



8th September 2009

September Newsletter

Welcome back!

It has been lovely to see the children return to school. They look smart and have come back in a really positive frame of mind. Thank you for ensuring they are wearing the correct school uniform – they look a real credit to the school. Your children may have told you that we are having a whole school push on good manners. We would really appreciate you reinforcing this at home. The children can earn stickers for their class when they show good manners, with the winning class each week earning an extra long playtime.

Family Disco

There will be a family disco on Friday 18th September (6.30 – 9pm) organised by the 'Friends of Crossdale'. Some of you may have noticed our new PE shed at the rear of the building which was kindly donated by our PTA. This has freed up a lot of much needed space inside and allowed us to reorganise parts of the school. There will be a meeting of the Friends of Crossdale on Monday 5th October at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome at the meeting and we would really appreciate some 'new blood' to help continue the outstanding work done to raise money and support the school.

Don't forget the 10k and fun run which takes place on the 27th September. We still need volunteers to help organise the day and I would remind you that there is still plenty of time to enter the race and join in the fun. www.crossdale10k.co.uk

Swimming

Swimming begins for children in Years 2, 4 and 6 on the afternoon on Wednesday 16th September. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help as a swimming observer. Full training will be provided! In the light of new guidelines surrounding safeguarding children (you may have noticed stories in the local and national media about the increased emphasis on child protection in schools) we will need to ask swimming observers to be subject to a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) check. **As CRBs take several weeks to process please can we ask for anyone who is willing to help as a swimming observer, both now and later in the term for Years 1, 3 and 5, to come to the school office for a CRB application form. If you have any questions about this please arrange to see me to discuss it further.**

Dinners

I would urge you to encourage your children to try the delicious hot meals available from the school kitchen. Mrs Stockdale and Mrs Gibson do a wonderful job in providing healthy and nutritious meals. It is particularly important that we have large numbers of children taking school meals at this time of year. If numbers are low in September, this affects the service we can provide for the rest of the year. Visit the school website (under School Meals) to read about the nutritional standards and provenance of the food, and also to find what is on the menu every day here at Crossdale. Contact the school office for more details.

School Office

- The school office will not be open on a Monday or Thursday until 8.50am.
- Please send dinner money into school via your child's class teacher.
- I have noticed a large number of children have been going to the school office to ask Mrs Cuttell or Mrs Walker to phone home and chase up some forgotten item needed on that day. In a bid to encourage the children to be more independent and responsible I have asked the office staff to only call home for urgent items. Please talk to your child about this and how they can plan their week to ensure they have everything they need for school and any clubs they attend.

Base Introductory Meetings

We will be holding these meetings during w/b 14th September. These meetings are an invaluable means of sharing information about Base systems and routines and have proved a most helpful introduction to the school year for both parents and staff. We hope you will be able to attend.

These meetings are arranged as follows:

Tuesday 15 th September	Base One (Years 1 and 2) 6 – 6.45 p.m.
Tuesday 15 th September	Base Two (Years 3 and 4) 7 – 7.45 p.m.
Wednesday 16 th September	Base Three (Years 5 and 6) 6.30 – 7.15 p.m.

Swine Flu

The advice for swine flu remains the same as before the summer holidays:

- Children who are showing any symptoms should be kept away from school.
- We will be operating a 'no risk' policy and if we identify any students with unusually high temperature or with flu like symptoms you will be contacted immediately to take your child home.
- If you have any concerns about swine flu please visit: <http://www.hpa.org.uk/>

Lining up

We have been trying to improve the way children enter school, especially on the front playground. There will now be a whistle at 9am to indicate that the children should prepare to enter school. Once the whistle has blown please say your goodbyes and encourage your children to line up smartly, ready to enter school and begin learning.

Names in clothes

Many of you will have noticed the huge amount of lost property that was on display earlier this week. We sent several bin bags of unclaimed lost property away. Could you please ensure that all of your child's clothes, shoes and PE kit has names in them to allow us to quickly return any lost property to its rightful owner

Year 6 SATs

Please can parents of all Year 6 children be aware that the week beginning 10th May 2010 is currently the week we expect the SATS to take place. However there is a possibility that SATs will move to some time in June 2010.

Unfortunately we have not got any definite dates for June so please can we encourage you not to book holidays during these times.

Open Evenings

The Open evenings for this term will be 6th & 7th October.

This will be an opportunity for you to see your child's work, which will be on view in the classroom area and to discuss your child with his/her teacher.

Further details of appointment times to follow.

Roll of Honour – Well done to the following children!

- Leila Hall entered a Ballroom & Latin Competition in late July with competitors from the East Midlands and further afield. Leila did exceptionally well winning a 1st place for her age group, and a 2nd and 5th in two other sections.

Please contact the school office, preferably by email marked 'Roll of Honour', if you would like to share the achievements of your children with the rest of the school community.

Peter Cresswell