

**MESSAGE FROM OUR HEADTEACHERS - MR AINSCOW & MR MURPHY**

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As we end a jam-packed half-term, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our community for their patience with us as we have learned new systems and procedures as being part of Meridan Trust as well as coping with no internet for a couple of days!

We are definitely seeing the benefit from being part of a larger education community. There have been several visits from colleagues who have offered ideas for improvement as well as noting many of the strengths of the school—not least of which is how conscientious our staff are.

This week, I spoke to several children about how the start of the year has been and was given some suggestions about how we can improve the school such as by increasing the number of cold food options at lunch, having more opportunities for skipping and including more drama. Many of the children also talked about how interested they are by the new curriculum we are teaching—especially history. Most importantly, they discussed their teachers who they described as “nice”, “make lessons interesting with funny stuff” and make “curiosity welcome”.

We hope you all have a restful and fun half-term holiday!

**Mr Dan Ainscow & Mr Liam Murphy | Headteachers**

**PRIMARY FUTURES - GOLD AWARD**

We are pleased to announce that the careers element of our Future Me curriculum has been awarded the Gold Award as part of Primary Futures Recognition Scheme. The award reflects not only the quality of our career-related learning, but also the passion and commitment the school has shown in inspiring pupils to think big about their futures. We shall continue to embed career-related learning throughout our school.



**FAREWELL to MRS GOULD & MRS KEELEY**

We have said sad goodbyes to two much-loved members of our teaching assistant team this half term. **Mrs Gould** and **Mrs Keeley** have both had a lasting impact on many children during their time here at Crosshall. Mrs Gould moves on to a new job, while Mrs Keeley leaves us to begin her retirement. We wish them both success and joy for the future and thank them for their many years of service here at Crosshall Junior School.



**2025/2026 DATES**

- 27th - 31st October 2025  
**HALF TERM**
- 3rd November 2025  
**STAFF TRAINING DAY**
- 4th November 2025  
**Autumn Term Two STARTS**  
Upper School KS2 Briefing 3:30pm [LETTER](#)
- 6th November 2025  
**Future Me Information Event 3:30pm** [LETTER](#)  
**PTA Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for Christmas hamper item)** [POSTER](#)
- 7th November 2025  
**CJS Open Day for parents/ carers** [LETTER](#)
- 6th & 7th November 2025  
**PTA Christmas Jumper Sale after school** [POSTER](#)
- 10th November 2025  
**Anti Bullying Week - wear odd socks**
- 14th November 2025  
**Children in Need - non-uniform for £1 donation**
- 26th November 2025  
**Flu Vaccination - Catch up session 1-3pm**  
[CONSENT FORM](#)
- 27th November 2025 7-9pm  
**PTA Christmas Wreath Making** [POSTER](#)
- 28th November 2025  
**Christmas Decoration Day (wear Christmas jumper)**
- 1st December 2025  
**\*NEW DATE\* Edinburgh Bonus Day (wear token blue item for members of Edinburgh house)**
- 9th December 2025  
**Rocksteady Tues group Concert - invite only**
- 10th December 2025  
**Instrumental Concert**
- 11th & 12th December 2025  
**PTA Christmas Shop**
- 15th December 2025  
**PTA Christmas Pantomime**
- 16th December 2025  
**Carol Service at St Mary's Church**
- 17th December 2025  
**PTA Christmas Disco**
- 18th December 2025  
**Rocksteady Thurs group Concert - invite only**
- 19th December 2025  
**LAST DAY OF TERM - Christmas Dinner Day (wear Christmas jumpers)**

**APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Reminder to all **Year Six** parents: **DEADLINE TO APPLY** for your child's secondary school place is **31st October!** Visit [WEBSITE](#) for full details.



**Enjoy the half term break!**  
**Back to school on Tuesday 4th November**



### Flu Vaccination - Follow Up Session

Following the initial Flu Vaccination session here in school on Monday 22nd September, the health team have confirmed that they will be holding a follow up session for anyone who missed out originally, on **Wednesday 26th November 1pm-3pm**. To give consent head to the website [HERE](#).

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to **Myla** and **Sasha** who recently took part in the Supreme Dance Competition. Myla received various awards for Duo and Team dances. Sasha received a Supreme Start Award.



Well done to **Esther** who won four medals at a recent swimming competition. This included gold for 100m breaststroke, and silver medals for 50m breaststroke, 200m front crawl, and 200m breaststroke.



Well done to **Isabelle**, **Lea** and **Louisa** who held a lunchtime tombola last week and raised £110 to go towards new litter pickers for the school.



Well done to **Deeksha** who competed in the British Open Irish Dancing Championship and achieved 7th place in the Under 9 category. This builds on her previous success where last April she won 1st Prize in the All London Feis under the U8 category, which allowed her to move up from Beginner to Primary level.

### HUNTS POST ART SUPPLY COMPETITION

We are collecting tokens as part of the **HUNTS POST Art Supplies Competition** that runs until 6th December. Bring your tokens to the school office and help CJS to be in with a chance of winning a share of £10,000 worth of art supplies! Bonus tokens will be printed wc 27th Oct and 17th Nov - with over 10 extra tokens per edition!

### POPPY MAKING

Thank you to Mrs Warren from the Eaton Belles Women's Institute who hosted a poppy making session with some children this week. The poppies will be added to a display at Riverside, St Neots this November.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

**Friday 14th November** is **Children in Need Day**. The theme this year is "[Challenge Yourself for 25](#)". Children can come to school in non-uniform/ CIN clothes for the day for a small donation £1. In classes, children will come up with a class challenge around the number 25!

### PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

**Thursday 6th November**, we are inviting children to wear non-uniform in exchange for a **donation of a (non-perishable) item** for our PTA Christmas Hamper draw.

We are asking children to wear non-uniform in the colour of their year group: **Year Three (yellow)**, **Year Four (red)**, **Year Five (green)**, **Year Six (blue)**. See [POSTER](#).

### USEFUL LINKS

 Subscribe to our school calendar and sync it with your phone or desktop calendars [HERE](#)

 School Dinner Menus [HERE](#).

 [2025-2026 term dates](#)  
[2026-2027 term dates](#)

### Learning & Wellbeing Support

 [Cambs Council Holiday Voucher Scheme](#) provides supermarket vouchers for families eligible for income-based support. Click [HERE](#) to see full details. Families on income-based support may also qualify for [Free School Meals](#). Visit [HERE](#).

### LEARNING ACHIEVEMENTS



COINS Megan IMPROVED Ezra



COINS Harriet SPEED Aum IMPROVED Rosie