

'Keydale' News

Thursday 7th May 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

VE Day

VE Day marked the end of World War 2 – and in turn, the end of Adolf Hitler's reign. As such, it was a cause for celebration all over the world. At 3pm that day, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the nation that the war was over. In London, a crowd of 50,000 celebrated the momentous event in Piccadilly Circus, cheering and waving flags in the street. This year is particularly poignant, given that it's the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

There are resources on the school websites for you to access linked to VE day:

<https://www.crossdaleschool.com/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=2416>

<https://www.keyworth.notts.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1486>



Have you decorated your home? The children who have been in school have made some decorations that we have hung on the gate at Crossdale. We hope that you have a lovely time with your family. Just remember to stay home and stay safe.

Goodbye to Mrs. Stockdale from Crossdale

Mrs. Stockdale, Crossdale's long-standing cook is due to retire on 22nd May 2020. She has worked at Crossdale for an amazing 25 years and has been a school cook for 37 years! We would like to wish her well as she leaves to enjoy a well-earned retirement and we would very much like to include messages from the children in her send off!



If your child attends Crossdale, it would be great they could write a message or create a video message for Mrs Stockdale, or perhaps they'd prefer to make a card! If the message can be sent to school via email, please send it to contact@crossdale.notts.sch.uk. Any cards can be sent to school in the post. In the message, your child / children may want to include what their favourite school meal has been, or wish her well for her retirement.

We ask that any cards or messages are with us by 15th May so that we have a week to collate them, ready to present to her on 22nd May. We will organise a leaving gift and flowers too, to help mark this special occasion.

Thank you in advance for your support, we look forward to seeing and hearing the messages from the children!

A Story a day

Have you seen that stories have been recorded by staff from both schools for the children to watch and listen to? Take a look at <https://www.crossdaleschool.com/blog/?pid=6&nid=31>.

We have another story you may like to read to your child/children, this time from the Nottinghamshire Educational Psychology team. You can take a look by clicking the link: <https://www.crossdaleschool.com/attachments/download.asp?file=2293&type=pdf>

The story is called 'The little Elf who missed his Birthday party'. The story is a therapeutic story to support primary-age children in exploring strong emotions linked to the coronavirus pandemic. Therapeutic stories are designed to help children to explore and understand feelings. The story was written to help children to explore the feelings they may be having and witnessing during the coronavirus situation. There are notes for parents attached to the story, including questions you could use to explore the story.





Check-in Survey

If you haven't yet completed the check-in survey, we would really appreciate you doing this. It is really important for us that you have had the opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings about how things are for you and your children, during this unique time. You can always contact us on the contact@ emails if you have any queries or questions we can help with.

Seeing other people wearing masks

[Click here](#) for a very simple explanation of why people are wearing masks at the moment – this will be especially useful for young children or children with additional needs.

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Fancy a game, anyone?

Can you make an indoor mini-golf course? Have a go at setting up a mini crazy golf course using either a ping-pong ball or even Maltesers and a straw! Each player (or golfer) has a ping-pong ball or Malteser, and a straw to blow the 'ball' around! You set up 'holes' for the participants to play... The 'hole' bit of each hole of crazy mini golf can be created by a semi-circle of paper or cardboard.

Here are some examples of 'holes' you can create, you may have others you can think of too!

Hole 1 – Get the ball / Malteser through a tube (e.g a cardboard tube from kitchen towel) before putting it into the 'hole'

Hole 2 – Create a small ramp by using some strong cardboard propped up to create a slope. At the top of the 'slope' put another 'hole' for players to putt into.

Hole 3 – Get another area of cardboard and straws and blue tac or Sellotape to create a border around 3 of the edges of the cardboard. This is so when a ball / Malteser is 'putted', it won't come off the board.

At one end of the board, create another hand-made 'hole' to putt the Malteser in to. At the opposite end will be the start point for the 'golfers'! Then, using other straws, create a 'zig zag' course so that the Malteser cannot be putted straight into the 'hole' – as in the diagram (or more complex if you want!)

