

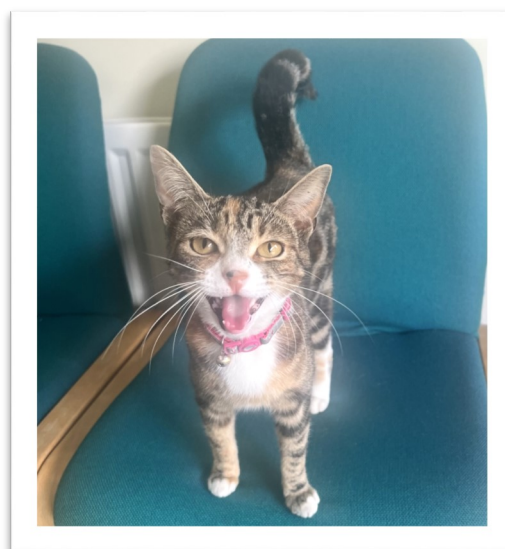


CROSSHALL CONNECTS


A monthly magazine from Crosshall Junior School

This issue's highlights:


	Diary Dates		Y3 Burwell Trip
	Coffee Morning		Quad Kids Event
	Year Six Activities		Recycling Competition




Over the last few days, the school office have had visits from this curious cat. He's been eager to come to school and is one of the friendliest cats around!




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Y3 Blog - <http://cjsy3.blogspot.co.uk/>



Y4 Blog - <http://cjsy4.blogspot.co.uk/>



Y5 Blog - <http://cjsy5.blogspot.co.uk/>



Y6 Blog - <http://cjsy6.blogspot.co.uk/>





A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Welcome to June's issue of the Crosshall Connects.

This monthly magazine offers an insight into the school day, news and achievements, as well as further diary dates.

SNIPPETS

As well as the PTA Summer Fayre after school on Friday 14th July, we have several other events to look forward to this term:

- Father's Day Lunches (book via the office)
- ROCK UK residential trip - Y6 children return today
- Viking Day
- Year Five Bikeability
- Year Four 'Birds of Prey' Day
- Sports Day
- School Reports
- Year Five Shakespeare parent event
- Future Me talks
- Year Four Go Ape trip
- Year Six Duxford Trip
- Transition Days
- Year Two New Parents Evening
- Three Celebration Assemblies!

As always, check the **Upcoming/ Key Dates information** in Close Up, Connects, & on our website under Calendar.

We have been welcoming two new members of staff Sally Hall and Roberta Drinkwater. We hope they settle in well to the catering and teaching assistant teams.

The Escape Rooms were very well received by the children last term - several teams solved the time-restricted problems in order to become maths champs.

Eurovision was good fun. We can now look forward to the women's football World Cup.

Thank you to all those parents and children who showed their appreciation following the residential trips. Despite thoughts to the contrary, these are not holidays for staff and your appreciation makes a huge difference.

Our resident phonics tutor, Helen Lanz, will be leaving soon after working with forty children in Year Three and Year Four. We hope she will return next year.

NEWS

- We have recently said farewell to two members of the Crosshall Family - Laura Davies and Justina Laurinaviciute. Both colleagues had

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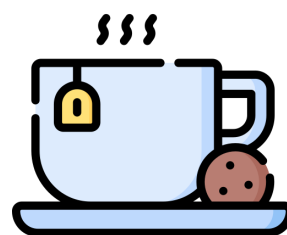
worked at Crosshall for ten years and were ambitious, hardworking, and considerate colleagues. Although we recognise that they are embarking on fresh, new adventures, we will really miss them.

- **2023-24. Crosshall Podcast.** The PTA is going to fund resources to support a podcasting station so our children can plan, record, and publicise their work and interests to the school community. This will be great for personal development as well as oracy and other curriculum areas. **THANK YOU PTA!** Without their support we would not have been able to provide this opportunity. More details to follow.
- **2023-24. Save the Date: Open Door Week.** From Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th September, we will be having our annual **Open Door Week**. Parents are invited to walk around the school and meet staff, anytime from 15:20 to 16:00. Last time, the children enjoyed touring the school, as well as showing Mum and Dad where they sit and their very important locker.

Hope you had a wonderful half term holiday.

Keep safe and happy.

Anne Eardley
Head Teacher



COFFEE MORNING

9:00am on TUESDAY 13th JUNE

We will be holding a coffee morning **at 9:00am on Tuesday 13th June** with the Mental Health Support Team linked to our school. It's a good opportunity for an informal chat and information sharing session in school over some tea and biscuits with other parents. There is no need to book, just drop in on the day. If you need to bring pre-school aged children then they are also welcome.

We look forward to seeing you there

Learning & Wellbeing Mentors



COMING UP - KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week commencing 12th June	Year Four - Multiplication Tables Check Tests LETTER .
12th - 23rd June	Fathers Day Lunches - book via the school office
13th June	9:00am CJS Coffee Morning with Mental Health Support Team
12th - 16th June	Year Five - Bikeability
15th June	#CJS Families Year Six - Longsands sessions after school, surnames M-Z
15th & 16th June	CJS PTA Fathers Day Shops LETTER
20th & 21st June	Year Four - Geography and Science Walks LETTER
21st June	#AskCJS - How we use assessment LETTER
23rd June	Year Four - Birds of Prey workshop (rescheduled date)
27th June	Meet New Classes Day New Parents Evening for Year Two
29th June	Class photographs and Year Six year group photographs LETTER
30th June	Year Five - Viking Day LETTER Costume Information HERE
3rd/ 4th/ 5th/ 6th July	School Reports OUT
3rd & 4th July	3rd - Go Ape, 4AA & 4CH LETTER 4th - Go Ape, 4KW & 4NT LETTER
4th July	Year Five - Shakespeare Assembly LETTER
6th July	Celebration Assembly
7th July	Staff Training Day - school closed
14th July	Celebration Assembly CJS PTA Summer Fayre
18th July	End of Year Discos (Y3,4,5) (letter to follow soon) Year Six Leavers' Disco (letter to follow soon)
20th July	CJS Sports Day 3CD & 3LR - last swimming sessions
21st July	Last Day of Summer Term Leavers' Assembly



**Cambridgeshire
Community Services**
NHS Trust

**Parent/Carers of
Crosshall Junior School
Coffee Morning
Tuesday 13th June
at 9:00am**



With Jayal Valaba, Mica Rosen and Chloe Phillips from the
Mental Health Support Team linked with your school

**Does your child find it difficult
to manage their feelings and
worries?**

**Would you like to feel more
confident in helping your
child to manage their worries
and emotions?**

Please come for an informal information sharing and advice
session in school over some tea and biscuits with other parents.

We look forward to meeting you.

What do you need to do?

Nothing just turn up!

If you need to bring your pre-school aged children then they are
also welcome.

OUR WEBSITE - DIGITAL SCHOOL OFFICE



Did you know the Digital School Office on our website gives you access to all the information you as parents may request if you were visiting our main reception here at CJS

Every letter that we send to parents/ carers can also be found under the Digital School Office, under each year group or the Whole School

If you ever need to look over a letter, just search [here](#)

Some of our letters will require you to send a reply slip. If you are unable to print off the letter this should not be a problem. Simply write the required information on a piece of paper and send it into school with your child.

DONATIONS - UNIFORM AND BOOKS

Next time you're having a clear out at home please consider donating to the school

All donations of school uniform and children's books that are in good condition.

Just drop them into the School Office and we will put them to good use.



TERM DATES

Our 2024-2025 term dates are NOW LIVE

Find all term dates listed on our website [HERE](#)

LETTERS TO PARENTS

All letters sent out are available [HERE](#) under Letters to Parents on our website



ONLINE CALENDAR

You can also subscribe to our Calendar via our website which has all key dates and activities. It can be synced with your mobile or desktop device

Click [HERE](#) to subscribe



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals the school receives additional funding to support your child, as well as provide school meals.

Check the government website to see if your circumstances qualify [here](#)

Celebrate Father's Day

WITH A SCHOOL LUNCH

Enjoy a delicious two-course meal
with your child(ren) or
grandchild(ren)

Adult £5.00

Child £2.40

Available from
Monday 12th to Friday 23rd June

**To book: ring or email The School Office
01480 475972 or office@crosshalljunior.co.uk**

**Arrival by 12:10pm to Main Reception. Enjoy a two-course meal with your child(ren) .
Booking system in place. Limited spaces available each day. Must book in advance.
No on the day bookings available.**



A vibrant, colorful poster for a Summer Fayre event. The background is a bright yellow rectangle with a green banner across the middle. The text 'SUMMER FAYRE' is in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below it, 'FRIDAY' is in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the green banner. The date and time '14th JULY 2023' and '3:20PM - 5:30PM' are in bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the time, a list of activities is shown in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. The poster is decorated with various summer-themed illustrations: a large yellow sun, a pink flower, a blue flower, a yellow megaphone, a pink ice cream cone, a hot dog, and several white daisies. The Crosshall Junior Academy Trust logo is at the top center. The bottom right corner features the PTA logo and the text 'ANOTHER AMAZING EVENT FROM CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA'.

SUMMER FAYRE

FRIDAY

14th JULY 2023
3:20PM - 5:30PM

- RAFFLE • GAMES • BBQ AND FOOD •
- FUN & GAMES • UNIFORM STALL •
- BOUNCY CASTLE • CJS CAFE •
- AND MORE •

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CROSSHALL JUNIOR ACADEMY TRUST

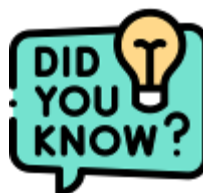
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YEAR THREE BURWELL RESIDENTIAL TRIP

The children in Year Three had a wonderful three-day residential at Burwell House at the end of last term. They certainly showed the CJS values of Ambition, Resilience, and Kindness throughout the three days. It was a fun-packed trip with lots of team building challenges, map reading skills, creating natural sculptures, smelly cocktails, and creating a structure to prevent an egg from breaking when it was dropped from a flight of stairs. Throughout the trip, the children enjoyed some home cooked food and the chance to enjoy the lovely gardens with their friends. Many magical memories were made.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who made this trip possible and such an enjoyable success!

Mr. Chris Dorey | Head of Year Three



CURRENTLY AT CROSSHALL

More photos of all our recent activities are on our website [HERE](#)



YEAR FIVE & YEAR SIX QUAD KIDS COMPETITION

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th June, Year Five and Year Six pupils made their way to St. Ives to take part in the Huntingdonshire Schools Sports Partnership's Quad Kids Competition. Quad Kids is an athletics combined event, like the decathlon and heptathlon. The athletes each took part in the following four events: 600m run, 75m sprint, standing long jump, and howler throw. Each athlete's times and distance are converted to points which accumulate to make the team's score.

Our Team A consisted of: Elise H, Yuliia C, Amelia C, Poppy A, Leo T, David E, Charlie B, and Daniel S. Our Team B were: Beau Z, Isabella O, Francesca L, Ava B, Callum N, Matthew H, Josh T, and Jack C.

The children battled hard in all their events, and showed great sportsmanship by cheering on their team-mates as well as athletics from other schools. After a long and tiring day we were rewarded with Team A finishing a fantastic first place, and Team B finishing a brilliant Third place. This is an exceptional result if you keep in mind that there was also a competition in the morning and nearly 350 children took part throughout the day. The results from both the morning and afternoon competitions were combined to give the overall results.

An extra special mention goes to Yuliia who won the individual girls' competition.

Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the athletes, and an extra special thank to Miss Howell and Miss Blackwell for their support on the day. Without you all the children would not have been able to take part in the day.

Mrs Tina Blackwell | Sports TA and Athletics Coach

YEAR SIX - GROUP ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

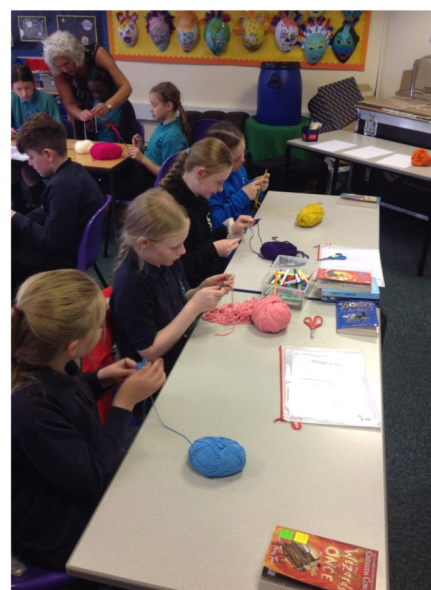
This week, those students who did not go on our Year Six have been taking part in lots of creative, fun, team activities led by Mrs Blackwell, Ms McCabe, Mrs Clarke, and Mrs Peart.

This has included: Zoo Project (design and modelling work), playing hockey under the instruction of Mrs Blackwell; knitting with Mrs Miles and Mrs Bartrop; a big fat quiz of the year, and many other fun activities.

As you can see from photos below, it has been a busy few days in the Year Six unit!

Thank you to the team and parents involved for your hard work and input over the last few days.

Mr. Martin Righetta | Head of Year Six



ECO COUNCIL: Hunts Council COMPETITION

Huntingdon Council are launching a competition for young artists to create a recycling poster that will be installed on the sides of their recycling collection vehicles! The purpose of the poster is to promote recycling and encourage people to recycle correctly.

Competition opens 5th June,
ends 10th July.

Full details available [HERE](#)



Our CJS Eco Council student members

ONLINE SAFETY: WELLBEING

The linked information provides wellbeing guidance for girls - and is also relevant to boys too - around wellbeing and body image.

Guidance for parents & carers of 9-10-year-old children: <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/supporting-9-10-year-old-girls-digital-wellbeing/>



SPECIAL EDITION **2023**

END OF YEAR DISCO

 **YEARS 3, 4, 5** | (ARRIVAL FROM 17:15)
17:30-18:40

PUPILS REQUIRE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP
TO PURCHASE A TICKET
TICKETS ON SALE FRI 14TH, MON 17TH, TUES 18TH JULY
UNDER THE YEAR FIVE CANOPY



TUESDAY
18TH JULY

TICKETS
£3.00
EACH

Another amazing adventure brought to you by Crosshall Junior School PTA

TT ROCK STARS AND NUMBOTS

Each week we celebrate our CJS Times Tables Rock Stars and NUMBOTS users with the highest scores. Here are this week's winners!

**SPEED***Sanjavi R***COINS***Esele F***IMPROVED***Victoria V***NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE***Belfast v Cardiff*

NUMBOTS

**COINS***Oliver M***IMPROVED***Keira B*



CENTURY

Details of the 'CENTURY Guardian Overview' can be found here: tinyurl.com/8v8c4e5c

If you would like to access your child's CENTURY Guardian Portal, please enter your details here: forms.gle/fXj1262XpmJ2omw29

ACCELERATED READER

Home Connect: receive reports about your child's quizzing when they complete a book.
Sign up here: ukhosted28.renlearn.co.uk/2051095/HomeConnect/

Accelerated Reader 2022 - 23 April 2023



Reading Practice Quizzes Passed: 690

Average % Correct: 88%

Average Engaged Time per Day: 28 minutes

Most quizzes passed: Jonah D (10)

Most points earned: Gilson K (50)



PRAISE POSTCARDS

Here is this month's update to the Praise Postcards recipient list. Staff recognise progress or attainment by posting Praise Postcards home to students. It is very exciting when one of these lands on the door mat!



The 'Students Achievements and Awards' section of our website is regularly updated with all the winners! Click [HERE](#) to visit the page.

Students who have received postcards so far this term are:

Tyler B,	Freddie B,
Henry B,	Summer H,
Ava W,	Louisa M,
Darcey B,	Florence P,
Maisie R,	Max J
Jenson W,	
Alice Z,	
Betsie-Mae	
A, Leo T,	
Darcy M,	

CELEBRATION AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Below are details of all our students who were presented with our first Celebration Awards of 2023 for Spring Term. The awards recognised excellence and progress in English, maths, and/or science.

Our most recent Celebration Assembly was on Friday 24th March

Details are also up on our website, under Student Achievements & Awards [here](#)



Winners: **Ava H, Matilda C, Evie G, Macdara C-H**



Winners: **Cecily E, Andria A, Thomas C, Abbey B,**
From Spring for Technology: **Dvir Z, Finlay W**



Winners: **Carys H, Alice Z, Ivy S, Hollie H**



Winners: **Daisy J, Georgie C, Francesca L, Chloe L**

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Here is this month's update to the Head Teacher Award winners list. Ms Eardley sends a congratulatory text message to parents/carers and meets with the student to award him/her with this great honour.



The recipients since the beginning of Summer term are:

Belle S, Luke N, Naomi T, Georgia T-C, Maiya W, Charlie B, Rubie C, Layla J, Olivia T, Archie F, Layla R, Ethan F-W, Talia M, Roma B, Ola H, Keira B, Lilly A, Skye A, Tyler B, Layla R, Imogen H, Amelia L, Immy B, Eliza J, Luke N, Lara D-S, Nahia A, Ella J, Esther S, Cameron C.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR **SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

Being a school governor is a strategic, voluntary role that supports and challenges the school's leadership team to drive improvement and growth for now & the future.

You do not need to be an expert to be a governor - help, advice, and training are available from various sources.

We're looking for people who have energy, enthusiasm, time and commitment to give to our school and its future.

We would also welcome individuals to join who have HR and/or Education experience and knowledge

The term of office is four years

If you are interested in finding out more
contact the school office on 01480 475972
or **email office@crosshalljunior.co.uk**

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicants will be subject to DBS clearance.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you know, post-pandemic, students have been able to come to school on P.E. Days, wearing their P.E. kits. This has had several benefits:

- more time for P.E. – rather than spending time changing;
- fewer worries for some students – no changing with other people around;
- better hygiene – the P.E. kits are washed each week.

The P.E. kit should consist of:

plain navy, dark grey or black tracksuit and/or shorts, with a plain white T-shirt, and dark, sensible footwear.

Our uniform was chosen to support parents' budget so that:

- branded items were discouraged;**
- clothes would be easily and cheaply purchased;**
- P.E. stains would not be so noticeable;**
- Uniform would be 'hardy', comfortable, and safe.**

We also created a 'nearly new stock' of clothes that have been laundered and we sell for £1 per item. Please contact the office team or our Learning & Wellbeing Mentors if you would like to purchase.

Indoor P.E.

Additionally, if students wear zipped or hooded tops, they will be asked to remove these. Excessively baggy tracksuit bottoms are also not suitable and, generally, students remove their shoes and socks.

Earrings

Students should remove stud earrings at home on their P.E. / swimming day(s).

Clubs/ Matches

Where sporting clubs or matches occur, students should still attend in school uniform, and then change prior to the club or the match commencing.

Other Uniform requirements:

- jade or navy sweatshirts/ cardigans (navy sweatshirt is available in most stores);**
- jade, navy, or white polo-shirts (navy and white polos are available in most stores);**
- plain navy, dark grey, or black trousers (not 'jean style', 'skinny trousers', or denim), or modest length shorts or skirts;**



SCHOOL UNIFORM (cont'd)

- jade or blue-check summer dresses;
- **plain, dark, sensible footwear – not trainers with coloured markings (.e. white lines, white soles, Nike swooshes etc.), open-toed, sling-backs, or high-heels;**
- for art activities: a smock or modified adult's shirt or an apron

Also, we do not allow students to wear nail varnish, jewellery (other than stud earrings), or make-up during the school day.

If a student is in the wrong uniform, we will contact parents to establish why this is the case, and agree a timescale for it to be rectified.

Many thanks for your continued support and helping to keep our community looking smart, being safe, and feeling comfortable – and on a small budget.

We have much to be proud of at Crosshall Junior School.



ABSENCE GUIDANCE

Parent advice from Cambridgeshire County Council:

The information below is designed to help parents understand how and when leave of absence in exceptional circumstances may be granted. The decision to authorise absence is at the head teacher's discretion based on their assessment of the situation. Circumstances vary from school to school and so there can be no absolute rules on this subject.

Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. Generally, absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised by the head teacher in exceptional circumstances.

Penalty Notices for term time leave are issued by the Local Authority. The Local Authority cannot override the decision made by the head teacher on an unauthorised absence. If you have any reasons to believe the Penalty Notice should not have been issued please contact the school within 10 working days. There is no statutory right of appeal against the issuing of a Penalty Notice.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are exceptional circumstances? Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, attendance at a funeral, respite care of a looked after child, a housing crisis which prevents attendance.

Can this be reviewed by the Council? No. Only the head teacher of a school can authorise any absence under exceptional circumstances. The County Council cannot override any decisions made by the head teacher.

My child's attendance record is generally good, can I still be issued a fine for short time unauthorised holiday?

The Cambridgeshire Penalty Notice Code of Conduct allows Penalty Notice fine to be issued for holiday taken for three days or more.

Which parent receives the fine? Where both parents live together and have day-to-day care and also any absent parent who has frequent contact with the child and is named in the child's school records may receive a fine for each of their children. This will include parents who allow their child to go on holiday with another family member or friend of the family.

Who is fined when parents do not live together? The situation can become complicated where parents do not live together and both wish to remove their child from school at separate times during the same academic year.



Where parents are separated, if an absence request is submitted by the parent not involved with the absence, then both parents may be fined.

Who is considered to have parental responsibility? The definition of a parent is anyone who has parental responsibility for the child and/or any adult with day to day care and responsibility. (Section 576 Education Act 1996). This will include step parents and cohabiters, partners of older pupils if the partner is over 18 years of age and they are living together, other relatives with residency orders.

What happens if I am a self-employed worker e.g. a farmer, is an employee with fixed holiday dates, or is on a holiday rota set by my employer? It is advisable for parents to discuss this with their child's school prior to making any arrangements for absence during school term times. Legislation no longer allows head teachers to authorise 10 days absence from school for a term time holiday. If you are self-employed then you are able to select when you take your annual leave.

We want to go on a trip of a lifetime. Could this be an authorised absence? No, this would constitute a family holiday. The head teacher cannot authorise term time holidays, unless there accept the reason for leave of absence is exceptional.

I have a significant number of relatives abroad and may need to spend an extended period in another country. Could this be an authorised absence? Head teachers are bound by law to discourage families from taking trips during term time, whatever the reason given.

Can I have a payment plan or make part payments? No, The Code of Conduct does not allow part payments or payment plans.

The primary school authorised the absence but I received a PN fine for my secondary school aged child. Is there no consistency? The government has given the authority to individual head teachers to make their own decision based on the explanation provided by the parents. What is exceptional has not been defined by the government and therefore individual opinions may differ between head teachers. However, the county council does encourage schools to work together but at the same time take into account circumstances of the individual child's needs.

Could an absence to attend a religious observance or festival be an authorised absence? Absence that is due to religious observance must be authorised. The day should be marked as authorised where there is an element of worship associated with the religious observance. The religious observance days are set apart by the religious body of the individual religion, not determined by the parents.