

# CROSSHALL INFANT SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2012

Happy New Year from all the staff at  
Crosshall Infant School.



## Thank You

Thank you for all your help and support last term.

- Children In Need - Our non uniform day raised £512.53
- Moldova - Thank you for the lego which will be taken out to Moldova later in the year.
- Thank you to everyone who purchased a poppy for Remembrance Day. We raised £100.70
- We have sent £342.12 to the Children's Society following the silver collections at our Christmas Concerts.

## Lunches

Parents are welcome to join their child for lunch. To book please contact the school office. Dinner Money for the half term is £50.40 or £9.00 per week. Please make payment via WisePay at [www.crosshallinfant.co.uk](http://www.crosshallinfant.co.uk) or send cash into school in a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the child's name and class. If your child has a packed lunch please ensure it comes to school in a small, named bag so that it can easily fit into the fridge.



## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday 6th March and Wednesday 7th March. Please note Class 12 Consultations will be on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March. We are introducing a new online booking system, details of which will follow shortly. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any issues for discussion prior to Consultation evenings.

## School Grounds

Please ensure that your children are with you at all times on the school site. Your children should not be playing in the quiet garden or on the music trail before and after school. If your child is on the adventure playground you must be supervising them.

Please note bikes and scooters are not allowed to be ridden on the school grounds.



## Emergency School Closure

I would like to take this opportunity to advise parents that should the school be unable to open, due to adverse weather conditions, notification will be provided through the following means:

- School website - [www.crosshallinfant.co.uk](http://www.crosshallinfant.co.uk)
- Radio Cambridgeshire - Frequency 95.7 FM and 96FM
- ParentMail - An email would be issued to all registered parents. However, there can sometimes be a delay with this due to the volume of emails that they receive.

Every effort will be made to ensure the school remains open, but should this prove impractical notification will be provided as soon as possible, to avoid any unnecessary disruption.

## Governormark

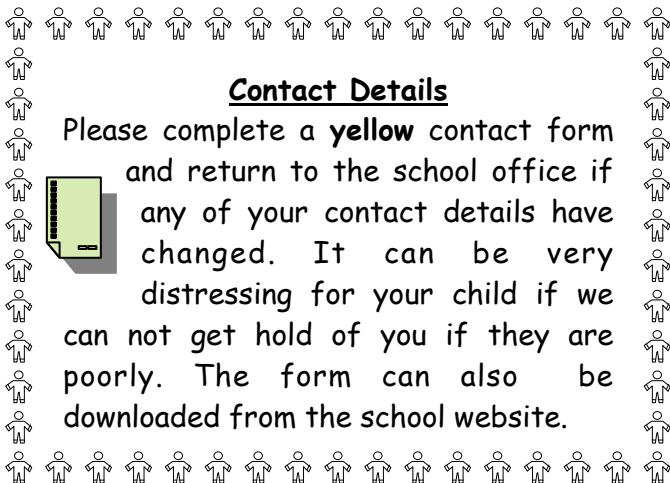
The Governors have recently been successful in being reaccredited with the Governormark which recognises the excellent leadership and management of the Headteacher and Governing Body.



### Grace's Day



As many of you will be aware Grace Hessom, a little girl who attended Crosshall Nursery and Infant School, died in 2009 from leukaemia. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, as an annual memorial to Grace, we are asking the children to dress in pink (Grace's favourite colour), purple or red in memory of Grace. During Grace's illness Grace and her family were supported by CLIC Sargent. CLIC Sargent is a charity set up to care for children and young people with cancer and their families in hospital and the community ([www.clicsargent.org.uk](http://www.clicsargent.org.uk)). We would welcome a small donation on this day and all monies raised will be given to this charity.



### Contact Details

Please complete a **yellow** contact form and return to the school office if any of your contact details have changed. It can be very distressing for your child if we can not get hold of you if they are poorly. The form can also be downloaded from the school website.

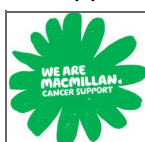


### Class Assemblies

Each class will be inviting their parents to attend a class assembly this term. The children will share some of the work they have been doing. Details of dates and times for each class will follow.

### Empty Hamper Baskets

Does anyone have any empty, unwanted hamper baskets? If so, please would you send these into the school office, where they will be used for our raffle at our Open Day, March 28th, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.



### 'No Nut' Policy

In school we have children with severe nut allergies. The level of severity of these allergies means that the children can have a reaction to someone eating food containing nuts in their vicinity or even entering a room where nuts have been eaten previously.

For this reason we have a 'no nut' policy in school. This means that the school kitchen is a nut free environment but it also means that any food sent in by parents at snack time or for packed lunches needs to be nut free, in order that we can ensure the safety of all of the children in school.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school 'nut free' and our children safe.

### Reading

Please help us to ensure your child makes maximum progress by spending some time each day reading and sharing books.



### Lost Property

This will be available in the main office foyer on Friday 20th January. Please ensure you check for any lost items. Following this all remaining items will be sent to a local charity shop.



### Helping on Educational Visits and in the classroom

If you would like to help in school or on a visit you need to be CRB cleared. Please contact the school office for a Parent Helper and CRB application form if you are not already cleared and would like to help.

## AWARDS

**Attendance Awards** - Certificates are being sent home to all children who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

**Headteacher's Award.** Headteacher Awards have been presented to:

Freddie Wood                      Class 2                      Chloe Colpus                      Class 10

William Hull

Charlie Moule

Ben Joyce

Class 11

Katie Manton

Liam Rogers

Class 3

Lucy Jones

Tia Holloway

Kitty Crane

Joshua Leher

Alana Fittes

Class 5

Scarlet Robinson

Charlotte Baker

Aedan Lydon

Robbie Woodward              Class 6

Olivia Goldman-Davies

Chloe Bartlett

Millie Fairbrass

Sonni Roberts                      Class 7

Abbie Jones

Class 9

Ruby Camfield

Shara Nicholson



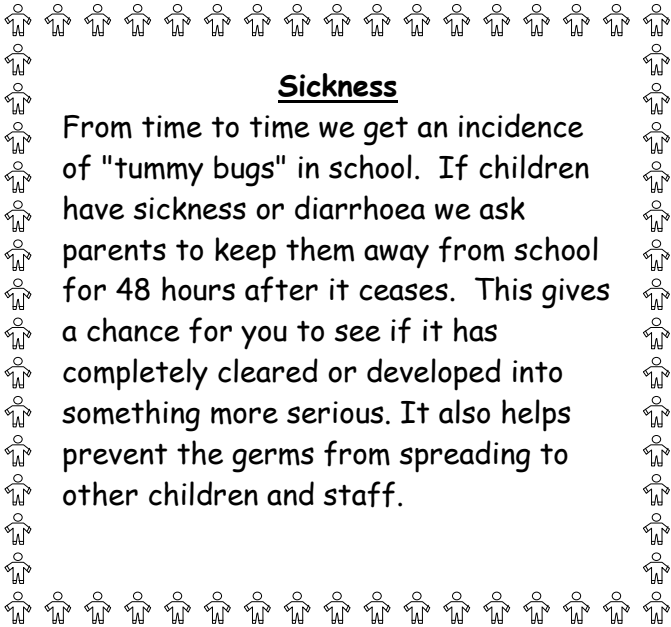
## Dates for your diary

- Friday 13th January - Theatre Company - The Frog Prince
- Friday 10th February - Grace's Day
- Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term
- Wednesday 22nd February— Maths Afternoon/Evening—Details to follow
- Tuesday 6th March - Parent Consultations - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 7th March - Parent Consultations - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 28th March—Open Day



### Cold Snap

Please take care on the school grounds if we experience icy conditions.



### Sickness

From time to time we get an incidence of "tummy bugs" in school. If children have sickness or diarrhoea we ask parents to keep them away from school for 48 hours after it ceases. This gives a chance for you to see if it has completely cleared or developed into something more serious. It also helps prevent the germs from spreading to other children and staff.

### Playtime Snacks

If you feel your child needs a snack during morning break, please send in a snack of fresh fruit, raisins, raw vegetables or cheese. Every afternoon all the children are provided with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as part of the government 'Free Fruit for Schools' scheme.



Please do not send in 'School bars', 'Fruit bars', 'Fruit Flakes', Health bars or any processed items for snack.

### Coats

Please ensure your child has a named, warm, waterproof coat in school each day. We go outside whatever the weather. Please also send in a named hat, scarf and gloves to ensure your child stays warm whilst they are outside.



### Going Home Book

If, at going home time your child is to be collected by anyone other than their parents, please could you add the relevant details to the 'Going home book' when you drop your child off in the morning. This can be found inside every classroom door.



### Parking

Please do not block the drives of our neighbours or park on the footpaths when bringing your child to, or collecting them from, school. To ease congestion please use our 'Park and Stride' option by parking at the 'Co-op' and walking the rest of the way to school. Unfortunately, there is no parking for parents on the school site.



### School Uniform

The school is a uniformed school and we expect all children to wear uniform. It can be ordered by clicking on 'Uniform Ordering' on the main page of the school website [www.crosshallinfant.co.uk](http://www.crosshallinfant.co.uk). You will then be redirected to our page on Gilt Edged website where you can complete your order. Alternatively, you can contact the company by telephone to place an order.: 01604 671671.

Uniform consists of:

- A navy sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- A white blouse or polo shirt.
- Dark navy, black or grey trousers or skirt.
- Dark footwear (flat shoes for girls).

If children come to school in boots, please provide another pair of shoes to be worn inside the building.

Tattoos, nail varnish, make-up and extreme hair-styles are not appropriate for school.

Please make sure your child has these things, named, in school each day:

- PE kit
- Painting apron
- Waterproof coat
- Wellington boots.

As storage space is limited within classrooms please note that we do not allow large ruck-sacks or shoulder bags.



### Anti-Bullying Policy

At Crosshall Infant School we do not condone any form of bullying whatsoever. We recognise bullying as defined by Cambridgeshire County Council (Oct. 2003) as:

**'A persistent, deliberate attempt to hurt or humiliate someone.'**

Any form of witnessed or reported bullying is dealt with immediately and followed up over subsequent occasions by the Class teacher and Headteacher.

One-off incidents, whilst they may be very serious and are always dealt with, do not fall within the definition of bullying.

At Crosshall Infant School we expect all children to adhere to our Golden Rules. One is 'We are kind and polite to each other' and we aim that the children in our school will:

- Develop a positive self-image and know that they and everyone around them should be treated with respect.
- Feel confident in the knowledge that bullying will not be tolerated in any shape or form.
- Know what steps to take should they feel they are being bullied (i.e. who to tell.)
- Be part of a positive peer group willing to speak up in defence of a friend who may be a victim of bullying type behaviour.
- Understand the difference between what is bullying and what is not.
- Learn to apply positive social strategies such as how to say "no" nicely but firmly.

### Golden Rules

In school it is important that...

We try our best.

We are good listeners.

We are kind and polite to each other.

We do what adults in school ask us to do.

We share with each other.

### School Attendance and Term time Holidays

National school data illustrates that children who have good attendance make significantly better progress than those who are late or have a significant amount of time off. As we continue to help your children reach their full potential, we would like your support in the following areas:

If your child requires a medical appoint which is not urgent, we would appreciate it if this could be arranged outside the school day.

- Ensure that your child arrives at school on time.
- Take your child on holiday during school holidays. We do not be authorise any family holidays during term time. We hope that parents will do all they can to avoid taking family holidays during term time, but, if this is unavoidable, they should write a note to school as with any other absence.

Authorisation for exceptional circumstances such as unavoidable medical appointments, music/ballet exams, funerals need to be requested via a letter.

### Nursery and School Admissions September 2012

Please be aware that the deadline for applications for the Nursery School, for September 2012, is January 31st 2012.

With regards to applications to the Local Authority for the Infant School, the deadline is January 15th. If you have not already made an application, you can do so online or paper copies are available from the school office.

**Term Dates: 2011 -2012**

**Spring Term**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term

**Summer Term**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Term Starts  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - May Day  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Professional Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Half Term  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Professional Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term

**Term Dates: 2012 -2013**

**Autumn term**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Professional Day  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Term Starts  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Half Term  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last Day of Term

**Spring Term**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 - Professional Day  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Term Starts  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term

**Summer Term**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Professional Day  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Term Starts  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - May Day  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Professional Day  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Professional Day  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last Day of Term

**For Year 2 children—SATs will be administered throughout the whole of the first half of the summer term.**

**Please do not take your child out of school during this time.**

## **Standard Assessment Tasks and Tests (SATS): End of Year Two Assessments.**

In the Summer Term of Year 2 teachers make a formal assessment of the level at which the children are working in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening, Mathematics and Science. The children also complete the National Tests and Tasks for 7-year-olds (Standard Assessment Tests and Tasks). These results are used to inform the Teacher Assessments. The results of these assessments are sent home to parents with the annual report.

The charts on the next page show the percentage of children achieving each level in June 2011. Crosshall Infant School results are shown in comparison to National and Local Authority 2011 scores.

Teacher assessment in Reading, Writing and Mathematics is informed by the administration of statutory tasks and tests during Year 2, unless the children are working below level 1.

### **Key: Reading, Writing, Mathematics**

Levels W, 1 and 2c are below the nationally expected standards for most 7-year-olds.

Level 2b is the nationally expected standard for most 7-year-olds.

Levels 2a and 3 are above the nationally expected standards for most 7-year-olds.

### **Key: Science, Speaking and Listening**

Levels W and 1 are below the nationally expected standards for most 7-year-olds.

Level 2 is the nationally expected standard for most 7-year-olds.

Level 3 is above the nationally expected standards for most 7-year-olds.

We are very proud that the children of Crosshall Infant School achieve such high standards and achieve well above both the Local Authority and the National average. Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who work so hard to achieve this success.

### Crosshall Infant School Key Stage 1 results 2011.

These tables show the percentage of eligible children at the end of Key Stage 1 achieving each level in the school 2011. The number of eligible children was 120.

RESULTS OF TEACHER ASSESSMENT 2011									
	Percentage at each level								
	W	1	2	2C	2B	2A	3 or above	Disap- plied children	Absent children
Speaking and listening	2	7	58				35	0	0
Reading	1	1		4	10	29	55	0	0
Writing	2	5		10	18	23	43	0	0
Mathematics	0	0		6	5	34	55	0	0
Science	0	1	40				60	0	

### Cambridgeshire Key Stage 1 Results 2011

This tables show the percentage of eligible children at the end of key stage 1 achieving each level in the county in 2011. The number of eligible children was 6310.

RESULTS OF TEACHER ASSESSMENT 2011									
	Percentage at each level								
	W	1	2	2C	2B	2A	3 or above	Disapplied children	Absent children
Speaking and listening	2	10	68				20	0	0
Reading	2	12		10	22	25	28	0	0
Writing	3	15		19	28	20	15	0	0
Mathematics	2	8		15	26	27	22	0	0
Science	1	8	70				21	0	

### National Key Stage 1 Results 2011

RESULTS OF TEACHER ASSESSMENT 2011									
	Percentage at each level								
	W	1	2	2C	2B	2A	3 or above	Disap- plied children	Absent children
Speaking and listening *									
Reading	3	12		11	24	24	26	0	0
Writing	4	15		20	28	20	13	0	0
Mathematics	2	8		16	27	27	20	0	0
Science *									

This table shows the percentage of eligible children achieving each level at the end of key stage 1 in 2011.

'W' represents children who are working towards Level 1 but have not yet achieved the standards needed for Level 1. Figures may not total 100 per cent because of rounding. \* National Data not available