



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

2nd March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to parents and carers for your support and understanding over the past few days. The decision to close the school is always a last resort. Teaching and learning was difficult in school on Tuesday due to the extreme weather and we asked parents to collect early if possible as the weather was due to deteriorate. It eventually did and I do not think that anybody really expected what happened over the next two evenings. For health and safety reasons we unfortunately had to close the school to pupils and staff.

Early decisions were made to close for Thursday and Friday to allow families the opportunity to make arrangements. Closing is always the final option and I hope that you appreciate that this was not taken lightly. There were 257 schools closed in North Yorkshire on Wednesday and over 300 closed yesterday. The Local Authority have been fantastic in keeping us up to date with weather reports and guidance throughout the week. Their advice has helped enormously with the decision making.

We will do everything possible to make a good start to the week and get back to normal on Monday for the week to go ahead as planned. At the moment, we have rearranged World Book Day for Tuesday 6th March. Unfortunately, there is more snow due this weekend – I will aim to inform you as early as possible if it seems likely that the weather conditions will prevent us from opening on Monday.

On a positive note, I am sure that the children have had an amazing time in the snow this week. If families would like to, please email a picture of your child/family standing next to your family snowman. And please let us know it's name! This could be done over the weekend or maybe you have done it already!

We will create a display in school of all of the ones we receive and we'll put our favourite pic on Twitter! Please send to headteacher@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk. Good luck!

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Tuesday 6th March. You have already received a pack before the holidays. Please have a look for your favourite book to bring to school and choose your favourite character to dress up as. On Tuesday afternoon, there will be a reading café in the hall, if you can make some cakes please let Mrs McManus know. Come along and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake and take some time to read your book, children will be able to come and join you with a book of their choice.

Please don't forget to send in photographs of the children reading in unusual places. We hope everyone enjoyed taking part in "Ready Steady Read" – please start collecting in your sponsorship money. Usborne Books will donate up to 70% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra **£420** in FREE Usborne books!

Y2 AND Y6 SATS INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Mrs Carbert and Mrs McManus will be leading an evening for parents to provide information about end of Key Stage SAT tests that pupils in Y1 and Y6 will sit. Mrs Carbert will host her event in Class 2 at 5pm on Monday 5th March and Mrs McManus has rearranged hers for 5pm on Tuesday 6th March. Sessions will last approximately 30 minutes.

SCHOOL MONEY

Please see the note below from School Money about changes to the login screen:

You may have noticed that we have made a change to our SchoolMoney website. Now when parents go to www.schoolmoney.co.uk they will be redirected to the new eduspot website.

To sign in, all parents need to do is select the Sign In button in the top right hand corner of the screen. A list will drop down and they need to select the SchoolMoney Parent Login option at the bottom. This will then send them to the parent login screen as normal.

Parents with children in Nursery who attend extra sessions and/or lunchtime club have had a letter this week regarding the collection of money due – please note that these amounts have now been added to School Money and are available for payment.

DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER – We post a lot of interesting things on there... It's easy to create an account!



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Have a lovely weekend in the snow. Please stay safe.

Mr Robson

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
5/3/18	5pm	Y2 SATS Information Evening
6/3/18		World Book Day
6/3/18	5pm	Y6 SATS Information Evening
8/3/18	1.00-4.00pm	Cross Country
13/3/18		Full GB Meeting
23/3/18	9.10-10.00am	Community Celebration Worship and parent drop in (tea/coffee)
29/3/18	2.00pm	Easter Service LAST DAY OF TERM

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 5th MARCH 2018

Mon 5 th March	KS1 Y2 SATS Information Evening Discoverers
Tues 6 th March	Piano Lessons KS2 Y6 SATS Information Evening
Weds 7 th March	KS2 SATs club
Thurs 8 th March	Cross Country Competition Guitar Gymnastics after school
Fri 9 th March	Tag Rugby after school (outside)

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Mike Layfield
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Matthew Brown KS1 – Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby
Thursday	High Five Netball with Mrs Jewkes
Friday	Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby

Full PE kit is required for all sessions including football boots and shin pads for football and rugby.

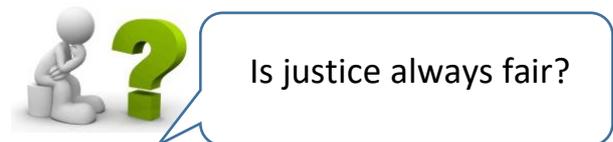
LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Nursery Fees

St Peter's Church Holy Communion 8am

Christian Value – Justice

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 4: Our writing workshop with Peter Barron has been rearranged for Tuesday this week. He will be sharing his new book – “Darly’s Magical History Tour”. We will also be using a picture as inspiration to write a story to shock and surprise the reader. In Maths we will be dividing decimals by integers and changing fractions to decimals. We will be looking at some of the human uses for rivers under the headings of water, transport, habitat, energy, farming and leisure in our topic sessions.

CLASS 3: This week we have been thinking about descriptions in our work. We learnt two new ways of writing sentences and used these when starting to write our myths. Ask us about 2A, 2A and emotional sentences! We have started a new Maths topic using fractions and decimals and wowed Mrs Richford with our knowledge of tenths. Our listening skills were tested in music and we have learnt some new words: timbre, dynamics and tempo. We will be writing about the Roman Baths in topic next week. If you would like to bring any research from home to add to our work in class, that would be fantastic. PE will be on Wednesday. Please remember to bring appropriate outdoor clothing for PE.

CLASS 2: Although it has been a short week in school, the children have achieved a lot in this time. We have been working on our new class text “Katie in London”. The children made some super predictions about the story prior to reading it and have begun researching one of the highlights ‘St Paul’s Cathedral’. In Maths we have been looking at fractions and finding fractions of shape and number. The children are becoming more familiar with the vocabulary used when talking about fractions of an amount. Next week we will continue with our topic of London and the Monarchy. The children will be creating a non-chronological report about St Paul’s Cathedral and we are hoping to create some London inspired textiles as part of our DT project.

EARLY YEARS: At the beginning of the week the children really enjoyed reading the story “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. Lots of children made signs to warn others about the bears in the classroom! On Tuesday the children loved being outside in the snow! I hope everyone enjoyed their days off and had plenty more fun in the snow! Next week, due to a strong interest from the children, we will be focusing on cars and reading the story “Cool Cars” by Tony Mitton. In Maths we will be focusing on addition. Please see the 'what we are learning this week' sheet for more information. If anyone has a large plastic play car at home (that they no longer want or are willing to let us borrow) we would be very grateful for this for our mechanic role play!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Jake Priestly (Y6) Amy Lillie (Y5) Aaron Hirst (Y4) Jasmine Usher (Y3) Ava Holmes (Y2) William Ford (Y1) Michelle Olaoye (Rec)

SCHOOL ANGEL

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your Shopping. Our School Angel fund has now reached over £200 and we are looking forward to using the money raised to improve our ICT facilities in school.

<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>



Here is just a **small** sample of retailers that are listed on the site. The retailer donates a proportion of their profit to school from anything purchased and you get exactly the same deal as if you had visited the retailer directly. You are not required to create an account or provide any personal details.

CHILDREN NOT YET OF SCHOOL AGE

Please make sure to let us know if you have any younger children who are not yet in school or in our admissions book. This will ensure that you receive information about nursery places in good time.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Daffodil pins, sold in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care are on sale in school for £1 each.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – STAMPS

Please keep reminding friends and family that we are collecting used stamps for the RNIB. We are helping to raise money by recycling something we normally would throw away. Thank you for your support.

TEXTING SERVICE

Please ensure that the mobile number we have for you is up to date.

ALLERGEN INFORMATION

This is available for all school meals so if you have any concerns or require any information please ring or call into school. More information about food allergens can be found on the Food Standards Agency website. It is very important that you keep us informed of any food allergies or intolerances affecting your child.

SAFEGUARDING

The school’s Designated Senior Person and Online Safety Leader: Mr Robson

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford.

The nominated safeguarding governor is Mr Blenkarn.



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