an additional Cafe Worship on Sunday 22nd September at Cronton at 10.30.

Key stage 2 Harvest will take place as part of the joint church/school service during the school day on FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER AT 14.30. Look out for more details,

### Snacks

A reminder that we operate a Healthy School and snacks should be healthy and either fruit or fruit product, cereal bar etc. Treats are permitted on Friday only.

Please ensure, due to allergies, nut products or snacks containing nuts of any kind are not permitted in school.

### Nursery - January 2025

Please share with friends and family if you know of anyone looking for a Nursery place in January 2025.

We still have full-time positions within our 'Outstanding' Nursery and we also offer Full time wraparound care from 7:45am—5:45pm.

### Afterschool Clubs

**Ju-Jitsu** will start after school on Monday 9th September for children in Year 1 through to Year 6. Payment for this club is made via ParentPay and all sessions need to be booked before the club begins.

**Multi-Skills** - will resume next week on the following nights:

Monday - Years 5 & 6

Tuesday - Year 1

Wednesday - Year 4

Thursday - Year 3

Friday - Year 2

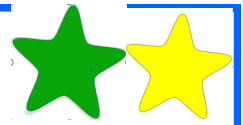
Children have been sent home with a letter if they wish to join the club, please return on Monday 9th September.

**Choir** - This club is available from Year 3 - Year 6 and will begin on Tuesday 24th September.

Letters will be sent next week if you wish your child to join, please look out for these.



## 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	<b>Harry</b> for making a great start to Y6! Really impressed with his maths. <b>Ava-Mae</b> for showing great leadership in her role as Library prefect. <b>Freddie</b> for being a role model from day one - you have a fantastic attitude.
Year 5	<b>Franky</b> For a excellent start to Year 5 well done <b>Sammy</b> For an excellent start to Year 5 Well done <b>Evelyn</b> For an excellent start to Year 5 Well done and being a great chatter partner
Year 4	<b>Larissa</b> For excellent independence and having a 'can do' attitude. <b>Ellis</b> For sharing brilliant information on networking in Computing. <b>Violet</b> For showing excellent teamwork when writing a simile poem.
Year 3	<b>Jacob</b> For outstanding contributions in all of our lessons this week. <b>Isabella</b> For being a responsive learner and an absolute pleasure to teach. <b>Amelia</b> For having an outstanding week and being a true role model for the class. <b>James</b> For always trying his best in all of his lessons.
Year 2	<b>Evie-Rose</b> For being a great role model and looking after Mrs Jones and Miss Wilson <b>Felix</b> For making a great start to Year 2 <b>Mateusz</b> For making a great start to Year 2
Year 1	<b>Sofia</b> For settling into year 1 quickly and working hard in every lesson <b>Alice</b> For having a fantastic first week in year 1 and working hard. <b>Vincent</b> For starting year 1 with a fantastic attitude and always a big smile.
Reception	<b>Whole Class</b> For settling so brilliantly into school



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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: National Framework for Penalty Notices - School Absence



I am writing to inform you of changes the Government will implement from 19 August 2024 concerning unauthorised absences from school. It is important that you take a few minutes to read this letter so that you understand what the changes are.



Parents can already be issued with a penalty notice by the local authority for their child's non-attendance at school. From the 19 August 2024, the Government will standardise the process for penalty notices. All local authorities must follow the national requirements.



From the 19 August 2024:

- Penalty notices for unauthorised absence from school are increasing from £120 to £160 per child, per parent. The amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.



- A parent may be issued with a penalty notice if their child's absence is unauthorised, and they miss 10 sessions within a rolling period of 10 weeks. Ten sessions are usually the same as 5 school days. The 10 weeks may span different terms or school years. For example, two unauthorised absences in the summer term and eight unauthorised absences in the autumn term.



- The changes apply to any unauthorised absence taken from the start of the new academic year. For example, a holiday in term time which has a start date after the 19 August 2024.



- If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, the penalty notice will be charged at the higher rate of £160. There is no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80.



- The Government has set a national limit of two penalty notices that can be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period.




- If the national limit of two penalty notices has been met, or exceeded, the local authority must consider the use of another tool to improve attendance. For example, prosecution or another attendance legal intervention.

The local penalty notice code of conduct will be published on Knowsley Council's website and has been drawn up in consultation with headteachers and the Merseyside Police Force.

The Council believe good attendance is essential to support your child in getting the most out of their education and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

  
Mrs. S Thomson  
Head teacher



## Need app ideas?

Internet Matters have curated a list of age-appropriate apps depending on what your aim is when your child is spending time online:

### Skill Building apps:

If you would like to help your child develop a new skill, then you might find some useful ideas here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/skill-building-apps-guide-for-kids/>

### Apps to keep your child entertained:

These apps are organised into age groups so you can find an app that is suitable for your child:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/13-great-apps-to-keep-your-kids-amused-in-the-school-holidays/>

### Apps to help get your child active:

Again, these apps are organised by age group:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/apps-guide/apps-to-help-kids-get-active/>

### Wellbeing apps:

These apps are organised by topic such as sleep aids or managing anxiety and will help your child develop an understanding of how to look after their own wellbeing:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/wellbeing-apps-guide-for-kids/>

## Social Media Algorithms

### What is an Algorithm?

Algorithms influence what we see on social media platforms and predicts what type of content we are most likely to interact with, thereby keeping us online for longer. The algorithm uses information such as who you follow, what you have searched for and what you have watched, liked or shared to determine what it thinks most interests you, to then show you this content more, for example, in the explore tab on Instagram.



### What do I need to know?

Whilst there are benefits to algorithms, for example it means we tend to see content that does interest us, unfortunately there are negatives as well. They can lead to increased screentime as we continue to see things that interest us. Secondly, it can lead to users being shown large amounts of inappropriate content which can exacerbate negative body image or heighten access to misogyny content. It can also lead to 'echo chambers' where you are only seeing content that relates to your opinion rather than seeing a balanced viewpoint.

The Family Online Safety Institute discuss algorithms in more detail as well as tips for you to help your child, such as how to reset their algorithm: <https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-social-media-algorithms>

## WhatsApp: chat lock/secret code

**You must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp.** Did you know that you can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting? If a user locks a chat, then the chat will appear at the top under locked chats but cannot be viewed without your device password or biometric (face id/fingerprint). Furthermore though, a user can apply an additional setting to hide the locked chat (so it does not appear in their chat list and can only be accessed via the search bar). Whilst this feature adds privacy, it can make it difficult to monitor what your child is doing on WhatsApp, which is why it is important to have regular chats with your child.

# Snapchat

## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. You must be 13+ to sign up. Users can send messages (snaps) to others that can only be seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.

## What should I be concerned about?

Risks of using Snapchat include your child viewing content that is not appropriate for them, location sharing and contact from strangers.

## NEW safeguarding features

Snapchat have recently announced their newest features to help protect 13-17-year-olds. The features include seeing a warning message if they receive a chat from someone who has been blocked/reported by others. Also, if a teen blocks a user, it will also now block any future friend requests sent from accounts created on the same device (to reduce the potential of bullying). **These two features are available to users aged 13-17-year-olds, this is one of the reasons why it is always important for your child to sign up with their correct date of birth, so they can benefit from such features.** You can find out more as well as about the other new features here: <https://values.snap.com/news/new-features-to-help-protect-our-community?lang=en-GB>

## Family Centre

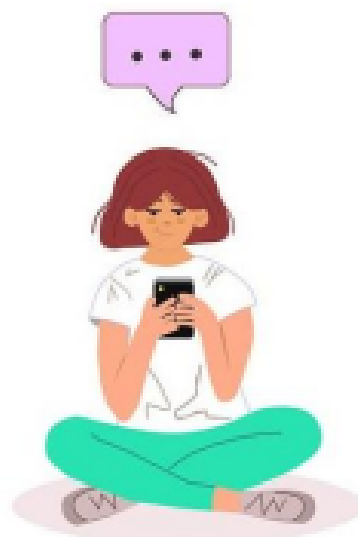
Family Centre is a set of parental controls designed to help you see what your child is doing when using Snapchat. You must have your own Snapchat account to set it up. Family Centre allows you to see who your child is friends with, who they are communicating with (not the contents of conversations though) and who your child has sent messages, photos or videos to in the last week. You will also be able to report any accounts that you are concerned about as well as restrict sensitive content. Snapchat have published a safety checklist to help support conversations about how to use Snapchat safely: <https://parents.snapchat.com/parental-controls>

## Safety tips

Please make sure the appropriate privacy settings are set up on Snapchat and your child knows how to block and report other users if necessary: <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/7012343074580-How-do-i-change-my-privacy-settings-on-Snapchat>

## More information

Parent Zone have published a short 5-minute guide here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/snapchat>



## Check in on an iPhone

On iOS 17, you can use check in to let others know when you have arrived at a destination. When using check in, it monitors your journey and notifies the other person when you arrive at your destination or if you are not progressing as you should.

You can also use it to specify a period of time so if you are meeting somebody new then you can set a timer and if you don't end the Check In before this time then the other person is notified.

You can find out how to use this feature here: <https://support.apple.com/en-in/guide/iphone/iphc143bb7e9/ios>

## Discussing distressing news

Following on from the recent awful events in Southport, INEQUE Safeguarding Group have published an article to help you when discussing distressing news with your child. The article also includes a downloadable resource that children can read when news becomes overwhelming for them.

Find out more here: <https://ineqe.com/2024/08/02/discussing-distressing-news-events-with-children>

## Family Quiz for Online Wellbeing Tips

The NSPCC have created a quiz that can be completed as a family to help you have discussions together and find out about the NSPCC's top tips for positive online wellbeing.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/positively-online/quiz/>