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## CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 05.01.24

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. This term is always an action-packed one and is crammed with exciting activities such as Spring Term Clubs, the Year Three Food Tasting Experience, and the Year Five residential trip to York.

It was wonderful to see the children return yesterday and hear the buzz of excitement as many told friends and staff about their holidays. We do understand that for some families this may have been a difficult time and the school remains a source of support if this has been the case for you and your family. Please speak to your child's class teacher, a Learning and Wellbeing Mentor or other members of staff if you feel this will help.

As you will be aware, Crosshall Junior School's key values are Ambition, Resilience, and Kindness. This term, our focus will be on Resilience, and we shall be supporting all members of the school community in developing this important skill.

**Mr Dan Ainscow and Mr Liam Murphy | Acting Head Teachers**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**10th January**  
[Library Event - Grandparents Who Read](#)  
Spring Term Clubs Booklet - live on website

**17th January**  
Year Three Food Tasting Experience [LETTER](#)

**22nd January**  
Spring Term Clubs Begin

**26th January**  
Celebration Assembly - Invite Only

**12th - 15th February**  
Year Five York Residential Trip

**19th - 23rd February**  
Half Term Break

**26th February**  
Back to School

### POSTPONED

Our planned #AskCJS session on 17th January is now postponed. A new date will be confirmed in due course.

### SPRING TERM CLUBS DATES

**Clubs Booklet OUT**  
10th January 2024

**Clubs Online Booking LIVE**  
10th - 17th January 2024

**Clubs Begin**  
wc 22nd January 2024

## MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

Within our whole school policies and procedures, we use the term 'mobile device'.

This term is used to define mobile technologies such as mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, digital cameras and the like. We wish to promote safe and appropriate practice by establishing clear and robust acceptable guidelines.

For pupils, this is outlined as follows: Pupils **must not** bring a mobile device to school or use one within the school grounds. A mobile device may only be brought into school in exceptional circumstances that have been pre-agreed with the school.

We thank both parents and pupils for their adherence to this.

All school policies can be found on our website [HERE](#)

## MUSIC LESSONS

Students have the opportunity to attend music lessons during school time.

If you would like your child to take up a musical instrument, please contact the music tutor direct.

**Guitar - Gary Agar**  
garymusic2015@hotmail.com

**Piano & Woodwind - Suzanne De-Simone**  
Suzanne.desimone33@gmail.com

**Drums - Robert Day**  
robert.d2844@yahoo.co.uk

**Rocksteady Band - Jim Dummer**  
jim.dummer@rocksteadymusicschool.com



## CROSSHALL 50TH ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Crosshall Infant and Junior Schools opening in 1974. As part of our celebrations there will be various activities and events happening as we build up to the main anniversary date in May.

We are keen to hear from former pupils and staff members who have any memories and photos of the schools from the past fifty years.

If you or anyone you know have information you would like to share please contact [crosshallat50@crosshallinfant.co.uk](mailto:crosshallat50@crosshallinfant.co.uk)

More details to follow over the next few months.



## 2024 RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

### Year Five - York Residential Trip [LETTER](#)

12th-15th February 2024

### Year Three - Burwell Residential Trip [LETTER](#)

3rd-5th June 2024, 3CD & 3LR

5th-7th June 2024, 3LG & 3RP

**Final Balance £107 due by Thurs 27th Feb 24**

### Year Six - ROCK UK Residential Trip [LETTER](#)

26th-28th June 2024

**Final balance £85 (tbc) due Mon 29th Jan 24**

## Future Me Talks - Request

As part of our Future Me programme we welcome guests from a diverse range of professions into the school to talk to the children about what they do and their career path.

If you would like to get involved, or know someone within your community who would, please contact the school office [office@crosshalljunior.co.uk](mailto:office@crosshalljunior.co.uk).

## PTA: Christmas Jumper Appeal

Having a clear out post Christmas? Our PTA would welcome donations of good condition Christmas jumpers for our Autumn Term Christmas Jumper Shop.

Please bring donations to the school office.



## Reminder: Infant School Applications 2024

Reminder that if you have not already submitted an application for your child for entry into primary/ infant school in September 2024, the deadline for applications to be completed and returned to the Admissions Team is 15th January 2024.

Applications can be made online: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

See full details in letter sent out today [HERE](#)



Well done to *Rupert W*  
who is now a TTRS Rock Star



For Parent/ Carer information click [TimesTable RockStars Parent Info](#)

## ASK YOUR CHILD A QUESTION:

Year Three

What is a shape poem?

Year Four

Can you name the features of a diary entry?

Year Five

Write 2023 and 2024 in Roman Numerals.

Year Six

What have you learnt about North America?