

19/8/2018

Dear CXYP Participants, Parents and Carers,

In our first newsletter of the 2018/19 season, you will find dates for the first term, news from our summer event, information on session payments and details about our new S1 drama group.



Participants from Three Plays in Three Days 2018

Announcements

It was another fabulous three days for the participants of our annual summer workshop, with plays ranging from murder mysteries to Bigfoot expeditions. A big thank you goes to our group leaders: Angus Allison and David Ross, who made this event a real success. Thank you also to the parents and carers who came along to support us, as well as our parent volunteers who gave up their precious time to ensure the event ran smoothly.



Thank you!



The entire CXYP Management Team would like to express their gratitude to Skye Watson for her dedication and enthusiasm this past season. Skye was the first to bring both primary groups together for a public performance. Her production of *Alice's Adventures* delighted audiences with its big musical numbers and terrific costumes. Both groups have benefited greatly from her passion and expertise during her time at CXYP.

We wish you well, Skye!

New P1-4, P5-7 and S1 Drama Group Leader

Our management team are currently interviewing prospective candidates for a second drama group leader. An announcement on the new leader will be made public in the coming term. In the meantime, Angus and Katy will be delivering the P1-4 & P5-7 workshops, while Sam will begin work with the new S1 group during the interim. More details on group timings can be found below.



Still from *Finding Bigfoot* during Three Plays in Three Days 2018

Parent Volunteers

In recent years, CXYP has benefitted greatly from the kindness and generosity of our parent volunteers. Without their help and support, we would not be able to function on a week-by-week basis. As we approach the 2018/19 season, we would like to appeal for new volunteers. For some time now, CXYP has worked with a core group of parents who have helped us year in, year out. While we are extremely grateful for their enduring support, we are eager to expand our list of helpers to ensure time commitment is spread more evenly across the season. If you can spare an hour or two on a Tuesday night, then please get in touch. Alternatively, you can tick the volunteering box on your child's consent form.

Drama Session Consent Forms

It's vital we keep the emergency contact and medical information in our consent forms up to date. We would kindly ask that all parents and carers arrive on the first week back to fill out a new form for their child. Once completed, the form will suffice for the entire 2017/18 season. All parents/carers who completed a consent form for their child at the beginning of our summer event need not fill out another.

As always, if your child's circumstances change during the course of the season, please inform us in writing at the earliest possible time.

Moving on up...

A warm welcome to our new P5 and S1 pupils joining us in our P5-7 and S1 drama groups this year. We look forward to welcoming you into your new drama group!

Looking ahead: Term One

We are making several important changes ahead of 2018/19 season. Namely, the introduction of term subscriptions and a change of timings for two drama groups. For full details on term subscriptions, please read the attached letter from Mike Chad, Chair of Trustees for Biggar Corn Exchange, at the bottom of this newsletter.

The 1st term of the season will begin on **Tuesday 22nd August and will run for 8 weeks until Tuesday 10th October.**

P1 - 4 will run for one hour: 3:15pm - 4:15pm

P5 - 7 will run for one and a half hours: 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

The new S1 drama group will run for one and a half hours from **6:00pm - 7:30pm.**

Seniors (S2 - S6) will run for two hours: **7:30pm - 9:30pm**

Please note that our senior drama groups will evolve over the next few years like so:

2019/20 Season: Two senior groups consisting of S1&2 and S3-6.

2020/21 Season: Two senior groups consisting of S1-3 & S4-6 (remaining in this arrangement thereafter).

Term dates for the 2018/19 are as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 21st August - Tuesday 2nd October (7 Weeks) - £27

Term 2: Tuesday 30th October - Tuesday 18th December (9 Weeks) - £34

Term 3: Tuesday 8th January - Tuesday 26th March (11 Weeks) - £42

Term 4: Tuesday 16th April - Tuesday 18th June (9 Weeks) - £34

We ask that all subscriptions for Term 1 are paid no later than Tuesday 4th September. Please feel free to use:

- Electronic transfer to Biggar Corn Exchange (account 00613195, sort code 83-16-11) with "CXYP" and your initials in the "reference" box.
- Cheque (cheques payable to "**Biggar Corn Exchange**") which can either be brought to the next CXYP session or left in an envelope addressed to me at the Corn Exchange.

If you have any questions about the new subscriptions or the forthcoming season, please do get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Sam Swinton
Artistic Director and Group Leader
S1 & S2-6 Drama Groups

On behalf of:
Katy Bisson & Angus Allison
P1-4 & P5-7 Group Leaders (Interim)

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Changes to CXYP Administration

A letter from Mike Chad, Chair of the CXYP Management Team.

Welcome to the new CXYP season. This note is to advise you of some changes we are making, to improve our administration processes.

Since CXYP began, we have asked CXYP members to bring cash with them each week, which is collected and recorded when they arrive. As numbers have increased, the time required to do this has also increased, which delays the start of the session, and creates a lot of paperwork.

We are aware that nearly all local youth organisations collect subscriptions on an annual or term basis. Indeed, many CXYP parents/carers have chosen to pay a lump sum at the beginning of each term.

For the 2018/2019 year, we have decided to ask for a payment for each term. The payment is equivalent to the current £4/week consolidated into the number of weeks in the term. In fact, the total amount for each term is slightly reduced, to take account of the “up front” payment.

Benefits

- Simplification of the process
- 10 minutes of each session gained – more drama, less bureaucracy
- No extra charge for additional rehearsals (in the lead-up to each show)
- Avoids anyone having to store or carry cash to and from bank

Term Payments

	Start date	End date	Total weeks	Subs	Subs (2 siblings)	
Term 1	21-08-18	02-10-18		7	£27	£47
Term 2	30-10-18	18-12-18		9	£34	£60
Term 3	08-01-19	26-03-19 (12 Feb = holiday)		11	£42	£73
Term 4	16-04-19	18-06-19 (7 May = holiday)		9	£34	£60

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If you need to discuss the new arrangements, please have a confidential word with one of the CXYP Management Team. We don't want to discourage any young people from involvement in CXYP, and will try to be flexible.

Mike Chad

Chair, CXYP Management Team