
Newsletter

22 July 2010

School's Out!

I would like to wish everybody a happy, healthy and relaxing summer. Many thanks for all your support and help over the school year. I would especially like to thank the many volunteers and helpers amongst you who come into school on a daily basis to help us out in a number of different ways – we couldn't do it without you!

The first day back for children is Tuesday 7th September.

Base Introductory Meetings

We will be holding these meetings during w/b 15th 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 14th September

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Base One (Years R,1 and 2) 6 – 6.45 p.m.

Base Two (Years 3 and 4) 7 – 7.45 p.m.

Base Three (Years 5 and 6) 6.00– 6.45 p.m.

OFSTED

OFSTED have recently carried out an interim assessment of Crossdale. We are delighted that their monitoring systems have shown that they are happy that standards have been maintained since the last inspection and consequently they have deferred out next inspection, which was due this term, until September 2011 at the earliest. I attach a letter from OFSTED for your information.

Condolences

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Pat Graham, Crossdale's first ever Headteacher in 1974, recently passed away. Mrs Judy Stocker, a current Governor, represented the school community in paying our respects at the funeral.



I would like to thank you for the incredibly positive response to our fruit at play time initiative. Children in Years R-2 will still receive free fruit as part of the Governments fruit scheme and we are thrilled that almost 50 families in Years 3-6 have already signed up to our Funky Fruit scheme which will provide, at very low cost, a piece of fruit each day for their children. As part of the Healthy Schools initiative all playtime snacks will be fruit from September. See the website for more details of the Funky Fruit scheme.

School Dinners

We have been informed that the price of a school meal will rise to £2 from September. We would urge you try our school dinners and support the school meals service: in the current climate of spending cuts I'm afraid it may be a case of 'Use it or Lose it'. Please see the school website for details of the nutritious and tasty menus available.

Mrs Stockdale is now looking for a Kitchen Assistant to work alongside her. It is likely this post will offer 12.5 hours per week. Contact the school office for further details.

School Uniform

I am delighted that our new uniform supplier has been received so well by parents. The feedback is that you are happy with the quality and the increased range of products.

I would remind you that new school shoes for September should be completely black and unbranded (no sports brands please) and that we are asking children to bring a plain, unbranded PE kit. Over 70 parents have bought the PE kit available from our new supplier at £4.50.

Memorial Walk

The Memorial Walk at Holme Pierrepont on the 30th June was a great success once again. Over £750 was raised for charity and the attendance was fantastic. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Swimming

Swimming will begin on Wednesday 15th September for children in Years 3 and 4.



Busy Bees Pre-School will be opening in the Autumn term offering sessions for children from 2 years, and also breakfast and afterschool clubs for all children here at Crossdale. We are sure this will be an outstanding facility which will benefit many Crossdale families. For further details email busybees@crossdaleschool.com or telephone 07503 212268.

Thanks

I would like to thank all of the staff at Crossdale for their dedication and commitment to making this such a special school for children and adults alike. I am sure you are aware that many of the staff give up hours of their time every week to run clubs and activities. These activities are the icing on the cake and are the things which some children benefit from more than anything else.

The warm and supportive comments on the report reply slips and the annual parent survey leave me in no doubt that you also appreciate their hard work.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing our leavers (Mrs Gibson in the kitchen, Stuart in Year 3 Alex Osborne, and all the Year Six children) every success and happiness in the future.

Roll of Honor

- Congratulations to Leila Hall who danced her way to the finals at the West Yorkshire Medallist Competition, with a 1st place for Ballroom and a 2nd for Latin American, this now means that Leila has qualified to dance in the U8's at the Blackpool Grand Final in the Tower Ballroom!
- Mai Findlay & Alex Roe (both year 2) took their first Communion recently. Mai & Alex attend the Catholic church in Keyworth. A child's first communion is a big event in the Catholic church and their families are very proud of them.
- Jonny Price received his red and green achievement awards and a cup for 'Best Boy' for the Anchor section at the 42nd Edwalton Boys Brigade annual awards night recently.
- Adam Price got a 'highly commended' in his first rainbow dance award for the Waltz.
- Emily Wong has just passed her ABRSM Grade 1 Piano exam with distinction.
- Well done to Cerys and Laura in Year 5 who raised £16 for school by making and selling cards and book marks.
- Well Done to the Year 6 Crossdaliy News team (Billy, Leon, Jack, Holly, Tom B, Will, Priya and Mrs Stockwell) for producing and selling another excellent edition of our school newspaper.
- Amy Richards recently took part in her first dance competition. She achieved the following:
 - Under 9's Individual - Cha Cha Cha - 3rd place
 - 7-9yrs Individual - Pas de Basque & Walks - 4th place
 - Under 9's Individual - Waltz - 4th place
 - Unders 9's Partners (with Bethan Hoyle) - Cha Cha Cha & Jive - 5th place

WELL DONE!!

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. We love to hear about what they have been doing outside of school.

Best wishes,
Peter Cresswell