

**KERESFORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER April / May 2017**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term which plans to be extremely busy. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and enjoyed the break. Although it was not as warm throughout as the first weekend it was dry! As I hope the weather does warm up over the next few weeks please can I ask that you ensure that your child's name is in all their clothing. We are getting a lot of cardigans and jumpers being left around and if they are named I do return them to the rightful owners but more often than not most uniform has no name in it.

As many of you will see we have had new doors to separate the main part of school from the office area. You will now find it difficult to exit school through the front doors after 8.50am. School starts for the children at 8.50am and by this time they should be in their classroom and ready to start work. Please can I ask that unless you need to speak to the class teacher you leave your child at the classroom door and begin to exit the building. Your child should now be well settled into the routine of their classroom and should be able to get on independently with the activities set by the staff. If your child arrives late to school; after 8.50am, they will need to enter by the front door. They will need to give their school lunch order to Mrs Osborne and be expected to make their own way to the cloakroom and onto the classroom. In order to keep children safe throughout the school day these internal doors will be kept on a secure lock. Parents waiting for children during the school day will need to wait in the entrance area.

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**School Crossing—Please can I also remind you that there will be no Crossing Patrol on  
Friday 28th or Tuesday 2nd May.**  
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Thank you for all your support last half term .

School council managed to raise £502.79 for Red Nose Day. Thank you to everyone who entered the 'Name the Baby' competition. The overall winner was Serenity Brown in Class Zebra.

The Easter Egg Hunt raised £190.00, the winner of the competition was Isabelle Saunders in Class Lion. This is the school councils fund raising in order to purchase an outside gym fitness area. They have researched that they will need to raise around £9,000 in order to get the equipment they want. They have produced a promotional video and are in the process of applying for grants. Hopefully they will see the money thermometer increase which they have placed on the school council notice board as funding comes in. Watch out for other events they have planned for the coming term.

Thank you to everyone who also supported the PTA 'Mother 's Day gift event. It was once again very successful and I am sure that many of you appreciated your little gifts.

As we are at the start of a very busy term I have tried to include as many dates on the reverse of this letter so that many of you can plan your time and know what is happening in school. We have tried to avoid clashes with visits out but at times this is unavoidable.

Thank you for your continued support.

H.Otley  
Headteacher

Please note that with effect from September Breakfast Club will increase to £3.00 per day and After School Club to £8.00 per day. We haven't increased these charges for a number of years and we have tried to keep the increase to a minimum. This service has to be self funding and cannot be subsidised through the School's budget allocation. Due to current demand we will be unable to offer places for a short time at reduced costs.

J Dodson  
School Business Manager



## Diary Dates

24th April	School returns after the Easter break
27th April	Author Tom Palmer in school working with classes on creative writing
28th April	<b>NO CROSSING PATROL</b>
1st May	May Bank Holiday—School Closed one day
2nd May	School reopens <b>NO CROSSING PATROL</b>
8th May-11th May	Year 6 Sat's week.
17th May	Class Cheetah Ignite project starts (6 weeks Wednesday afternoons) dealing
and	coping with emotions.
26th May	Break up Spring Bank
Monday 5th June	INSET day
Tuesday 6th June	School reopens
7th June	Class Giraffe, Zebra and Meerkat visit to Civic in Barnsley
8th June	Class Cheetah Transition Day at Dodworth Methodist Church
12th –16th June	Year 1 phonics screening
17th June	Dodworth Garden Party Choir singing 3pm
19th—23rd June	Bikeability Year 5 children
22nd June	Class Leopard to Elsecar Music festival
27th June	Y1-6 Sport's day parents from 1.15pm on school field weather permitting
28th June	Class Zebra and Meerkat Sport's day 9.15am on the school field
28th June	Class Giraffe Sport's day 10.30am on school field
28th June	Class Gazelle Emmanuel Church
3rd July	Class Cheetah Barnsley Bowl
7th July	Year 6 leavers assembly 9.30am. Doors open 9.15am
10th—14th July	Transition week in school.
21st July	Break up for Summer