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Dear Parent,

I hope that everyone has a lovely Easter holiday and that we might all enjoy some proper Spring weather after these wintery few days!

As always, there are more photos on the Facebook Page for many of the events mentioned below. If you have not already seen this, do have a look at our page, and perhaps you could add to our 'likes' (we are now over 300!)

Staff Changes

At the end of this term Mrs Alderton, one of our Teaching Assistants in the Infant School, will be leaving us. Mrs Alderton has decided to have a change in career after working in both schools for over five years. We would like to thank her for her care for all of the children and families in the years that she has been with us. Our caretaker, Mr Peters, has announced his retirement at the end of Term 5 after many years working as initially the Infant caretaker before taking on both schools' caretaking roles about eight years ago. I'll say a little more about Mr Peters in a newsletter at the end of May.

We would like to thank both Mrs Alderton and Mr Peters for their hard work during their time at Crossways and wish them all the best for the future.

Term Dates

Please see the dates list at the end of this newsletter for information about term dates until the end of the year and the remaining two INSET days. We have arranged these so that parents can choose to have a long weekend holiday either in May or in June using these INSET days without impacting on their children's attendance.

A more detailed list of the events planned for Term 5 and 6 will be sent out to parents after the Easter break.



Year 1 Performance

Well done to Year 1 for their fantastic performance of the 'Litter Muncher'. Their play taught people about looking after their environment and not dropping litter. Year 1 clearly shared the message that it is everyone's responsibility to put rubbish in the bin and care for where they live. The year 1 children sang beautifully and were fantastic actors and narrators- amazing for children of 5 and 6 years old. The local Thornbury Litter Buster volunteer group who attended were very impressed by the key messages and performances. Thank you for the

£140 raised in the collection. All monies will go to the South Western Air Ambulance service as children decided these were amazing local superheroes.

Thank you also to the whole of the Year 1 team for their hard work in helping the children put on such a great performance.

S.T.E.M Day

On the 27th and 28th March the whole of Crossways took part in different S.T.E.M activities run by Miss Ayotte and MOD S.T.E.M ambassadors. There were many different activities, from tower and bridge building in EYFS, Bottle Rocket Battle Ships in Year 1 and 2, Fan Boats in Year 3 and 4, Lego Mindstorm Robots in Year 5 and Periscope making (with laser testing) in Year 6.

All the children had an amazing day discovering how to apply different S.T.E.M skills as well as use their collaboration skills to create amazing projects. The MOD S.T.E.M ambassadors were very impressed with



the children's S.T.E.M knowledge and how they listened and improved their creations.
Well done Crossways, we are S.T.E.M superstars!
Miss Ayotte

In the Summer term, Miss Ayotte is hoping to organise an assembly where we ask special guests to present to our pupils in the Junior School.

The theme of the assembly will be based around jobs in the STEM sector. If you work within the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics sectors and are happy to give a short presentation to our pupils about how you use these subjects in your job and answer a few questions, then we want to hear from you! Could anyone able to help, please email Miss Ayotte via the school office with your name and profession.

Chair of Governors Message

It has been another busy term, particularly for the Pupil Development committee who have been looking at the year group data from half way through this academic year, to monitor the children's progress in all of their learning. The committee has also ensured that the schools are making the most of the provision they have for children who need additional support, including reviewing the actions being taken for these children to ensure they are having the desired impact.

I have also attended a school council meeting in the Juniors, where the council members were very well organised and asked me some great questions about being a governor, in return I asked them some questions to understand more about what is important to the pupils. Next term I will be attending a meeting in the Infants and will be working further with the Juniors School Council on a joint project for the Governors and School Council for the summer term.

I can't believe we are already two thirds of the way through the year; that said I think the children and staff alike are ready for a well-deserved break!

I hope you all have opportunity for some downtime with your families over the Easter holidays and I look forward to seeing you next term.

Mrs Aiken-Jones



Crossways Juniors Eisteddfod

Last week we held the Crossways Junior Eisteddfod. This involved the children entering different categories from photography and animation to musical theatre and keyboards. Mrs Vinson and Mrs Churchill arranged all of the categories and invited members of staff to judge the entries for particular categories. We were all very pleased with the number of children who entered one or more category and were impressed with the very high quality of entries. The week before the Eisteddfod assemblies the entries for each category were judged and the first, second and third chosen. These were announced during an Eisteddfod assembly on Wednesday afternoon last week. The winning entries were also showcased on Thursday evening in an Eisteddfod performance for the parents. Well done to everyone who took part in the Eisteddfod and to those who received a certificate and badge; it does show what a range of talent there is at Crossways. Please use the link to see a full

list of winners: <https://www.crosswaysschools.co.uk/cjs/eisteddfod-winners-2019/>

News from School Council

Orange Day on Friday 22nd March was a great success, with many orange accessories and the occasional orange head! We raised a fantastic £330 which will be sent to the Lifeboat charity.

In other news, the school council met with Mrs Aiken-Jones, the Chair of Governors, recently. The school councillors had worked hard to prepare a list of probing questions such as how would Mrs Aiken-Jones rate her job as a Governor out of 5 and why (it was a 5!), and what was the average annual income of the school and where did the money go!

In return Mrs Aiken-Jones asked the school council many questions, e.g. what they liked best about the school (the learning, the friendliness and the school trips) and what if anything the children were worried about (starting new clubs and the gazebo floor)! This was a really good opportunity for an excellent exchange of ideas, which was enjoyed by everyone. The school councillors will be doing an assembly on Mrs Aiken-Jones's visit.

This has been yet another very busy term for the exceptionally hard working Junior school council so they will be taking a rest now and allowing another school council to be elected. Perhaps children who have not

served on a junior school council could ponder over the Easter holidays as to whether they would be interested. Thank you.

Easter Egg Hunts

By the time you read this newsletter the children will have taken part in the Easter Egg Hunts arranged by the CPTA. I know that a lot of work and time is put into organising the hunts for both schools and can see how much fun the children have whilst taking part. Thank you to the CPTA volunteers for these hunts today and for all of their hard work this term in putting on different events and raising money for the schools.



The CPTA colouring competition details have been sent home with your children today and there is a letter below regarding a summer fayre fund-raising opportunity.

Crossways Sport

Netball: The netball team played St John's on 26th March. Both teams were well matched and it led to a very exciting game. Crossways took an early lead with some very confident shooting but in the end St John's won 5-4. Crossways showed, as always, a great sense of team spirit throughout and really enjoyed the game. Player of the match was Tia Butler for her endless energy and excellent netball skills in all positions she played.

Tag Rugby: Last Thursday afternoon, Crossways A and B tag rugby teams went to St. Mary's School for the local cluster tournament. Each team played four games over the afternoon and produced some memorable moments. Mrs. Beurschgens was especially impressed with the tactical improvement from Crossways B team who managed to record 1 defeat and 3 wins. Crossways A played with a fantastic team spirit by working hard for, and constantly encouraging, each other. At the end of their matches, they had 2 defeats and 2 wins to their name. The tries were spread throughout both teams and the support play was nothing short of fantastic.

Mrs. Beurschgens would like to nominate the entire squad as Players of the Tournament, as they were all a joy to watch.

Football: Crossways boys went into the game against St Mary's Yate on 21st March needing a win and a draw from the last two games to secure their second league title of the season. The team were caught cold, however and were soon trailing 0-1. St Mary's aggressive pressing and good movement created an opening, which they finished in lethal style. Crossways were struggling with the high tempo physical approach of the opposition and found themselves losing 0 -3 at the break. The team regrouped at half time and despite feeling quite dejected, managed to lift themselves for the second half. They matched St Mary's in every department and gradually began to get a hold of the game. Finally, the pressure told with Dan C finishing with aplomb into the top corner from the edge of the box. Crossways continued to be positive, despite the physicality of the game. With 5 minutes left, Sam teed himself up with his back to goal before turning and smashing his volley, in off the underside of the bar. Crossways were really fired up now. The constant pressure resulted in Dan C being brought down in the box by a clumsy challenge. Penalty with 1 minute remaining! Sam stepped up and smashed the penalty in off the post to pull level. The game finished 3-3! What an amazing fightback. Sam was Player of the Match for fantastic determination and brilliant finishing.

On Thursday, Crossways faced Christ Church Juniors (Downend) away, in the semi-final of the South Glos cup. It was a very close game of nip and tuck throughout. Christ Church took the lead after a decisive move on 8 minutes. There were not many other chances, as both teams cancelled each other out. Just before half time, Sam battled past several Christ Church players in the middle, bursting into the penalty area. Dan C's movement pulled a couple of players out of position at the last moment, allowing Sam to find the extra split second to poke the ball beyond the advancing keeper. 1-1! The second half continued in the same vein- Crossways went close when Sam's lob hit the post, but the whole of the ball didn't quite cross the line. The game went into extra time, but neither team was able to break the deadlock. The dreaded penalties loomed... Christ Church were first to crack under the pressure, missing their final penalty, leaving Crossways with the chance to win. Unfortunately, it was missed... sudden death! Both teams scored again. Crossways scored to equalise... but no! The ref wanted it retaken as the whistle hadn't gone. The Christ Church keeper managed to claw the retaken penalty away. Crossways had come so close, but ultimately lost 4-3 on penalties. Player of the Match was Max, for showing extraordinary energy and resilience, despite being injured.



The very next afternoon, the team had to pick themselves up for their last league game(away), vs a strong Watermore team. Despite starting well and controlling the game, Crossways went behind after a cross found its way into the top corner. Crossways responded brilliantly though, with Dan C finishing well. Dan went on to score twice more to put the result beyond doubt. Another fantastic performance, that secured the League title for Crossways. Dan C was Player of the Match for scoring a superb hat-trick.

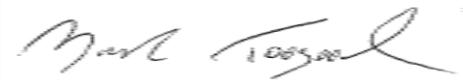
On Monday, Crossways travelled to Manorbrook for a friendly football match. Both teams started brightly, with chances at both ends. Crossways gradually began to take control and the increasing pressure resulted in an own goal from one of the Manorbrook defenders. 0-1 Crossways. The team carried on their dominance into the second half, with Caesar finishing after a mazy run. Tia scored a similar goal to make it 0-3 and take her own personal tally to 17 for the season! Crossways survived a late flurry from Manorbrook, to see out the 0-3 victory. Player of the Match was James H, for a dominant midfield display.

Last Friday, Crossways girls' football team faced St Michael's at home. Crossways started very brightly, creating several chances and penning St Michael's into their own half. Tia opened the scoring, slotting home from close range. She soon added a second and Crossways went in at the break 2-0. Tia completed her second hat-trick in as many games shortly after the break. Many more chances were created, but it was St Michael's who scored next, with their first real attempt. A quick break, followed by a clinical finish from the striker made it 3-1. It was business as usual for Tia though, as she scored her 4th with a couple of minutes left. Crossways 4-1 St Michael's. Tia was Player of the Match for her amazing finishing.

The girls had a quick turnaround, with a game on Monday away to The Ridge. The game was quite close, before Tia broke free and slammed the ball home for a 1-0 lead. Crossways were now on top and the pressure eventually told with Tia scoring a second and third- 3 hat-tricks in 3 games! Player of the match was Izzy, for a calm and accomplished captain's performance in defence. The girls are currently top of their league and will be crowned champions if other results go their way.

Well done to all the children who have been involved in the two teams this season and a big thank you to Mr Carrick for his time and hard work organising the teams and the fixtures throughout the year.

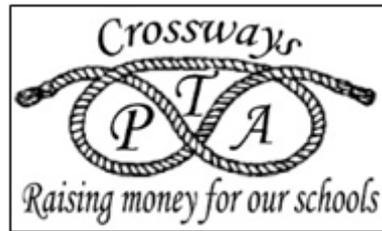
Yours sincerely



Mr M Toogood
Executive Headteacher

Upcoming Dates:

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| 5 th Apr | CPTA Easter Treasure Hunts End of Term 4 |
| 23 rd Apr (Tues) | Start of Term 5 |
| 25 th Apr | Yr 3 Cricket sessions start with external coach |
| 26 th Apr | Yr 4 Ukulele sessions start |
| 3 rd May | INSET Day 4 |
| 6 th May | May Day Bank Holiday |
| 13 th May | Yr 6 National Tests week starts |
| 21 st May | Lifebus Education visits (until Fri 24 th May) End of Term 5 |
| 3 rd June | Start of Term 6 |
| 28 th June | INSET Day 5 |
| 23 rd July | End of Term 6 |



Dear parents/carers,

Have you ever wanted to help raise funds for our school but have been unable to due to lack of time or other commitments? Well here is your opportunity to get involved with the minimum of effort. For this year's summer fayre the CPTA have teamed up with Chappell and Matthews to offer a new fundraising opportunity which is simple for everyone to get involved in.

Chappell and Matthews have agreed to sponsor us to put up advertising boards outside our homes for two weeks before the summer fayre. All you have to do is enter your details on this link by 29th April:

[Click here to sign up](#)

What you need to know:

- The school will receive £10 per board (1 per household)
- The board will contain the Chappell and Matthews logo and an advert for the summer fayre.
- You need to sign up by April 29th
- The board will be up for two weeks. 20/5 to 4/6 or 4/6 to 24/6 depending on how many people sign up
- You can enter special instructions for the team situating the boards
- Your address and special instructions will be the only information passed on to Chappell & Matthews. All other details will be held securely in the database and deleted once the boards are taken down.

Chappell and Matthews will also be running a colouring competition with prizes for the winning entries and they will be helping out at the fayre.

We think you'll agree that this is a massive fundraising opportunity for Crossways. Please support us if you can.

The CPTA

News from the Community



Reach is a free and fun programme for families with children and young people aged 4-16 years who are above a healthy weight

Reach group programmes:

Reach offers two types of family group programmes: 4-11 years and 11+ years. The sessions are free and usually run for 10 weeks at a leisure centre or other community settings. Here are the details for programmes starting April/May 2019:



| Programme location | Start date | Time | Programme length |
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| Thornbury Leisure Centre | Tuesday 30 th April 2019 | 4:00pm-5:15pm | 10 weeks <small>(excluding half term)</small> |



| Programme location | Start date | Time | Programme length |
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| Kingsmeadow@Made Forever Kingswood | Thursday 2 nd May 2019 | 4:30pm-6pm | 9 weeks <small>(excluding half term)</small> |

Referral criteria:

Any child referred needs to:

- Live in South Glos. or registered at a GP surgery in South Glos. and
- Have a BMI above the 91st centile (a parent/carer is concerned about their child's weight or the young person themselves)

Referrals:

- Parents/carers can self-refer
- Practitioners and health professionals can also refer

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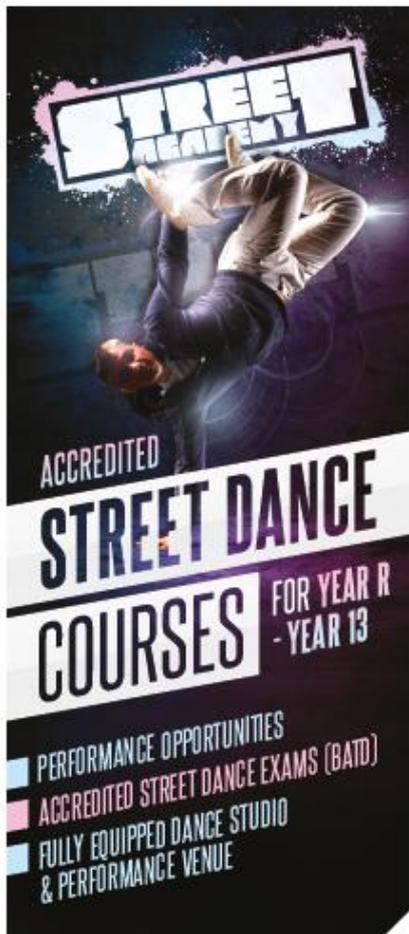


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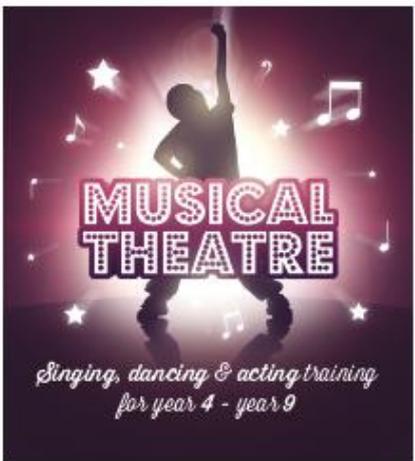
| STREET DANCE | | | |
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| YR-Y2 | Juniors | Thu | 4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM} |
| Y3-Y5 | Intermediates | Wed | 4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM} |
| Y6-Y8 | Pre-Seniors 1 | Tue | 5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM} |
| Y6-Y8 | Pre-Seniors 2 | Wed | 5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM} |
| Y9+ | Seniors | Mon | 6 ^{PM} - 7 ^{PM} |
| CONTEMPORARY DANCE | | | NEW FOR 14/18 |
| Y5-Y11 | | Mon | 5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM} |
| MUSICAL THEATRE | | | |
| Y4-Y9 | | Mon | 4 ^{PM} - 5 ^{PM} |
| BALPA SINGS! A FUN CREATIVE CHOIR | | | NEW FOR 14/18 |
| Y4-Y13 | | Thu | 5 ^{PM} - 6 ^{PM} |

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