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CROSSHALL JUNIOR SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATES | W.E. 28.02.25

MESSAGE FROM ACTING CO-HEAD TEACHERS

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and fun holiday.

This week, we are sending out an **urgent call for support for our Parent Teacher Association (PTA).**

Our PTA have supported the school for many years; organising the Summer Fayre, various Christmas events, providing funding for additional in-school experiences, and buying equipment for the school.

Being a member of the PTA means giving back to the school community, and is a rewarding volunteer position that has a significant impact on school life – seeing the joyful smiles in a school disco is only one of the benefits.

Without an active PTA, the school would struggle to offer discos, fayres and some of the trips we currently offer as they are subsidised by donations, so we are asking our community to please seriously consider whether you can offer time and support to help this vital part of our school community.

We urgently need members who can **join the main committee** and also **volunteers who can help with more general tasks.** We would benefit from people who have good organisational skills and can help with setting up and running events, which often happen during the school day.

The types of support we need includes:

- Supervising events (e.g. discos)
- Preparation for events (e.g. wrapping gifts, drawing raffles)
- Selling (Christmas / Mother's Day / Father's Day shops)
- Planning, organising and manning larger events (Christmas / Summer Fayres)
- Any expertise in useful professions welcome (marketing, accounting etc.)

Our PTA team needs more volunteers and if we do not get more support, it is likely it will have to disband.

If you have any questions or would like to join this worthwhile cause, please email our PTA team at crosshallpta@crosshalljunior.co.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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

UPCOMING DATES

- 6th March 2025
National: World Book Day [LETTER](#)
Year Four Verulamium Trip: 4ChO & 4Che [LETTER](#)
- 7th March 2025
Year Four Verulamium Trip: 4MM & 4NT [LETTER](#)
- wc 10th March 2025
Year Six: MOCK Test Week [LETTER](#)
- 11th March 2025
New To You Sale 3:20pm-3:40pm [POSTER](#)
- 12th March
Veg Fest Session 3CD [LETTER](#)
- 17th-21st March 2025
STEM Week
- 18th March 2025
Year Three: Fitzwilliam Day Trip 3CD [LETTER](#)
- 19th March
Veg Fest Session 3LR [LETTER](#)
- 24th March to 4th April
Join your child for Mother's Day Lunches.
Book in advance via Office
- 25th March 2025
Year Three: Fitzwilliam Day Trip 3LR & 3KP [LETTER](#)
- 26th March
Veg Fest Session 3KP [LETTER](#)
- 1st April 2025
9am Rocksteady Concert: Parents Invite Only.
- 2nd April
Veg Fest Session 4Che [LETTER](#)
- 3rd April
Year Five Viking Day [LETTER](#)
- 4th April 2025
Last Day of Term - Easter holidays 7th-18th Apr
- 22nd April 2025
Staff Training Day - school closed
- 23rd April 2025
Summer Term starts - back to School
Veg Fest Session 4NT [LETTER](#)



2025/2026 Term Dates on website [HERE](#)

AUTHOR VISIT POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Jamie Hammond, our author of the month, has had to postpone his visit next week. New date will be announced once confirmed.

Crosshall PTA: Key Dates

- 27th & 28th March 2025
PTA Mother's Day Shop
- 2nd April 2025
PTA Easter Disco
- 4th April 2025
PTA Easter Raffle

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CALLING CJS PARENTS
WE NEED YOUR HELP

Crosshall PTA is a friendly team of volunteers who support the school by **organising events, raising funds, and providing resources** for the school.

It's also a fab way to get to know people in our community!

And we need new members to help continue the invaluable work of the PTA

JOIN NOW: CROSSHALLPTA@CROSSHALLJUNIOR.CO.UK



Our **Crosshall PTA** have launched their own Facebook page. Keep up to date on latest news and events plus find out ways you can get involved!

[Like and Follow @CrosshallJuniorPTA](#)

Last year alone our PTA raised over **£10k** for the school!

These funds were raised through:

- social events
- school discos
- Summer Fayre

PTA funds contributed to:

- trips
- activities & events
- resources
- equipment



Currently at Crosshall View photos of events and performances
Head to our website under [Our School](#) > [Currently at Crosshall](#)

Local Community News Head to our website [HERE](#)
Email office@crosshalljunior.co.uk to include your local event

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

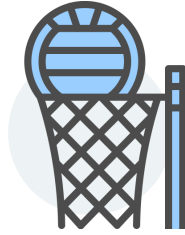
Well done to **Jesse-Mai** who recently achieved her Orange belt in MMA.



Well done to **Ava** who recently held a cake bake sale and choreographed dances as part of the entertainment for a residential fundraising event. The event was organised with other children and neighbours. There was face painting, a drinks stall and even a surprise visit from Mickey Mouse. Ava raised £70 for Crosshall Juniors!



Well done to **Roxee** who won first place in Freestyle and third place in Backstroke at a swimming competition at March Merlins recently.



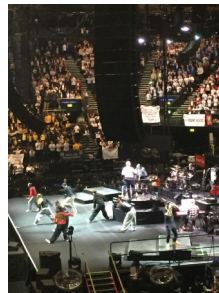
NETBALL CLUB - THURSDAYS after school

If your child would be interested in joining our after school Netball Club, we **are opening up the club to Years Four** as well as Years Five & Six.

Contact the office office@crosshalljunior.co.uk to secure a place in Netball Club from next Thursday!

CHOIR: YOUNG VOICES

We are so proud of the Crosshall Junior School Choir for their fantastic performance at **Young Voices 2025** yesterday at the BP Pulse Live Centre in Birmingham! It was an unforgettable experience, with our talented singers joining thousands of others to create an electric atmosphere filled with music and joy. The energy, enthusiasm, and hard work they put into rehearsals truly paid off, and it was wonderful to see them singing their hearts out on such a big stage. A huge well done to all the children involved - you were amazing!



Mrs Hamilton-Peck and Mrs Ruff | Choir Leaders

FUTURE ME TALKS

On Wednesday, we had two Future Me talks, each filled with children keen to learn about Dance/ Performing Acts and Archaeology.

Firstly, **Mr and Mrs Footitt** very kindly gave up their time to give a fantastic and engaging practical session for the children on Dance/ Performing Arts. Both parents have starred in West End productions and in films. Our pupils left enthused and inspired. **A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Footitt for organising a great session!**

In the afternoon, an archaeologist from the Museum of Archaeology London presented her work to the pupils; with specific focus on the A14/A428 upgrades. She was impressed with the questions our pupils had and their interest and engagement with her career.

If you can spare some time to talk to the children about your chosen career, please do get in touch via the office.

Mr Murphy | Acting Co Head Teacher

CARDIFF BONUS DAY

Today was Cardiff Bonus Day for pupils who are part of the Cardiff House family. The day coincides with St David's Day on 1st March (tomorrow). On a House Bonus Day, pupils from that House can wear token items in the house colour.

Next bonus day will be Belfast Bonus Day on Monday 17th March - children in Belfast House may wear token green items.



TOPICS IN SCHOOL



WORD OF THE WEEK: **emotion** *noun*

Emotions are feelings that we experience in response to different situations, people, and events.

Synonym: feeling, reaction, sentiment.

Antonym: coldness, indifference.



AUTHOR OF THE MONTH: **Jamie Hammond**

Book: Grumpfort



RHYTHM OF THE WEEK



YEAR THREE: VIRTUAL VISIT TO KYPIE FARM

On Tuesday, Year Three were very excited to have a virtual visit to Kypie Farm located in Mindrum, Northumberland. Anne spoke to the children about her family run farm and introduced the children to some of the pedigree sheep that she has. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and they certainly enjoyed the tour of the farm. A particular highlight was being introduced to two lambs who were only 1 hour old! The children will have another visit later in the year and can't wait to see how much the sheep have grown!

Mr Dorey | Head of Year Three



Visit the Kypie Farm website [HERE](#) for more information on the farm.

HOCKEY COMPETITION

On Wednesday, a group of Year Five & Six hockey players took part in a Quicksticks Hockey tournament at St Ives.

Well done to **Amelia, Anthony, Cecelia, Criston, Gabriels, Giulietta, Luke, Martha, Sophia, William, Yoan, and Zara.**

Thank you to all the adults who helped with transport and stayed to support the children.

Ms Howell and Mrs Blackwell | Sports Leaders



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

USEFUL LINKS - ADVICE & SUPPORT

Learning & Wellbeing Support

Lack of sleep can affect children in many ways. Learn about how to support your child and improve sleep habits via this link <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

Online Safety

What is Kick streaming? Find out more on Internet Matters click link [HERE](#)



LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS

Dabira F

IMPROVED



TTRS ROCK HERO

Margot C

ST NEOTS
SCHOOLS
COMPETITION

3rd place

COINS

Dabira F

SPEED

Johan J

IMPROVED

Elizabeth A

NEXT WEEK'S
BATTLE

Belfast v Cardiff

Question of the Week

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

Year
Three

How do you work out a fraction of an amount?

Year
Four

What part of a fraction is the numerator?

Year
Five

Tell an adult two similarities and two differences between the 1950s and modern day. Share your favourite game and/or activity with them.

Year
Six

How do you calculate the volume of a cuboid?