

## **FRIDAY ROUND UP: 12 MARCH 2021**

It has been lovely to finally welcome back everyone to school this week. We have loved having everyone back and have been really impressed about the children's enthusiasm to return and learn again in the classroom.

I would also like to welcome the many new faces across the year groups who have finally been able to attend school and meet their new classmates.

For parents of pupils new to the school, rather than overwhelm you with emails about individual events, we send a document out every Friday with news of upcoming events, reminders, cancelled clubs etc.

### **Testing**

The children have taken to the new routines in no time at all and adapted to the mask wearing and regular testing in a really mature and grown up manner. This week alone we have completed in excess of 550 tests on pupils and a further 80+ on staff. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Gillott for pulling together such a thorough program of testing and to all staff who have spent many hours supporting the children with their tests and the uploading and registering of all of the results.

We do hope your children have enjoyed the return and have found the Covid-19 tests much more bearable than first thought and we look forward to making the most of the remaining time left before we break up for Easter.

### **Operation Encompass**

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Dorset Police.

Operation Encompass is the notification to schools when a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse. This information will be shared with the schools.

Operation Encompass will ensure that senior safeguarding members of the school staff, (DSL/DDSLs) known as Key Adults, are trained to allow them to receive information from the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

### **Arts Award**

We are delighted to announce that we have just been awarded Artsmark Gold Award.

Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports them to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education across the whole curriculum, bringing learning to life for children and young people.

In order to achieve the Artsmark Award, the school had to develop our arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Mrs Everett co-ordinated the two year journey towards the Award. She would like to thank all the staff who planned and delivered the arts in all its forms across the school. Also, to those pupils who engaged with their art lessons in art, music, D&T and who took part in any extra-curricular activities such as our lunchtime art and music clubs, performances and Arts Award.

### **Fundraising on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – MyTime and Comic Relief**

Next week, we are going to be raising awareness of, and supporting, two different charities. MYTIME is a local charity that provides support for young carers – more information can be found at <https://www.mytimeyoungcarers.org/about-us>. Red Nose Day is also next week on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. To raise money for these two charities, we are holding a wacky hair and non-uniform day. Suggested donations are at least £1 for wacky hair OR non-uniform, or £2 minimum for both. We will also be holding year group assemblies all about MYTIME during the week, and a Red Nose Day quiz during Friday's tutor time. Cash is still completely fine – it just goes into quarantine over the weekend! Funds raised will be divided equally between the two charities. We are looking forward to seeing how creative our pupils can be with their lockdown hair!

### **Pupils in Years 5, 6, or 7 Leaving CMS at End of Academic Year**

If you have a son or daughter in years 5, 6 or 7, who has been offered a place at a different school from September, please would you email the school office confirming that you will be accepting the school place. The office email address is [office@cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@cranbornemid.dorset.sch.uk).

### **Music Lessons**

Just to advise that the timetables for music lessons delivered by peripatetic music teachers are being finalised. We will contact you when it has been confirmed when these will restart. Once we know the schedule for the end of spring/summer term we will issue refunds or requests for payments, as applicable.

### **KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Thursday 1 April 2021	Inset Day
Friday 2 April 2021	Easter Holiday begins
Monday 19 April 2021	Return to School: Summer Term
Friday 28 May 2021	Inset Day