



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

10<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**New Entrance**

Our new entrance is complete and will be open from Monday morning! Thank you to parents and carers for your patience whilst the work was being completed. Parents and carers have previously expressed concerns about the playground gate being easily accessible and we will now be able to lock the playground gate during the school day. When entering school at any point between 9.00am and 3.20pm, please use the new entrance. Thank you.

**Safety Notice: Please take care at the foot of the ramp up to the main entrance.** The contractors could not complete this work during this visit and will be returning during the summer break to remove the kerbing and create a smooth slope up to the entrance to school.

You will notice that we have also had a new path laid at the side of the school and the fence near to the bungalows at Lewis Close has been raised to improve safety.

**Online Safety**

**Parents:** Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our 'Keeping Your Child Safe Online' training on Wednesday. We hope that you found it useful. Feedback was very good. For parents who were unable to attend, the presentation will be added to the school website by the end of the week.

**Pupils:** We held an online safety presentation for pupils on Monday morning and pupils were asked to write a slogan and design a logo to help keep the children of Croft School safe online. We also watched a lovely online safety video. If you would like to watch it please visit youtube and search for CEOP KS1 film and watch the adventures of Lee and Kim.

**Staff:** Staff have also completed Online Safety training and will be continuing to develop pupils' understanding of online safety across the school. If you have any questions relating to online safety, please speak to Mrs Lancaster (E-safety Leader). Thank you.



**Summer Weather**

Please ensure that children come to school with hats and sun cream applied on sunny days. We have limited shaded areas and, for pupils to work and play outside, it is really important that all precautions are taken. Thank you. Also, please ensure that pupils have a jacket with them each day! The British weather can change very quickly and we do like to get our children outside as much as possible. Thank you.

**Queen's Birthday Picnic (13<sup>th</sup> June)**

We will be holding a picnic lunch for pupils to celebrate the Queen's Birthday on Monday and there will also be a range of activities taking place in classrooms.

**Y6 Leavers' Prom**

This year's Leaver's Prom will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**. For the event to take place, the Prom involves staff giving their own time. If any parents are willing to help to support this event, please contact Miss Wilford as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

**End of Year Reports**

End of Year reports will be handed out on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. This year, we will include a report for our Nursery children. Due to end of KS2 SAT results being scheduled to arrive after this date, Year 6 End of Year Reports will be handed out on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. As the curriculum and assessment has changed, we have made some amendments to the report format. Thank you.

**Summer Term Dates**

Dates for your diaries...

Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends of Croft Fun Run ( <b>DATE TO BE REARRANGED</b> )
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Year Reports (Early Years to Y5)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports Y6
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Strawberries and Cream Concert
Mon July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day and Friends of Croft School BBQ
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers and Prize Giving Ceremony - 2.15pm
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of Year Service at St Peter's - 2.30pm School Closes for Summer!

**Thank you. Let's hope that the sun continues to shine over the weekend! ☺**

**Mr Robson**

**CLASS 4:** Well done to those who took part in the 5-a-side football tournament at Hurworth School. As always, your behaviour was impeccable and your positive attitude and teamwork was clear to see. The boys finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on goal difference and the girls finished in 4<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the Cricket competition for Class 4 has been cancelled today due to the weather. It will be arranged for later in the term. We will be sending a letter with the revised date on as soon as we know.

This week we have enjoyed taking part in a Maths measuring morning and planning and writing our newspaper articles about the Olympics. Next week, we will be celebrating the Queen's birthday with a range of activities and on Wednesday we are looking forward the 'Groovy Greeks' performance in York, after which we will be writing reviews.

**CLASS 3:** Well done to all of the children who took part in the cricket tournament on Wednesday at Richmond Cricket Club. All the children who took part showed a brilliant attitude and persevered throughout. There was a great team spirit and the children also showed great sportsmanship.

Next week, we will be planning a party for the Queen's birthday. This will include working with a budget and designing invitations to send out. We will also be starting our new topic in Science which is living things and their habitats.

**CLASS 2:** We will be writing a poem based on "The Mousehole Cat" in English this week. In Maths we are recapping fractions and we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will be continuing work looking at the seaside and weaving with an under the sea theme. PE is on Wednesday and Friday, please make sure children have their kits. Thank you.

**Early Years:** We have enjoyed our first week back at school and have started work on our new topic 'the seaside'. We now have a Punch and Judy show, a rock pool, boats and donkey rides in our classroom. In Maths we have been looking at place value (tens and ones in numbers). Next week we will be reading the story of The Rainbow Fish and doing activities based around this story and telling the time to the hour and half hour.

**Headteacher's Awards** Scarlett Spink(Y6), Jacob Rutter(Y5), Sophia Kennedy (Y4), Rhys Patterson (Y3), Olivia Curbeson(Y2), Kip Wrightson (Y1) and Will Preston(R).

**Events week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Glee Club
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Woodwind lessons Piano lessons Discoverers
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 swimming lessons Violin lessons Cl4 Groovy Greeks (York)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Guitar Lessons Y5/6 after school football
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths 24 Challenge Karate

**St Peter's Church, Croft:** 12<sup>th</sup> June Family Service 11 am

**Christian Value:** Justice

**Trophies**

If your child won a prize in the form of a school trophy last year, please return these as soon as possible

**Shoe Box Appeal – early notice!**

We have been approached by Samaritan's Purse who have asked if we would take part again in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. This involves filling a covered shoebox with items suitable for children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, soap etc. If you would like to send in a filled box or have items that would go into a box, the school will be acting as a collection point. We would also appreciate empty shoe boxes which we can make up in school. Please mark your box with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for and send it/them into school by early November.



**Class 3 and 4 spelling homework**

For the past couple of months we have been trialling a new way of doing spellings, which is going really well and will be launched fully in September. The children are now given a spelling homework challenge on a Friday with the spellings for them to learn for a test the following Friday. This is to be handed in with their other homework no later than Wednesday. Because the children are no longer writing their spellings to learn into their spelling books, we have advised children to copy their spellings into their spelling book at home so they have them to learn, ready for the test on Friday, after they have handed their homework in. In addition to this, children are also doing daily spelling challenges in school.

**Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers have now finished. Please send in any vouchers.

**Marie Curie Cancer Care**

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

**Croft Out of School Club Holiday Club Opening 2016**

Holiday	Dates open
Summer	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> , Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2016
September 2016	To be confirmed

**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.

**Donations Wanted for Croft Village Gala Day Tombola Stall**

On Sunday 26th June Croft Village Hall Committee are holding a Gala Day. They have asked if some children from school can run a Tombola (No alcohol). The profits from the stall will be shared between school and the Croft Village Hall fund. If anyone has any prizes they would be willing to donate please send them into school as soon as possible.

**Parent Questionnaire Responses**

The summary of the Parent Questionnaire is now available on the the school website [croftprimarieschool.org](http://croftprimarieschool.org) under **Performance and Attainment – Parent Surveys**. Thank you for your responses.

**Pupil Premium**

Pupil Premium is given to schools to support children on Free School Meals and children of Service families to achieve nationally expected levels of achievement, wherever possible, and to ensure good progress. It is given for 6 years and when a child transfers to secondary school, it goes with them. Children aged 3 and 4 are now eligible for this funding. Please let us know if you think your child may be eligible.

**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.

**Text Messaging**

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



**Allergen Information**

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 school informed of any food allergies or intolerances affecting your child.

**Guidance on Infection Control**

A copy of the HSC (Public Health Agency) guidance on infection control in schools can now be found on our school web site [croftprimarieschool.org](http://croftprimarieschool.org) This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.

Don't forget to visit our web site at [croftprimarieschool.org](http://croftprimarieschool.org)