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## July Newsletter

### Governors

After a very high turn-out and an extremely close election I am pleased to announce that Jonathan Maston is our new parent Governor. Jonathan already supports the school on the PTA and 10k organising groups and I am confident will be a valuable member of our Governing body.

### Aladdin

I'm sure you all enjoyed our wonderful production of Aladdin. I would like to thank all of the staff, children and helpers who made it possible for us to stage such an outstanding production. The children will have learned a huge amount from the work surrounding the production and will all remember the hugely positive experience for many years to come.

Any of you who saw the production will know (thanks to some hints from Adam in y6!) that as part of the build up, and the performance itself, we talked to the children about the charity WaterAid (<http://www.wateraid.org/uk/>). I am really pleased to tell you that your donations and ticket money have allowed us to raise a magnificent £800. Graham Wallace will be coming into the school to talk to the children about how the money is spent in India. Graham will donate the money to WaterAid through the Rotary Club which will mean the total donation from Crossdale will be £1200. Fantastic!

### Cycles

I am extremely concerned that some children coming to school on their bikes are putting themselves at risk of serious injury by not wearing cycle helmets or cycling dangerously. I will be talking to the children in assembly and standing at the front of school but would ask you to talk to them about safety. One particular issue that is concerning me is children cycling onto the school site and into the car park. On arrival at school children should dismount and push their bikes on the pavement. They *should not* take their bikes into the car park area unless they are supervised by an adult. Please pop in to see me if you have any concerns or questions about bikes at school..

### September INSET

There will be 2 INSET days to start the Autumn term on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. Consequently, the children's first day back at school will be Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

### Summer Fair

I would like to thank all the people who helped make this year's Summer fair so successful. A profit in the region of £200 is outstanding. Many different people lent a hand, from organising the whole day, to moving tables in at the end, to dressing up as a knight and riding on a horse through Keyworth (thanks Mr Lacey!). It was a super whole school effort and parents might like to know that the money raised will go towards purchasing new projectors for the interactive whiteboards, improving the storage of PE equipment and providing a timber outdoor classroom. These items are in addition to the money already provided by the PTA to, amongst other things, buy the poly tunnel, part fund the y6 trip and buy new books in KS1. This additional money makes a big difference to what we can provide for the children.

### **'Invitations' Books**

Could parents who have not yet returned or paid for their 'Invitations' book please do so as soon as possible. Once they have all been accounted for we will receive a donation to the PTA (I have bought one and can recommend it!).

### **Football Fun evening**

We will be holding a Football Fun Evening on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – See separate for ticket information.

### **School Trips and Clubs**

I would like to put on record my thanks to the staff and volunteers who give up their own time to run school clubs and trips. The range of activities on offer at Crossdale is excellent and substantially enriches the children's experience of school.

### **Mrs Widdowson and Mrs Rice**

Several parents have asked us about leaving gifts for Mrs Widdowson and Mrs Rice. There is a collection in the school office for anyone wishing to contribute to a gift.

### **Parenting Group**

There are regular informal meetings at Keyworth Primary school for parents who would like support and information. The next two meetings are on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July between 9am and 11am. Topics for discussion include basic first aid and domestic violence. Contact Arlene Enion at Keyworth Primary School on 07773 369918 for further information.

### **Open Evening and Reports**

I would like to remind parents and carers that there will be an open evening on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, with reports being handed out on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

### **School Uniform**

Could I remind parents that our school uniform policy states that children should wear black school shoes and not trainers. The vast majority of children at school look brilliant in burgundy (!) and proud to be wearing the school uniform. When I show visitors around school I am always struck by how smart children look. I strongly believe that uniform engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school and also protects children from the perceived need to be wearing certain brands or styles of clothes: all children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance and status. As parents replace existing school shoes over the coming months please select plain, non sports branded, black shoes.

### **Extended Services Questionnaire**

I have been asked by Julie Brown, the Southwolds family extended services coordinator, to send the attached questionnaire to parents and carers. Please take a moment to complete it and return it to school. Your input will directly influence the services on offer in Keyworth.

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **Well done to:**

- Leila Hall recently passed her first ballet exam (Primary Grade), she received 'Highly Commended' - an excellent result for one so young.
- Megan Evans in year 3 has recently received her certificate for personal survival in swimming. This included treading water for 2 mins, swimming 25 metres, holding the H.E.L.P position for five minutes, swimming 50m whilst retaining a floating object and climbing out without assistance, all whilst wearing clothes!! She also gained her 600m badge.
- Lola Mae has passed her first ballet examination with commendation and has also passed her Aquazone stage 3 at swimming.
- Austin Shepherd has won a competition to design a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary badge for Keyworth Scouts. All children of the 1<sup>st</sup> Keyworth scouts group, from Beavers to Explorers, will wear the badge.