



Local Community News

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CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 08.11.24

MESSAGE FROM ACTING HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back to school after, what we hope was, a relaxing and fun half-term break. It was wonderful to see so many join us for our **Open Day** sessions today. We hope you enjoyed your time with your child and the experience of their classroom. Thank you for taking the time to be part of this interactive day.

In many ways, this is the best half-term to work in a primary school in the lead up to **Christmas**, as the children's joy and excitement spreads across our community. We know, for many families, this can be a challenging time, so please reach out to the school to discuss what support can be offered.

To support our wider community this December, we shall be running an event to support the **St Neots Foodbank** in providing much-needed supplies for our local community. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Next week, will be our annual **Book Week**. During this week, we shall be sharing excellent books and encouraging children to use reading to inspire their writing, art and other creative skills. On Friday, in time for **Children in Need**, we shall be asking children to dress up with 'cosy reading', spots for Children in Need or, ideally, a combination of both. We will also be welcoming, yet another, author in to school. This time the amazing poet Joshua Seigal, who is also our author of the month.

Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Acting Co-Head Teachers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Tree Planting on 25th November

We are looking for volunteers to help plant some trees/ bushes on our school site. Can you help? Please contact the school office

NEXT WEEK

Book Week - starting Monday

Starting on Monday, see full details in [LETTER](#)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be after school each day from Wednesday until Tuesday 19th November.

Cash & card payments are accepted for Scholastic Book Fair books.

However, copies of Joshua Seigal books will be **CASH ONLY - priced £6.99 or £7.99. Exact cash preferred.**

UPCOMING DATES

Week commencing 11th November
BOOK WEEK [LETTER](#)

12th & 13th November
PTA CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE - after school

15th November
CHILDREN IN NEED DAY (Cosy Reading Dress Up - see BOOK WEEK [LETTER](#))

18th November
CJS ODD SOCK DAY/ ANTI BULLYING WEEK

19th November
INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY 2024

22nd November
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - Invite only

27th November
PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE 6:00pm-9:00pm [POSTER](#)

29th November
CHRISTMAS DECORATION DAY
wear Christmas jumper (non-uniform)

29th November
PTA CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING 7:00pm-9:00pm
[POSTER](#)

6th December
CJS CHOIR: COMMUNITY CAROLS 3:20pm-4:00pm
in the playground [LETTER](#)

11th December
INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT - Invite only

12 & 13th December
PTA CHRISTMAS SHOP during school hours

13th December
CJS CHOIR: VISIT TO NELSON LODGE [LETTER](#)

14th December
CJS CHOIR: PERFORM AT ST NEOTS MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT [LETTER](#)

17th December
CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

18th December
PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

19th December
ROCKSTEADY CONCERT - Invite only

20th December
LAST DAY OF TERM - wear non-uniform

Monday 6th January 2025 **STAFF TRAINING DAY**

Tuesday 7th January 2025 **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Parent View Questionnaire

Every year, we ask parents to take part in our online [Parent View Questionnaire](#). The survey is anonymous and helps us gather vital community insight and feedback. Please complete **by Friday 22nd November**.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Gymnastics Competition Success

Well done to **Evan, 3KP** who recently won Gold medal on the Rings at the Nottingham Open gymnastics competition.



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Well done to **Jaxon, 5AS** who also attended the Nottingham Open, representing Huntingdon Gymnastics Club, and won the Bronze medal on Pommel as well as the 'Pommel King' Judges Award, given to gymnasts showing a particular aptitude for that apparatus.



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Well done to **Stanley, 3CD** who recently received his Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the highest accolade you can achieve as a Beaver!



Student Achievements

Celebrate your child's out of school achievements with our CJS community. Email the school office with details & we will include it in our next edition!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Well done to **Harriet, 4MM** and **Rebecca, 4NT** who have helped raise close to £640 on behalf of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

On Sunday 3rd November, the girls, along with Eaton Socon Guide Leaders and Rainbows, volunteered their time on the RBL stand at the Lidl store in Eaton Socon.

Harriet and Rebecca along with their Brownie Unit 5th Eaton Socon Brownies will also be taking part in the Remembrance service and parade at St Mary's Church Eaton Socon on 10th November.



Reminder: Children **must not ride** their scooters anywhere on school grounds for the safety of children and adults. This rule applies to both the Junior and Infant school grounds.

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Sock Day - week commencing 18th November



Odd Socks Day is a day to embrace uniqueness as part of Anti-Bullying Week. **Children can wear odd socks on Monday 18th November.**

ST NEOTS FOODBANK



Items for Christmas Hampers

Next month, we will be supporting the St Neots Foodbank with their appeal for Christmas food and toiletries to make up hampers for families in need this Christmas.

Keep an eye out in the Close Up for more details on how children and families can help over the next few weeks.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT



Winning items for Crosshall

Well done to **Miss Howell** who recently entered a competition and won our school some free inclusive sports equipment provided by **Super Movers for Every Body** from the BBC! The equipment links to online resources to help us enjoy learning the skills required to play blind football, boccia, and Para athletics.

The pack is also there to help inspire pupils to take up more inclusive sports. **Super Movers for Every Body** hopes to harness the power of the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games to inspire pupils to reach their potential and become allies to disabled people this school year.

amazonwishlist

Our **CJS Amazon Wish list** is full of items to enhance activities for children across the school. We really appreciate the extra helping hand. Items ordered will get delivered direct to school click on link [HERE](#)



Attendance Awards

Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance so far this school year are now listed on the website [HERE](#)



School Policies

All school policies can be viewed on our website [HERE](#). This includes our latest Attendance Policy [HERE](#).

LIBRARY EVENT

Dads Who Read Library Event

On Tuesday, we opened up our library for dads and grandads to come and make use of this wonderful resource with their children. The offer was taken up by fifteen families. Many books were read and enjoyed. There was laughter, smiles and "I enjoyed that one". Some even took the opportunity to change their reading books. It was a lovely to see our library being used, and to see adults enjoying some 'quality time' with their children. We value and advocate Reading for Pleasure. For almost ten years now, we have run these library events, and it is pleasing that they remain popular.



PTA UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Christmas Jumper Sale**
(after school 12th & 13th Nov)
- ◆ **Wreath Making Workshop** [POSTER](#)
(Fri 29th Nov 7-9pm)
- **NEW** **Christmas Fayre** [POSTER](#)
(Weds 27th Nov 6-9pm)
- ◆ **Christmas Shop**
(during school 12th & 13th Dec)

PTA CROSSHALL JUNIOR ACADEMY TRUST

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

7:00-9:00PM, FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER
CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL MAIN HALL

£45 PER PERSON (E35 + £10 DEPOSIT)

£10 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED TO SECURE PLACE(S)

PLEASE PAY £10 DEPOSIT VIA QR CODE & EMAIL CROSSHALLPTA@CROSSHALLJUNIOR.CO.UK WITH NAME(S) AND CONTACT DETAILS

Bring your own drinks and snacks (must be NOT FREE)

Online Safety

Thorn for Parents provides useful discussion guides on various online topics such as making 'friends' online, talking about consent, screen time and online monitoring.



Click link for website [Discussion Guides - Thorn for Parents](#)

Crosshall Junior School Reads!

In October 2024, students have read...

1,943 Books

15,671,089 Words

for **33 minutes/day!**
(Individual student average)

ACCELERATED READER



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH

Joshua Seigal

Children can purchase signed copies of Joshua's books during the Book Fair for **£6.99 or £7.99 CASH ONLY.**

RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader®

OCTOBER 2024	
MOST POINTS EARNED	Esele F (61.3 pts)
MOST QUIZZES PASSED	Olivia W & Ali A (22)

Over the next seven weeks, we will be sharing some PiXL Parent Guides every Friday.

The first one is a PiXL Phonics Guide. Click [HERE](#).



COINS Nathanael T **SPEED** Rebecca B **IMPROVED** George D'A A **NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE** Edinburgh v London

COINS Jesse-Mai G **IMPROVED** Jesse-Mai G

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

Question of the Week

The questions below are related to some teaching that took place in each year group this week.

- Year Three** Can you name three types of force?
- Year Four** Can you name all the oceans in the world?
- Year Five** Explain to an adult at home about how six-figure grid coordinates work on maps.
- Year Six** Give five prime numbers under 100.