



The Crossways Schools Newsletter 2 5th October 2020



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Dear Families,

We are really pleased to have had such a positive start to the school year. It is amazing how quickly the last month has flown by and how brilliantly the children have settled back in to school and coped with the new routines. We hope that families have found the revised procedures introduced over the past few weeks for pick-ups and drop offs beneficial. Thank you for working with us on this to support with keeping everyone safe on the school sites.

Please do remember:

- Only to arrive during your designated time slots (or those of siblings if you have a child in a different year group in the same school);
- We encourage parents to wear a face mask during pick-up and drop offs – our thanks to many of you who are now wearing them during these times;
- Parents should not congregate outside the gates either before / after dropping off or picking up children from school.

As the weather has turned a little colder, and wetter this week, we do ask that children come to school with a coat every day. A reminder too that children are to arrive in PE kit on their PE days and are advised to also bring a change of clothes with them (just in case they get wet or muddy). Children may also like to wear jogging bottoms rather than shorts as it is a little cold during outside PE.

School Lunches

We have been working closely with the kitchen staff and are delighted that we have now been able to introduce more hot meal options for children. Children continue to eat their lunches in classrooms at present, however we have been able to facilitate a 'take-away' style lunch time service. These are proving really popular, so do take a look if you have not done so already.

School admissions – September 2021

Do you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2021?

A reminder to parents of children who are due to start school in Reception class in September 2021 that the application process is now open and that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2021. Guidance on the process can be found at: www.southglos.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Unfortunately, under the current guidance and restrictions we are not able to hold our usual Open Day sessions for prospective parents. We appreciate this makes applying difficult and want to support parents by providing as much information as we can in different ways. We have updated our website with a whole host of additional information to support parents with making this very important decision.

The website is being updated regularly so do please have a look. For any parents who have any specific questions, please do contact Mrs Stockton (our EYFS Lead) who will be happy to help.

Do you have a child who is due to start in Secondary School in September 2021.

A reminder to parents of children who are due to start school at Secondary School in September 2021 that the application process is now open and that the deadline for applications is 31st October 2020. Guidance on the process can be found at: www.southglos.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Our local secondary schools have also provided additional information for parents which was shared with Y6 parents via the year group email.

Parking/Car Park

You will have noticed that the car park gate is now shut in the mornings as part of our measures to keep everyone safe on the school site. Please remember that the car park is for staff and deliveries only.

Families should ensure they use the pathways and not walk across the car park as a small number of authorised vehicles do require access during this time.

We also ask that parents parking outside the school, do so with consideration to our neighbours. We have been notified that some parents are continuing to park on dropped curbs, over people's driveways or use their driveways to turn around in.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Assemblies

During this term, we have continued to hold daily assemblies. These have either been class based, year groups, or whole school and are held virtually via Microsoft Teams. I thoroughly enjoy my opportunities to speak with the children during assemblies, especially on Friday when we hold our Celebration Assemblies. This is a fantastic opportunity to share and celebrate children's achievements.

The children who have received our Friday awards this term have been:

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
Willow Class	Elise	Daniel	Joseph	Isobel
Oak Class	Ben	Danny	Lacey	Chloe
Juniper Class	Toby	Sofia	Adam	Erin
Maple Class	Harry	Zak	Sophia	Winnie
Hawthorn Class	Harry	Hollie D	Evan	Ollie
Chestnut Class	Amelia	Lisamarie	Theo	Archie
Ash Class	Anna	Luca	Emily	William
Beech Class	Will	Holly	Jessica	Emily

SUPERSTAR AWARD	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
Squirrels class	James	Albert	Matilda	Jacob
Foxes Class	Annabelle	Connor	Jack	Charlie
Hedgehogs Class	Elora	Isaac	Violet	Esme
Moles Class	Seb	Jack T	Alfie	Charlotte

SOARING TO SUCCESS AWARD	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
Willow Class	Mersadieeze			
Oak Class		Amelia		
Juniper Class			Alfie	
Maple Class				Leo

STANDING ON TIPTOES AWARD	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE	WEEK FOUR
Foxes Class	Adama			
Squirrels Class		Spencer		
Moles Class			Maddie	
Hedgehogs class				Martha

Thank you

Finally I would like to end my newsletter with some very big thank yous.

This has been an unusual start to the school year with the many changes within the preventative measures we have in place. I would really like to thank parents for the lovely warm welcome you have given me to Crossways and for working with us during this time. We regularly receive communications from parents and are really grateful your

support. We appreciate parent's understanding of the new procedures and the necessary changes during this term. Thank you for working with us.

I would also like to thank all of the staff who have been absolutely amazing. They have supported the children back to school so brilliantly and despite all the necessary changes to the classrooms and working practices, have kept positive and smiling and striving to do their very best for the children at Crossways.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs N McMahon
Executive Head Teacher

Upcoming Dates:

Tues 6 th Oct	CPTA AGM
Fri 23 rd Oct	End of Term 1
Mon 2 nd Nov	INSET Day 2 – school closed
Tues 3 rd Nov	Start of Term 2
Fri 6 th Nov	Home learning due in
w/b Mon 9 th Nov	Remote parents evenings (dates to be confirmed)
Wed 11 th Nov	Remembrance Day Service
Fri 18 th Dec	End of Term 2
Mon 4 th Jan	Start of Term 3

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Community Learning and Skills Service



*FREE Community Learning courses

Arts & Crafts for Wellbeing

13th October, 10 - 12, Thornbury Library

Food & Mood (Nutrition & Wellbeing)

15th October, 9.30 – 12.30, The Chantry Community Centre

*Accredited First Aid at Work

11th, 18th & 25th November, 9.30 – 12.00, The Chantry Community Centre

Where:	Thornbury
How long:	Ranging from 1 day to 3 weeks
Starts:	October/November

For further details and to book your place, please contact [Anneliese Goodare](mailto:Anneliese.Goodare@southglos.gov.uk), Community Learning Development Worker on 01454 864613 or email anneliese.goodare@southglos.gov.uk

* For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work

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ENGLAND
United Kingdom

 Community Learning
and Skills Service

 South Gloucestershire
Council

INDIVIDUAL TUITION

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

One-on-one tuition with experienced tutors. Individual tuition is an ideal way:

- ✓ To learn something new
- ✓ To prepare for something specific
- ✓ To become excellent in your art form



FROM £15 FOR 30 MINUTES*

* IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT IN A LESSON, THE COST WILL INCREASE.

"Balpa is a fun and encouraging environment for my child, we've been attending classes for 5 years now. My daughter has learnt so much, it's boosted her confidence and most of all she thoroughly enjoys her lessons every week!" - S.G.

balpa SINGS!

GROUP VOCAL LESSONS FOR ALL AGES

4-6 STUDENTS PER GROUP
GROUPS AVAILABLE MON-THU
INDIVIDUAL TUITION AS WELL AS TUITION ON HARMONIES, TECHNIQUES ETC.
WEEKLY AND BI-WEEKLY OPTIONS AVAILABLE

ABOUT BALPA

Based in Thornbury, Bristol, BALPA opened its doors in 2011 and offers high quality arts training to those age 4-18 years.

All courses are based at the premier arts facility Caedmon Complex on Bristol Road which includes dance studio, performance venue, recording studio and more!

All courses and lessons are taught by experienced and enthusiastic tutors. All tutors are DBS checked and have a heart to see young people excel in performing arts.



COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES ARE IN PLACE THROUGHOUT THE PREMISES TO PROTECT OUR STUDENTS AND OUR STAFF. A COPY OF OUR MEASURES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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BRISTOL ACADEMY OF LIVE PERFORMING ARTS

CLASSES 2020/21



STREET DANCE // CONTEMPORARY DANCE
MUSICAL THEATRE // VOCALS // INSTRUMENTS

STREET DANCE

FOR YR-Y13



ACCREDITED EXAMS
THESE ARE OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES
FULLY EQUIPPED DANCE STUDIO & PERFORMANCE VENUE

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

FOR Y6-Y11



COURSE FEES - £90 PER TERM*

- ✓ Discount available via standing order
- ✓ Bursary Funding available (contact us for details)
- ✓ Discounts available for returning students

* LET'S TELL A STORY - £5 PER LESSON OR £45 PER TERM

CLASSES

STREET DANCE

YR-Y2	Juniors	Thu	4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM}
Y3-Y6	Intermediates	Wed	4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM}
Y7-Y9	Pre-Seniors	Wed	5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM}
Y10+	Seniors	Mon	6 ^{PM} - 7 ^{PM}

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Y6-Y11	Mon	5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM}
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MUSICAL THEATRE

Y4-Y8	Mon	4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM}
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LET'S TELL A STORY...

3&4 YEAR OLDS	Tue	1.30 ^{PM} - 2.30 ^{PM}
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PLEASE NOTE ALL CLASSES ARE DEPENDENT ON NUMBERS.

BOOK NOW

- Phone: Call 01454 414880
- Email: info@balpa.uk
- Website: www.balpa.uk

MUSICAL THEATRE

SINGING, DANCING & ACTING FOR Y4 - Y8



"My daughter has had classes at BALPA for a number of years and has really benefited from individual tuition and encouragement. BALPA always look out for lots of performance opportunities to build confidence and stage skills. I would recommend them to anyone whose child is interested in the performing arts." - G.B.

LET'S TELL A STORY...

Is your child 3 or 4 years old? Do they love stories?

Come and join us as we encourage young minds to explore and grow through the arts of storytelling, acting and dance. We have created a safe space for your child to explore the depths of their imagination, let their creative juices flow and learn basic techniques in the performing arts. We want your child to escape into a world of make-believe whilst bringing a variety of classic stories to life.

