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APRIL/MAY NEWSLETTER

FIRST HALF OF THE SUMMER TERM 2025

Term dates and welcome	What's happening	Things to remember
<p>Summer Term 2025 First day of term Weds 23 April <i>Bank holiday Mon 4 May</i> <i>Half Term Mon 26 - Fri 30 May</i> Last day of term Weds 16 July (finish 12 noon – no afternoon session)</p> <p>Autumn Term 2025 [Staff Inset Day Tuesday 2 Sept] First day of term Weds 3 Sept Half term Mon 20 – Fri 31 Oct (2 weeks) Last day of term Weds 17 Dec (finish 12 noon)</p> <p>Spring Term 2026 [Staff Inset Day Friday 2 January] First day of term Mon 5 January Half term Monday 16 - Fri 20 Feb Last day of term Friday 27 March [Staff Inset Day – Mon 30 March] <i>For information Easter weekend dates are: Good Friday 3 April, Easter Monday 6 April</i></p> <p>Summer Term 2026 First day of term Weds 23 April Bank holiday Mon 5 May Half Term Mon 26 - Fri 30 May Last day of term Fri 17 July (finish 12 noon)</p> <p>'WELCOME BACK' We hope you enjoyed the Easter break hopefully with plenty of Easter eggs and lots of exercise during the wonderful weather. We hope those who went away had a lovely time and look forward to seeing photos on Tapestry.</p> <p>Crofton Baptist Church 100 Crofton Lane BR5 1HD www.croftonearlylearners.co.uk 07706 708211 Leader/Manager – Ginia Brown ManagerCroftonEarlyLearners@outlook.com Deputy – Andrea Dugay SENCo – Hazel Jones Finance Officer – croftonearlylearners@outlook.com 07484 252758 Chair of Trustees – Karen Dungate Church Office – 01689 877010</p>	<p>THEME FOR THIS TERM Our theme for this half term will be "People Who Help Us" and will link in with the Understanding the World section of the EYFS. It will commence with recycling so we will be finding out what you do at home to support this. We continue to work on recycling at preschool, having bins for paper/card, plastic/tin, food waste and compost. The children are getting very good at where their waste now goes. As we are also working towards sustainability we would like to see fewer cars and more walking to preschool please. We have arranged visits from the Community Dentist, the Community Police, a paramedic (both the latter were former CEL pupils!) and Orpington Fire Brigade with their engine – for this latter event all children will be invited to come along and more details will follow in the weekly updates. Please be aware this may be a moveable event if they get a shout</p> <p>PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS We will be having the photographers in on Wednesday 30 April to take individual photographs of children, graduation photos for July leavers and a group photo of leavers. If your son/daughter does not normally attend on a Wednesday and you would like their photographs taken please let Ginia know.</p> <p>Things to remember MOVING HOUSE OR CHANGING YOUR MOBILE/ PHONE NUMBER? Please let us know as soon as possible if you are changing any of your contact details. Thank you.</p> <p>UNIFORM Please can uniform requests be made via email rather than at the door so it is easy to keep track of who has ordered and payment types.</p>	<p>PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS Please do let Ginia know your offers for primary schools by email. This is important for transfer documentation in July.</p> <p>BRINGING FOOD INTO PRE-SCHOOL A reminder please that lunch boxes should contain more healthy food options than treats and that sweets/chocolate are not permitted.</p> <p>APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND SKIN PROTECTION As we (hopefully) approach some warmer weather we ask all parents to encourage your children to continue to wear their CEL polo shirts – these protect the children's necks and shoulders from the sun – and to bring a named hat. (We do have a few hats available in preschool). We also discourage open-toed sandals as these do not protect children's feet in a preschool environment. DO also remember as the weather gets warmer and the strength of the sun increases to add a layer of sun protection cream before going outside (even if it is not hot, the sun is strong at this time of year). It is not necessarily now that the effects of too much exposure to the sun become apparent and I cannot stress enough the importance of protecting your children now.</p> <p>HOLIDAYS Please do let us know in advance if you are planning to go away on holiday during term time to grab a bargain.</p> <p>CROFTON BAPTIST CHURCH Do join us for Sunday services at 10.30 am (with Sunday School for those aged 3+)</p>