

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Crossdale News - we hope that you enjoy reading our newsletter; a communication for you with key messages and dates from school.

Please remember to keep checking our [school website](#), as this is where you should be able to find answers to many of the questions you may have.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Cresswell, Mrs. Westie & Miss Seedhouse

## Crossdale to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee!

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we will hold our 'Jubilee Day', ahead of the Bank Holiday celebrations in half term. As part of the day, we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed in red, white and blue to reflect the colours of the Union Jack. We will host activities in school throughout the day, including:

- learning the National Anthem
- creating fabric squares to depict things that may be considered typically English which will then be turned into a new curtain for the hall cupboard (we need parent volunteers to help sew this together! Please speak to Mrs Jones, Mrs Westie or Miss Seedhouse if you can help!)
- a picnic lunch on the field (weather permitting) – more information and booking form [here](#)
- a whole school assembly to learn about the Queen and the Jubilee celebrations
- creative ideas to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee

## Upcoming Events

### May 24

Penguins Class Visit to Sherwood Pines.

### May 25

Crossdale's Jubilee Day

### May 27

Y6 class assembly – parents / carers of Y6 children invited.

Last day of the half term

### June 6

Return to school.  
Y1 Phonic Check Week.  
Y4 Times Table Check between 6<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### June 17

Non-Uniform in exchange for chocolate (ready for tombola).

### June 23

Music Evening 6:30-7:30pm (More information to follow)

### June 24

PTA Football and Fun evening (8<sup>th</sup> July reserve day), from 5pm.

### June 30

SWA Intake days for new Y7 pupils  
1:15-3pm new R children visit

### July 1

SWA Intake days for new Y7 pupils  
9:15-11:45 new R children visit

### July 4

Sports Week

### July 11

Y6 Residential Visit for 2 nights

The PTA are also kindly organising an ice cream van, so that the children can have a sweet treat during the afternoon!

We would also like to invite parents to join us for coffee and cake from 9-10:30am, which will be hosted by our PTA. Additionally, there will be a cake sale for the children after school, for which we would be very grateful for donations of cake to be brought into school on the morning of 25<sup>th</sup> May. Any money raised from these two events, will go to the PTA fundraising pot!



## Year 4 and 5 residential to Ravenstor

The children in Years four and five had a great time in Ravenstor for their one night residential. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including abseiling and fire making, representing Crossdale brilliantly whilst they were out of school.

## Basketball fun for Year 3 and 4 Teams

Our Y3 and Y4 Basketballers recently competed against children from the 'East Leake Globe Trotters' and not only did they have a great time, they both won their matches – well done! The Y3 team won 48-28 and Y4 won 48-22. The Most Valued Player awards went to Henry B in Y3 and Enzo in Y4. Thank you to Mark for his coaching at his Wednesday after school club and for organising the matches for the children to compete in.

## Parent and Carer Survey

Many thanks to those families that were able to complete our recent parent survey. We had 88 responses – more than in previous years, giving us a good sample of parents' views and opinions. We are delighted by the positive comments and feedback we received. For instance:

- 99% of families feel their children are happy at Crossdale
- 99% of families would recommend Crossdale
- 97% of families feel pupils are well behaved
- 100% families say their children feel safe at Crossdale
- 100% families believe Crossdale supports their children's mental health



Excluding 'Don't knows', 17/20 questions received over 95% positive responses. We will be reviewing our practices and procedures in the areas where we received less than 95% positive comments:

- General communication: excluding 'don't knows', 84% families responded positively
- 'I know how to support my child's learning': 92% parents responded positively
- 'The school lets me know how my child is doing': 87% families responded positively

We will let you know about our plans to respond to your feedback, and make Crossdale even better, over the coming weeks – we really value your feedback! All results from the survey have been shared with school governors who were involved in its administration.

We did have one question about the anonymity of our survey. In the past, we have been able to identify all respondents to our survey. This year, all families who completed the survey in school using ipads given out by school governors, did so completely anonymously. Parents who responded to the survey using a link sent out by email, needed their child's Microsoft log in to access the survey - as such

their responses could, in theory, be identified. 83% responses to our survey were anonymous, hopefully increasing the reliability of the findings.

If you have any questions about our survey, or issues you raised when completing it, do not hesitate to get in touch and arrange to come into school.

## New Reception Class

We are currently preparing to welcome our new reception class into the Crossdale family in September. After the restrictions of Covid, it's great to be planning to have parents and children in school as part of their induction. Our new class will be smaller than we usually expect, which is very typical of all local schools who occasionally have smaller cohorts. This is certainly the case at Crossdale, Keyworth Primary and Willow Brook - strangely, the smaller cohorts are not in the same year groups across the three schools. Crossdale currently has more pupils on roll than at any other time in over 20 years and Windmills Childcare tell us that their numbers on roll who will join Crossdale in 2023 are higher than they would typically expect. With several children currently on the waiting list to join other year groups and such high numbers of children in school, we are delighted that so many families are choosing to join Crossdale!

## Sports Week 2022



We are looking forward to our upcoming sports week, starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The Crossdale Sports week is a time where we look to encourage children to participate in a range of different sports, some of which aren't a regular feature of our curriculum. We think about ways to keep healthy and the importance of regular physical activity. Mr. Pharoah is finalising details and we will soon be sending information home to let you know what sports will be

offered to the children during the week. During sports week, we will host our sports day on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, so please note this in your diary as we will have our race events in the morning and potted sports activities in the afternoon; parents / carers are invited to attend both.

## Summer Production 2022

This summer we will be returning to our whole school Crossdale Production. This is a Crossdale tradition and is a fantastic opportunity for children to perform alongside their peers. More information about the production will be coming home in due course, but the dates to note in your diary for performances are:

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon dress rehearsal

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – evening performance

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon performance

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – evening performance

Each child is allocated 2 tickets and tickets are sold on a first-come, first serve basis.



## Year 6 Leavers Events

Traditionally, we always plan some special events for our Year 6 children as they come to the end of their time at Crossdale. This year, we are planning to host:

- the much-loved water fight, followed by something to eat on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July (4-6pm) – Y6 parents / carers are invited to spectate!
- Year 6 leavers lunch on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

- Year 6 Leaver's assembly on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2:45pm – Y6 parents / carers invited

## PTA Events

The PTA have been busily organising events for this term, the first being the sell-out disco this evening! Information about all upcoming events can be found on the website on the [PTA Blog](#) page. Please take a look to make sure you're up-to-speed with what events are coming up!

## School Menu



Our [school dinner menu](#) is available on the website. School dinners are now available to book and pay for on School Money.

## Keyworth Community Food Bank

**Keyworth Community Food Bank**  
Fighting Poverty, Giving Hope

Is food shopping difficult with an ever tightening budget?

Then come and see us at Keyworth Village Hall, Main Entrance

We have lots of food to help support individuals and families. Also cleaning items, toiletries and baby supplies for you to choose from.

**Every Wednesday**  
**2.30pm till 3.30pm**

If you are not able to access the food bank at this time please get in touch.

*Everyone needs a helping hand sometimes...*

Keyworth Community Projects  
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[www.facebook.com/keyworthcommunity](http://www.facebook.com/keyworthcommunity)

Did you know that we have a Food Bank running on Wednesday afternoons? If you're in a position where you are struggling to buy the food you need on an ever tightening budget, please speak to the lovely volunteers at the Keyworth Community Food Bank.

## Reach for the stars!

Well done to all of our pupils who have completed their stamp charts in the last 2 weeks:

Owls: Eric, Harriet, Rosa, Declan, Penelope, Melody, Ben, Sophia, Skye  
Lime: Marie  
Maple: Joey, Amelia, Bailey, Lilly, Thomas, Matilda  
Apple: Orla  
Cherry: Isabelle W, Frankee

## Roll of Honour

Imogen in Year 3 represented Nottinghamshire in the LTA 9&U tennis county cup national finals in Sheffield on 24th April. Imogen was one of a team of 5 girls from across the county who had previously won the regional final in March to secure their place in the final. They played against teams from Yorkshire, Lancashire, Scotland and Cambridgeshire in the final. Notts finished 3rd out of the 5 teams, an amazing achievement! Well done Imogen! Imogen also received the 'most improved player' award in her team in the Keyworth United football club end of season presentations – another fantastic achievement Imogen – a very big well done!

Elijah in our reception class recently completed his stage 1 swimming award. He has also achieved his grade 1 horse riding & has been asked to compete in some competitions. We know that Mummy and Daddy are very proud of you Elijah and we are too – well done!

Isabelle W (Y6) recently chatted to lots of staff and students at Crossdale to see if they share her concern with the environmental impact of plastics (they do!). So she decided to write to the leaders of all major UK supermarkets with her ideas for reducing plastic use. Many of them have now replied. Isabelle is also spending this week counting her family's plastic use as part of this national plan <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>. We know that your parents are very proud of you trying to make a difference and we are too! Well done Isabelle! 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!**