

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another month is over and Autumn is definitely on it's way. We have lots planned over the coming weeks. I know for many of you school is a complete mystery and your child can't remember what they have done by the end of the school day. We are trying to let you know what goes on in school and in each classroom by putting things on the school 'Twitter' page. Teachers show the children's work and things that are happening in school. If you want to know some of the things that happen you need to follow 'Keresforth Primary School'.

I am sure you are all aware that last month the school under went an 'Ofsted' inspection. I would like to thank everyone who took their time to either speak to the inspector, complete the parent view or write a letter. As you know Keresforth Primary School continues to be a good school and all the staff are extremely proud to work here and be part of the Dodworth and Gilroyd community. We are aware that there are still things we need to work on and we will continue to strive to ensure that your child fulfils their potential and receives the best educational start we can give.

In order to do this though, we do at times, need parental help and support. One of the areas for improvement was school attendance and this is down to parents. As of today school attendance is running at 94.6% which is well below the national expectation of 97%. There is a clear link between poor school attendance and lack of academic achievement by the time children leave school. The impact starts at an early age as the curriculum moves so fast and missing even a couple of days can have a negative impact on your child reaching their full potential. The school is working with the local Education Welfare Officer to try to improve school attendance and if your child's attendance drops below 96% you will be informed and you will need to provide medical evidence for any further absences. This can be in the form of seeing the child's named antibiotic bottle, appointment cards and dates for the child, medical text evidence. If this is not seen we will be un-authorising the absence. Holidays taken during term time will continue to be unauthorised and if your child's attendance does not show an improvement fines may be issued.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

H. Otley

**PTA**

This term the PTA, have got together to organise lots of events for the children to participate in. These events raise money which they spend on the children. In the past they have bought lights for the school discos, contributed to the outside musical instruments and purchased outdoor play equipment. This year they have donated £1,000 for the new outdoor gym equipment the school council are raising funds for.

The success of these events is only down to everyone who gives their time freely and everyone who supports them. Please try to support some of the many events which are planned over the coming term, these include the school disco, wrap a present, family photo evening. Dates and times of these events are listed on the website and on the reverse of this letter.

## Diary Dates

4th October	Class Triceratops and Velociraptor Egyptian Day Workshop
6th October	Y5/6 Musicians to Horizon for Rock Band workshop
16th October	Class Velociraptor to Horizon for Polar science workshop
17th October	Class Triceratops to Horizon for Polar science workshop
18th October	Class Velociraptor to Barnsley Museum Egyptian Workshop
18th October	Class Spinosaurus to Horizon for Polar science workshop
19th October	Class Stegosaurus to Horizon for Polar science workshop
19th October	Class Triceratops to Barnsley Museum Egyptian workshop
19th October	PTA Family Photo evening
20th October	Class Iguanodon to Horizon for Polar science workshop
20th October	PTA disco 6pm-7.30pm
23rd October	Class Brachiosaurus and Y3 from Diplodocus Fire safety talk
25th October	Non-Uniform day 'Bring a tin for Barnsley Food bank'
27th October	Year 1-6 Harvest assembly 9.00am start all welcome.
27th October	Break up for half term
6th November	INSET Day
7th November	Children back to school
8th November	Class Velociraptor 'Crucial Crew' Rotherham
9th November	Flu vaccination Reception children to Year 4
14th November	Parents evening
16th November	Parents evening
24th November	PTA—PJ film night for Y1 to Y4
27th November	Class Diplodocus and Brachiosaurus 'Stone Age to Iron Age' day
1st December	Christmas Fayre 6pm
10th December	Choir singing 6pm at Village Carol concert at Methodist Church
13th December	KS2 Christmas performance in the school hall 1.45pm
14th December	KS2 Christmas performance in the school hall 1.45pm
15th December	Class Dinosaur and T Rex Christmas performance in The Chapel 9.30am
15th December	KS1 Christmas performance in the school hall 1.45pm
18th December	Year 1—6 Pantomime at The Lamproom
19th December	Christmas dinner Whole school
19th December	PTA 'Wrap a present room' £2 per gift
20th December	PTA 'Wrap a present room' £2 per gift
20th December	Class Dinosaur Christmas party—am
20th December	Class T Rex, Spinosaurus, Iguanodon and, Stegosaurus Christmas party pm
21st December	Class Brachiosaurus and Diplodocus Christmas party pm
22nd December	Class Triceratops and Velociraptor Christmas party pm
22nd December	Break up
8th January	Children back to school

