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CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 13.12.24

MESSAGE FROM ACTING HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,



We would like to start this week's update with an enormous thank you for your generosity with the **St Neots Foodbank** donations. They have now been collected and will be used to make Christmas hampers for many of our local families. We hope to do another donation drive later in the academic year.

The school has been filled with Christmas music from the **Year Three Christmas assembly** and children practising for the **St Neots Mayor's Concert** tomorrow, as well as our service at St Mary's Church on Tuesday that we hope many of you will be able to join us at. Thank you to everyone who has attended an event to date, the children thoroughly enjoy taking part in the performances and your support is appreciated.

Over the last couple of days, the children have enjoyed shopping at the **PTA Christmas Shop**. The time and effort our fantastic PTA team put in to creating this event and other events during this festive period is greatly appreciated. Our PTA volunteers and the fundraising they do makes a real difference to the additional resources and events we can provide for our children. Please consider signing up to help for a few hours in 2025.

Next week, the children will be enjoying many events in the lead up to the holidays with the **PTA panto**, the **PTA Christmas disco** and our wonderful homemade **Christmas Dinner** by our amazing catering team.

We hope the children enjoy the festive fun and the build up to the Christmas holidays!

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

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 16th December
PTA CHRISTMAS PANTO during school hours

Tuesday 17th December
CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARY'S [LETTER](#)

Wednesday 18th December
PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO [LETTER](#)

Thursday 19th December
ROCKSTEADY CONCERT - Invite only

Friday 20th December
LAST DAY OF TERM - wear non-uniform
CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY!

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

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

15th January 2025
LIBRARY EVENT - GRANDPARENTS WHO READ [LETTER](#)
YEAR FIVE ASTRONOMY EVENING - rescheduled
CJS CLUBS - registration goes live (closes 21st)

wc 27th January 2025
CJS SPRING TERM CLUBS BEGIN THIS WEEK

31st January 2025
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - Invite only

wc 3rd February 2025
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

wc 10th February 2025
PCLR WEEK

12th February 2025
CLASS PHOTO DAY

Friday 14th February 2025 **LAST DAY OF TERM**



The Thank a Teacher campaign recognises **ALL staff** working in UK schools: school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners. If you're feeling shy you can send a card anonymously. Click [HERE](#) to send a card

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Santa Dash & Community Carols last Friday

Thank you to everyone who came to support our **CJS Choir Community Carols** after school last Friday!

The whole school also took part in **Santa Dash 2024** last Friday. This involved doing laps of the playground while wearing a Santa hat or something Christmassy, all while Christmas songs played.



PTA DISCO NEXT WEDNESDAY!

Children must have a signed permission slip to buy their disco ticket on Mon/ Tue/ Wed next week during lunchtime. Tickets can only be bought at lunchtime. See [HERE](#)



Our **CJS Amazon Wish list** is full of items to enhance activities for children across the school. We really appreciate the extra helping hand, link [HERE](#)

YOUNG CARERS IN SCHOOL

NBC Christmas Party

On Tuesday, Ella from **Caring Together** (www.caringtogether.org) visited **Non Boring Club** (our Young Carers group) and provided a Christmas party for the children. Everyone had a great time with games, crafts and nibbles!



ST NEOTS FOODBANK APPEAL

A Big Thank You!

We have had a fantastic response to our **St Neots Foodbank Appeal**. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to donate. The items will make Christmas hampers for families in need this Christmas.



INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

Instrumentalists and Choir Performances

Wednesday was our annual **Instrumental Concert**. Guitar, piano and drum students performed and the choir sang. Thank you to Mr Agar, Mr Day, and Ms De-Simone who take music lessons in school. Well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to all who supported the children!



CROSSHALL PTA

PTA Christmas Shop

Thanks to our wonderful PTA team for all their time and effort creating a fantastic Christmas Shop this year! Every child had the opportunity to buy gifts for their loved ones over the last couple of days.



If you can help out for a few hours or would like to join our main PTA, just email crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk or like, follow and message them on their new Facebook page [@CrosshallJuniorPTA](https://www.facebook.com/CrosshallJuniorPTA).

YEAR THREE

Christmas Assembly

Our Year Three Christmas Assembly is always a highlight of the festive period for everyone here at CJS! We hope that everyone enjoyed watching the children perform. It takes a lot of planning and organising for both parents and teachers, so a big thank you to everyone who made this week possible!



Activities for Last Week of Term

- Mon:** PTA Christmas Panto (internal event)
- Tue:** Carols at St Mary's Church
- Wed:** PTA Christmas Disco
- Thurs:** Rocksteady Concert (invite only)
- Fri:** Christmas Dinner Day and non-uniform/ Christmas Jumper



Online Safety

A collection of activities to use with children aged 9-13, to explore safe and responsible use of group chats. (aimed at schools, but useful for home too) available: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/group-chats/>



Year Six Leavers' Hoodies Key Dates:

Online ordering live: Tues 27th May
 Deadline to order: Mon 9th June
 Delivery to school: wc 23rd June



Our sixth and final PiXL guide this term is: **Encouraging Independent Reading**. Click [HERE](#)



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Question of the Week

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

Year Three	Tell your adult your alternative version of the The Little Pigs and The Big Bad Wolf.
Year Four	What happens to the digits when you multiply by 10?
Year Five	Name the key characters and retell the nativity story.
Year Six	What is your animal poem about?