



Newsletter

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Busy Bees Pre-School @ Crossdale

I am absolutely delighted to be able to tell you that planning permission was recently granted which allows us to construct an extension at the front of the school to accommodate the Southwolds Pre-School which is currently situated at the Parochial Hall. The extension is a log-cabin style building and we are very hopeful that it will be ready for September. Not only will this mean that you will be able to send your children to Crossdale from the age of 2, but we will also be offering a before and after school club allowing parents to drop their children off early and pick them up late. I hope you will agree that this is a very exciting development which will offer many benefits to parents and carers. For further details email busybees@crossdaleschool.com or telephone 07503 212268.

Healthy Snacks

Hopefully many of you are aware that we have been trying to encourage the children to eat healthy snacks at break over the last year. This has been part of our Healthy School work and as we progress towards 'Enhanced Status' we will need to demonstrate that we have policies and practices in place which actively promote healthy eating. Consequently from September it will be our school policy that if a child wishes to have a break time snack, it should be a piece of fruit. Obviously it is not our role to act as food Police and you may still wish to send a 'treat' as part of a child's packed lunch or encourage your child to have a sweet pudding if they have school dinners. We are also happy if children bring treats on birthdays or after holidays. However, by having a piece of fruit at break times it creates a window every day where we can model and encourage healthy eating. At a time when childhood obesity, eating disorders and associated conditions such as diabetes are on the increase, we feel that encouraging healthy life styles is a crucially important piece of the work we do in school. Children in Base 1 will continue to receive a piece of fruit for free as a part of the national fruit scheme, and Mr Mate will be setting up a fruit tuck shop for Base 2 and 3. Alternatively you may wish to send a piece of fruit from home each day.

Summer Fair

This year's 'Spring into Summer' fair was an outstanding success raising almost £2000. I would like to thank you all for supporting the fair and also acknowledge the work done by our wonderful PTA to make the event happen. The money raised by the PTA allows us to buy many things for your children which would otherwise be off our shopping list! Members of the PTA have asked me thank Mr Flint and Mr Lacey for their magnificent contributions to the day.

School Uniform

I would like to thank parents and carers for ensuring that children come to school wearing the correct school uniform and shoes. The children look fantastic and are a real credit to the school. We have recently chosen a new provider for school uniform who will supply our existing uniform

but at a lower price and, we believe, a higher quality. More details of the new prices will follow shortly.

The new provider can also offer a PE kit, so from September we will be following the detail of our existing uniform policy and asking you to ensure that the children have a plain, unbranded white t-shirt and burgundy shorts in their PE bags. Plimsolls should be worn indoors and trainers outside. In the Winter we will obviously encourage children to wear tracksuit bottoms and fleeces as required! Not only will the PE kit ensure the children look smart but it will remove the pressure children occasionally feel to have the latest Chelsea shirt or similar latest fashion. The school PE kit (t-shirt and shorts) will be available for approximately £4.50 from the school office, although you may be able to find plain white t-shirts and burgundy shorts elsewhere at an even better price.

Slip, Slop, Slap!

After the scorching weekend we have just had I will take this opportunity to ask parents to ensure all children have a named hat in school and access to sun cream. It would be especially helpful if you could put some 'all day' sun cream on your child before they come to school in the morning. The link below provides detailed information about how to protect your child in the sun. www.sunsmart.org.uk.

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I was recently able to show the children pictures and read them a letter from the student in Kenya whose education is being sponsored using some of the money raised from the 10k Fun Run. Last year we sent £500 which has meant that Abillahi Mwangome has been able to proceed through High School. Abillahi has promised to write regularly and I look forward to sharing his letters with the children.

Reception Discovery Garden – 'The Woodlands'

I hope you will agree that the new Reception outdoor learning area looks amazing. This area has been carefully designed to allow children in our Reception class to access their curriculum by using the outdoor space. Mrs Ingle and Mrs Mellor have already been using it and the children have been having great fun and learning lots. As the final elements of work are completed I'm sure that the other teachers will be taking their children out for a play!

Crossdale Memorial Race

The 6th Crossdale Memorial Race will take place on Wednesday 30th June at the National Watersports Centre, Holme Pierrepont. People should meet at 6.30pm for 7pm start.

This annual event for Cancer Research is organised by parents of pupils (and ex pupils) at Crossdale. Initially in memory of Crossdale mum Moira Kelly, over the years, it has also become an opportunity for self reflection, and to show support for others who may also be affected by cancer.

Last year there were almost 300 participants. Come and join us for a fun evening around the lake. Bring a picnic beforehand if you like!

Diary Dates

Friday 28th May	School closes for half term
Monday 7th June	School reopens
7th – 10th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Youlgreave
Wednesday 9th June	Clothing Collection
Monday 14th June	Y5 Scarborough Residential. Parent's Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 30th June	Year 6 South Wolds Intake Day
Thursday 1st July	Year 6 International Day at South Wolds
Monday 5th July	INSET Day School closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th July	New Entrants Parents Meeting
7th-9th July	Year 5 Residential Trip to Scarborough
Tuesday 13th July	Sports Day
Thursday 15th July	Open Evening
Friday 16th July	Fun Football Evening
Monday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Party

ROLL OF HONOUR

- Congratulations to the members of our Taekwondo Pee-Wee group who achieved the following grades earlier this year:
 - Rhys Jenkins - promoted to 9th Kup - yellow tag
 - Tom Mellor - promoted to 9th Kup - yellow tag
 - Elliot Disney - promoted to 8th Kup - yellow belt
 - Billy Stockwell - promoted to 7th Kup - green tag
 - Grace Ellerby - > promoted to 7th Kup - green tag>
 - Priya Jenkins - promoted to 8th Kup - Double grade - yellow belt
- Jack Wake in Year 5 passed his black belt grading for Taekwondo on May 8th. He is the youngest black belt at Carlton Arena Taekwondo Club at 9 years old!
- The Crossdaily Newspaper team received a certificate of thanks from the WWF for raising over £80.
- Mr Mate completed the London Marathon on the 17th April
- Megan Evans and Katie Bradshaw helped to raise £318.40 for Marie Curie Cancer. They took part in a team 5k swimathon at Keyworth Leisure Centre. The team finishing time was just over 2 hours. All parents, friends and sponsors are very proud of you both.
- Jack Antcliff (Y5), Oliver Atack (Y4) and Ben Antcliff (Y3) recently competed at the Nottinghamshire Area Chess Mega Final at Nottingham High School. Two of the boys narrowly missed out on qualifying for the Giga Final! All three enjoyed the experience - 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