



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**  
**'Achievement for Everyone'**

12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

**Well done everybody – we are half way through this academic year and have achieved so much. Thank you and keep up the great work!**

**Brownies!**

To support our Brownies who meet in school each week, some of our pupils will be attending school on the first day after the holidays wearing their 'Brownie' uniform to celebrate 'World Thinking Day 2016'. Visit the following website to find out more!  
[www.new.girlguiding.org.uk/latest-updates/what-were-up-to/world-thinking-day](http://www.new.girlguiding.org.uk/latest-updates/what-were-up-to/world-thinking-day)

**Defibrillator Update**

Capita staff have had a 'dress down day' and raised and donated £266.88 towards our onsite defibrillator. We thank them so much for their wonderful support and we thank Ava Bainbridge's granddad for organising the event.



**Twitter**

We now have a Twitter Account! If you would like to follow us, please find us on Twitter @croftcofe and make a follower request. When we recognise parents and carers we will let you in to follow our tweets! Feedback would be greatly appreciated as we develop its use. Thank you.

**Uniform Policy**

The school's uniform policy is being followed really well – thank you to everybody for your excellent support with this! I only have 2 small reminders from the policy. Please remember that socks should be black, grey or white and pupils should store their kits in drawstring bags. This is really important as we have limited space in school. If you would like to purchase a drawstring bag, see Mrs Dent at the school office (£3.00). Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Wilford and Mrs Lakey**

Today, we said farewell and thank you to Mrs Lakey and Mrs Wilford in our whole school Friday Celebration Worship. Both members of staff received a head teacher's award postcard and a sticker! Thank you for all of your contributions Sarah and Coral. Good luck.

**Reward Courtesy of Middlesbrough Football Club**

Our school football team were set to play at York City Football Ground after their success in the recent schools' cup competition only to find out later that it had been rearranged at a different venue. Mr Berriman and I decided that we would approach Middlesbrough Football Club to ask if there was anything they could do to help. They did! Our football team have been invited to a take part in the flag parade at the Riverside Stadium and watch the game between Middlesbrough and Preston North End in April. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Percovich for their help in making this happen. Up the Boro!

**Have a safe and happy half term break and we will see you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

**Mr Robson**

**Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Louie Petch (Rec), Finlay Hagan (Y1), Alex Preston (Y2), Jack Grainger (Y3) Max Ferguson (Y4), Grace Turnbull (Y5) and Olivia Mulcrone(Y6)

**Class 4:**

**Year 6:** What a busy week! The children enjoyed their Science morning on Wednesday, learning about how different circuits work and they have completed some amazing poems for their hot write. After half term, we will be looking at journalistic writing in English and continuing investigating shape in Maths. Enjoy the break – you deserve it!

**Year 5:** Well done Year 5 on a very productive half-term! After half term we will be continuing to look at our topic of poems, which will involve writing lots of our own! We will also be finishing off our fractions, decimals and percentages module. Have a lovely break!

**Class3:** Class 3 have had a really busy week. We really enjoyed our Science investigation day on Wednesday; the children loved testing different soils and getting their hands dirty! We will be continuing our work on reasoning with measures after half term in Maths and will be starting our new topic on improving environments and investigating the local area. We are also looking forward to working with a local artist on an exciting new project!

**Class 2:** We will be continuing our work on fractions after half term. The children will all have had some vocabulary associated with fractions sent home this week so please be on the lookout for where and when fractions are being used. Our new topic will be castles and homes after half term so our writing in English will be based on this.

**Early Years:**

After the half term break we will be learning about Castles and who lives in a castle. We will be reading stories that feature castles.

**Nursery** - During the holiday please get your child to draw a picture of something they have enjoyed doing and 'write' about it in the busy book. Please add your comment next to the picture so we can share what you have been doing. Please practise writing your name too.

**Reception** – Please keep practising the words on your games and lists. When you need a new game please send the completed game back in the reading record. Homework – find out about some garden birds.

**Reception PE** – Next half term we will be having **PE on Mondays** so that means PE kit needs to be in school the first day back please. We will be doing gymnastics. ☺

**Events week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016**

Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School re-opens 2.30 Climate Cops Parent consultations
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Piano and woodwind lessons 6pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Violin lessons KS2 Key steps gymnastics at Richmond School 12.15: Class 4 Girls football Parent Consultations
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Guitar Lessons
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS2 lunchtime football Karate Class 3 visit to Clervaux Trust

## Forthcoming Events

Tues, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb                      Governing Body Meeting  
Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup> March                    World Book Day  
Book Fair in School

**St Peter's Church, Croft** 11am Family Service  
(14.2.16)

Mothering Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Christian Value:** Koinonia

## **Friends of Croft School**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday 19th March  
Easter Funday and Treasure hunt.  
(More details to follow).  
It's going to be Eggcellent!!

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

Activity programmes will be issued a few weeks in advance of the holiday.

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Dates open</b>
Easter	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Spring Week	Closed
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.

### **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 [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org) This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.

### **Maths MATRIX Challenge**

Thank you to everyone for taking on the Matrix Challenge.

The top five in KS1 are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Alfie Robinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Alex Preston  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Jack Goldsbrough  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Aaron Hirst  
5<sup>th</sup> place - Olivia Curbeson  
Very well done to you all!

The top ten in KS2 are:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Alexandra Knapp  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jacob Rutter  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Luca Petch  
4<sup>th</sup> place - William Brown  
5<sup>th</sup> place - Scarlett Spink  
6<sup>th</sup> place - Harry Laviolette and Alexandra Thompson  
7<sup>th</sup> place - Evie Schmidt  
8<sup>th</sup> place - Mathew Thornton  
9<sup>th</sup> place - Vinny Patterson  
10<sup>th</sup> place – Kaaman Birk

Remember it could be you at the end of next half term!  
Keep practising and aim high!

### **Learning Skills**

Children wishing to create a character to illustrate any of our school learning skills should do so over half term. Please write a short character description to show how the character matches the skill. Hand this into Mrs McManus by Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. We hope to introduce the new learning skills characters soon 😊

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