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Dear CXYP Participants, Parents and Carers,

In our first newsletter of the 2017/18 season, you will find dates for the first term, news from our summer event, and the announcement of our new Group Leader!



Participants from Three Plays in Three Days

Announcements

You don't often see kids donning their School uniforms during the summer, but that's exactly what the majority of our participants chose for their costumes during this year's *Three Plays in Three Days*. Yet again, our annual summer drama event proved a fantastic success for all involved. Sure we had two rainy lunchtimes, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the participants who, once again, showed off their talent and skill by creating three plays in under 72 hours! Sam, David, Katy and Angus would like to thank all involved for their enthusiastic support!



A special thank you

The entire CXYP Management Team would like to express their gratitude to David Ross for his hard work and enthusiasm this past season. Both Primary groups have benefited enormously from his skill and expertise during his time at CXYP. David is now undertaking a year of study at Edinburgh University and we wish him every success with his future endeavours.

Good luck, David!

New Primary Group Leader

Please join me in welcoming our new Group Leader: Skye Watson!

An ex-Biggarr High pupil, and HND Musical Theatre graduate, Skye has worked with Shine Youth Music Theatre for the past five years. Among her many credits as an actress, Skye has played Amber in *Hairspray*, Jenny Lind in *Barnum* and Mary Magdalene in *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Skye recently performed with Webster's productions in *High School Musical 1* and *2* playing the role of Miss Taylor McKessie.

A keen musician and dancer, Skye has also enjoyed teaching young people for many years as a Team Leader within Shine and the Girls Brigade.

Upon being appointed Group Leader, she remarked: 'I can't wait to meet the young people and be inspired by their creativity and enthusiasm'.

Skye will be taking over the P1-3 & P5-7 Drama Groups. The CXYP Management Team would like to take this opportunity to wish Skye the best of luck in her new position! Sam will remain with the Senior group for this season and will be present during the first P5-7 session of the season.



Parent Volunteers

Undoubtedly, CXYP has benefitted greatly from the kindness and generosity of our parent volunteers over the years. Without their help and support, we would not be able to function on a week-by-week basis. As we approach the 2017/18 season, we would like to appeal to any new interested 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. Simply put: a larger group of parents reduces the time commitment of each volunteer.

Drama Session Consent Forms

It's vital we keep the emergency contact and medical information in our consent forms up to date. I would kindly ask that all parents and carers arrive on the first week 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 Up

A big congratulations to all new P5 and S1 pupils joining us in our P5-7 and Senior Drama Groups this year. I speak on behalf of all current members when I say that we look forward to welcoming you into your new drama group!

Looking ahead: Term One

We are making important changes ahead of 2017/18 season. Namely, the modification of members' prices. For full details on these changes, please read the attached letter from Mike Chad, Chair of Trustees for Biggar Corn Exchange.

The 1st term of the 2017/18 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.

Seniors (S1 - S6) will run for two hours: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The cost per session is **£4** or you may wish to pay for a block of **8 sessions costing £32.**

Term dates for the 2017/18 are as follows:

Term 1: Tuesday 22nd August - Tuesday 10th October (8 Weeks)

Term 2: Tuesday 24th October - Tuesday 19th December (9 Weeks)

Term 3: Tuesday 9th January - Tuesday 6th February (5 Weeks)

Term 4: Tuesday 20th February - Tuesday 27th March (6 Weeks)

Term 5: Tuesday 17th April - Tuesday 19th June (10 Weeks)

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

Finally,

A huge congratulations to all our S4 participants who received their SQA exam results this month. From what I hear they've done very well!

Kind Regards,

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