

'Keydale' News

Friday 24th April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the **Keydale News** – whilst the schools are closed, and we are working from one site together we will issue a regular newsletter to try and keep you up to date with what's happening in school and to hopefully try and help support those of you at home!

Each class from both schools still has their blog pages where information for your child's class will be shared; please ensure you subscribe to this by clicking the link at the top of the page. If you aren't receiving notifications of blog entries, please check that you are subscribed to the blog page or email your child's class teacher; this is an important way to stay up-to-date with what your child can be doing at home, as well as sharing other important information with you.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell & the KPNS and Crossdale Teams

Patio laying, to Swiss Rolls and Stonehenge!

It has been lovely to see everyone's efforts from home as well as seeing how brilliantly the children are working in school. We have hugely enjoyed seeing pictures of children's work, cooking efforts and sports endeavours. We are missing you all and it has been so nice to see what everyone has been doing. Keep in touch with your class teachers by using the class email accounts (Please ensure the email is sent from a grownups account):



apple-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

cedar-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

cherry-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

lime-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

maple-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

monkeypuzzle-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

pine-teachers@crossdale.notts.sch.uk

jellyfish-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

seahorses-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

sealions-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

sharks-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

starfish-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

turtles-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

orcas-teachers@keyworth.notts.sch.uk

Do what you can – a reminder!

School has been closed for 5 weeks now (including the Easter Holidays), and expectations of what we should be doing with our children at home can create undue pressure at what is already a very different and stressful time for everyone. Here is hopefully a simple list of things to try and include each day but, our overriding message to all our children and parents is to **stay safe and do what you can!**

Each day aim to...

- **Read** for 15 mins
- Do some **Maths** (Doodlemaths/TTRS/MyMaths / <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> /practice counting or timestables / watch Number Blocks or Number Jacks)
- Do some **English** (handwriting/ comprehension / reading eggs / spelling / phonics YouTube Set 2 Speed Sounds or Set 3 Speed sounds / writing task from the blog)
- **Get active!**
- **Have some fun!** Sing, dance, chat, facetime with your friends or family, play board games, set challenges.

Remember, you can email your class teacher using the email address given above. When using the class emails, please:

- Allow teachers up to 48 hours to reply. Don't forget that some teachers are still in school or, if at home, potentially looking after young children and other family members.
- Ensure the email comes from your, and not your child's, email and that you have seen the email before it is sent. We hope the class email accounts will support you with the home schooling tasks we are setting for your children.

Getting bored at home? Resources for extra ideas...

- Forestry England have produced a guide titled 10 ways to keep the kids entertained through Covid19, which has a mixture of print-and-do activities, to practical ideas to get outside. Take a look at <https://www.forestryengland.uk/blog/10-ways-keep-the-kids-entertained-through-covid-19> You can also sign up for the 'Forest Fix' weekly newsletter, providing activities and free downloads to keep the children busy and to help the family remain connected to nature whilst staying at home. Follow this link to sign up: <https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-fix>
- Severn Trent Water have produced a range of activities to do at home, including a 'Bog Troll' competition! Take a look by clicking on the link <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/education-zone/education-zone/>

Educational Resources

Some families have asked if there is anything extra that they can access to support learning at home. The following are two resources that you could use to supplement the activities we have blogged and sent home:

- BBC Bitesize website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

- This week, Oak National Academy opened online to provide further resources for teachers and parents. It is highly likely that class teachers will be directing your children to use this resource over the coming weeks, but you are welcome to explore the online classroom if you wish!
<https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>

Discussing Coronavirus with your children

In the last newsletter, we shared an eBook, Coronavirus A book for children, illustrated by Axel Scheffler, illustrator of The Gruffalo.

<https://www.crossdaleschool.com/attachments/download.asp?file=2157&type=pdf>



A further resource to support discussion of what we are currently experiencing is 'Dave the Dog':
<https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/>

We hope that these resources provide you with simple and easy to understand explanations of things that are happening in our world currently, as well as a prompt for encouraging open discussion and the chance for children to ask questions.

Keeping Sun Safe

As the sun has started shining, and the weather is becoming warmer, why not take a look at these resources to help your child/children learn about keeping safe in the sun:

- Listen to the story, 'George The Sun Safe Superstar':
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T7ghJsZug60>
- Complete activities in the downloadable 'Sun Safe Summer Activity Pack':
<https://www.skcin.org/downloads/SunSafeSummerActivityPack.pdf>
- Learn the song 'Slip Slop Slap':
<https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/resources/slipSlopSlapSong/>



Please could we ask that for those children who are coming into school, that they bring sun-cream and a sunhat with them each day. They should have applied sun-cream prior to coming into school and should be able to reapply their cream independently. They will also need to bring their water bottle each day.

Check-in Survey

We've been trying to stay in contact with as many of our families as possible, although this can be tricky with reduced staffing. Our 'check in survey' is our way of touching base with every family, allowing us to contact you if you need help with anything. Today we launch our second survey; please complete this and let us know how you are getting on and if we can help in any way. We are really keen to know how things are going at home in terms of the work the children have and any thoughts or suggestions of how we could improve this going forwards. Click on the relevant link to complete the survey:

Crossdale families: <https://www.crossdaleschool.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=2375>

Keyworth Primary families: <https://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1451>

Don't forget, you can contact us by emailing contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk or contact@keyworth.notts.sch.uk.

You can also email your child's class teacher directly using the class emails (see above).