



# The Crossways Schools Newsletter 9



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4<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Families,

I do hope that you were able to enjoy some of the lovely weather over the Bank Holiday weekend and the extra day for children and families provided by the INSET.

It has been a fantastic start to the new term. The children returned to school happily and have settled quickly. Following the many challenges and changes brought on by Covid-19 this year, the children have coped brilliantly showing just how resilient they are and have all developed many new skills throughout the period of home learning. Our staff are working hard to support the children with catching up on lost learning time – this has been helped considerably by the support of parents and all your hard work during lockdown. We greatly appreciate everything you are doing and the great wealth of support we receive from the parents at Crossways. I am sure you would want to join me in thanking our amazing staff for everything they have done this year (and continue to do), putting children at the heart of everything we do.

As you know, we have Parents' Evenings this week. You will receive an email from your child's class teacher with the link to the meeting and some guidance. We know from the Parents' Evening Survey that our last remote Parents' Evenings were really successful and families enjoyed the opportunity of speaking with the class teacher and found the process easy and straightforward. I do hope you find them as successful this time and an important opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher.

As we have entered the new term, we have continued to enjoy some lovely weather and to make the most of the fantastic outdoor space that we enjoy at Crossways. We have also been pleased to start some of our extra curricular after school activities. We will continue to review the current guidance from the Department of Education and the Local Authority with regards to Covid-19 restrictions, and will endeavour to offer further activities when we are able to in line with guidance at the time.

## **Crossways PTA Fundraising:**

Our marvellous CPTA continue to look for inventive ways to raise funds for the school whilst keeping within the current Covid-19 restrictions and guidance. We are extremely grateful for all the hard work that they put into designing, planning and leading a range of activities for children and families.

Last term the CPTA ran a book challenge. 47 children took part in the challenge across the schools and raised a fabulous £1674.66! The proceeds of the event, together with the allowance the school receives, means we have been able to buy an incredible number of new books for the children across the Infant and Junior School. My sincere thanks both to the CPTA and everyone who took part in the challenge.



## COVID-19 updates:

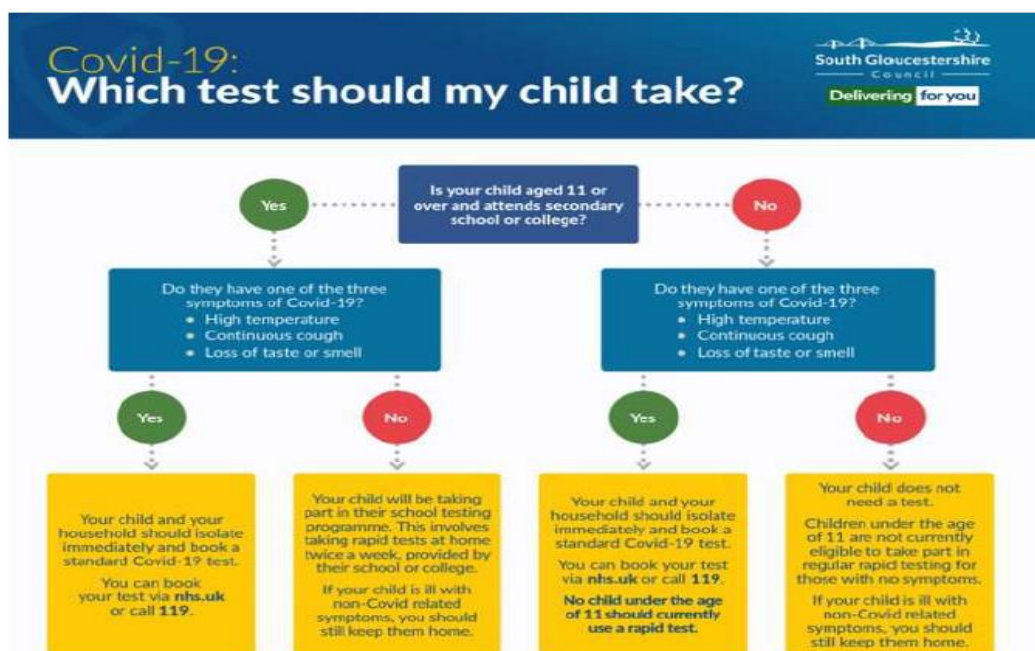
As you will be aware, it remains important that we follow guidance, and where necessary, get tested and self-isolate. If you or your child have any of the three main Covid-19 symptoms then you should isolate immediately and get tested.

Our staff continue to take part in the voluntary testing programme for Covid-19, which involves completing a lateral flow device (LFD) test twice a week. If the result of a LFD test is positive, it does need to be followed up with a PCR test. However, whilst this is being carried out (and as a precautionary measure) following contact tracing, children and staff in the affected bubble would be asked to isolate. In this instance, we would contact parents to let you know.

Please remember that LFDs are only for adults and secondary age pupils and should not be used as a test at home if you have Covid symptoms.

If your child is unwell and have symptoms other than the three Covid-19 symptoms, they should not come to school until they are feeling better. They should not be tested using LFD or PCR tests (unless one or more of the three main Covid-19 symptoms are present).

You may find the following guidance from the Local Authority helpful:



## Celebration Certificates:

These children have been awarded our certificates during Celebration Assemblies so far this term:

STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD	23.4.21
Willow Class	Alfie
Oak Class	Angel
Juniper Class	Ryan
Maple Class	Jake
Hawthorn Class	Ellis
Chestnut Class	Ashley
Ash Class	Jake
Beech Class	Maria

SUPERSTAR AWARD	23.4.21
Squirrels class	Emma
Foxes Class	Jenson
Hedgehogs Class	Poppy
Moles Class	Aubrey & Seth
Badgers Class	Theo
Rabbits Class	Stanley

	SOARING TO SUCCESS AWARD 23.4.21	STANDING ON TIPTOE AWARD 23.4.21	PACKER PLATE 23.4.21
Ash Class	Alfie		Autumn
Hedgehogs Class		Jack	Harry

## **Join the Crossways team?:**

Are you interested in being part of the Crossways team? We are looking for casual lunchbreak supervisors to be available to work in both schools. If you are interested then please contact the school offices for an application form or for more information.



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## **Lunchbreak Supervisor Casual contracts available May 13 (£9.62 per hour)**

The Lunchbreak Supervisor role will include responsibility for supervising children whilst eating their lunch and when playing, either inside or outside (weather permitting).

Casual contracts will be on an ad-hoc basis, offered on weekdays from 11.45 – 1.15. We will contact you when we have work available on a casual basis and will ask you if you are available to work. We will try to give you as much notice as possible when offering work to you.

We are looking for someone who is:

- Flexible, calm and well organised.
- Proactive and able to actively engage with pupils and activities.
- Able to take initiative.
- Sensitive towards the needs of all pupils.
- Able to work well with other people in a team.
- Approachable and a good communicator.
- Willing to attend relevant training.

Please contact the school office on [infantschool@crossways.org.uk](mailto:infantschool@crossways.org.uk) or 01454 867280 for further details and an application form.

The closing date is **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am.**

Interviews are planned for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May.

*The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.*

### Upcoming Dates:

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - EYFS classes
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - Y1 classes Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y5 Summer Sports  Parents' Evening
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club – Crossways Infants Y2 Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y6 Summer Sports  Parents' Evening
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - EYFS classes
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - Y1 classes Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y5 Summer Sports
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club – Crossways Infants Y2 Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y6 Summer Sports
Mon 17 & Tues 18 May	Virtual Life Bus for whole school
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - EYFS classes
Weds 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - Y1 classes Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y5 Summer Sports
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club – Crossways Infants Y2 Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y6 Summer Sports
Mon 24 & Tues 25 May	Virtual Life Bus for whole school
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - EYFS classes
Weds 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club for Crossways Infants - Y1 classes Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y5 Summer Sports
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Future Stars club – Crossways Infants Y2 Future Stars clubs for Crossways Juniors – Y6 Summer Sports
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term 5
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term 6
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day 5 – this is a disaggregated INSET day and staff training has taken place in twilight training sessions throughout the year.



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We believe that education is for life. It helps us to make sense of the world, our place within it and how we can contribute to it. But it's also about making a difference. Our curriculum is broad and vibrant. Our community is dynamic and forward thinking. We encourage difference and embrace diversity. And we never forget the importance of fun, enjoyment and inclusivity in all that we do.

We don't have one size fits all approach or predetermined path. We are a mix of many different personalities, but are all on the same journey of discovery and united by the belief that we can make a positive difference to the world around us.

We believe in the strength of the human spirit, the brilliance of the human mind and, above all, that

**Everything Is Possible.**



Join us during our week of Open Mornings  
Monday 17 - Friday 21 May 2021  
Book a place at [www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.stroudhigh.gloucs.sch.uk)

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## We are Caring for Communities and People



### Family & Parenting Support for the Whole Family

#### The support we offer includes:

- Positive parenting (1:1 & group)
- Positive play and attachment
- Befriending & mentoring
- School readiness & transition
- Understanding the needs and behaviour of your child
- Family relationships mediation
- Child well-being and healthy lifestyles
- Connecting communities and people

## We are Caring for Communities and People

Family and parenting support for children, young people and families throughout South Gloucestershire

*"Being a single parent is hard at times and it can be a lonely place. The CCP Family team supported me in my own home with behaviour strategies for my children, and they helped me to meet other mums in the local community. I feel much more confident now."*



# South Gloucestershire Community Learning and Skills Service



## Free\* Adult Courses

Starting April & May 2021

Thornbury

Digital Skills for Work	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.45-11.45am
Intro to Working in a School	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 9.30-11.30am
Gardening for Wellbeing	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon
Rethink Your Career Path	Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon
Family Upcycling for the Environment	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon

\*subject to eligibility

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