



## CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Achievement for Everyone

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy week! We seem to have had all types of weather already.

### **Music lessons**

Did you know that we have specialist teachers who come into school to teach children to play musical instruments? If you would like your child to learn to play any woodwind or stringed instruments (including guitar), please speak to Mrs Dent at the office.

### **Digital Newsletter**

Many parents/carers have requested that school newsletters are sent digitally. This will obviously reduce paper usage across the school and we have estimated that this could save the school approximately **£700 across the year!** Also, we will be able to add more direct internet links to pages so that parents can click to find out more information. Therefore, after half term, the school newsletter will be sent digitally to all parents/carers via email and will be added to the school website each Friday. We will still keep a small number of copies in the school office, should anybody require an urgent copy. Mrs Dent will be sending out a form to request email addresses from parents and carers. Parents/carers can have more than one email address.

### **Curriculum Event**

Thank you to parents/carers who have confirmed their attendance at the curriculum event on **Wednesday evening at 5.30pm**. We hope that parents/carers will find this helpful in finding out more about their child's curriculum.

### **Jeans for Genes**

Friday is Jeans for Genes Day! If children would like to contribute £1, they can wear a pair of jeans (plus their normal uniform) Have a great weekend everybody. Thank you for your continued support! ☺

### **Mr Robson**

#### **CLASS 4:**

We have had another fantastic week in Class 4 this week; the children are settling really well into their new year groups. Next week, we will be continuing to solve place value problems in Maths and looking more closely at our classic fiction novel in English: The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. Please can children bring in their PE kits at the start of each week and make sure they stay in school until the end of the week. Thank you ☺

#### **CLASS 3:**

We will be continuing our work on recounts in English, based on The Stig of the Dump. In Maths we are focussing on reading and writing numbers in digits and words to one thousand. In topic we will be looking at stone age homes and dwellings.

#### **CLASS 2:**

We will be planning and writing our own versions of The Tiger who came to Tea in English. In Maths we are writing numbers in numerals and words to twenty in Year 1 and one hundred in Year 2. We will be looking at the story of creation in RE.

#### **EARLY YEARS:**

The children have enjoyed setting up our pet shop in the shed outside. This will be developed further. We will be discussing families and looking at baby photos of our friends. Thank you to everyone who has sent pictures for display. Reception children will begin their phonics sessions next week. The first set is satp. We are working on negotiating space, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles too.

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to come to the Early Years meeting on Tuesday. I hope you found the summary useful. ☺

#### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS:**

**Sophie Wright (Y6) Sean Craig (Y5) Amy Lillie (Y4) Harvey Campling (Y3) Jasmine Usher (Y2) Tom Ellis (Y1) William Ford (Rec)**

#### **EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept

Glee Club

Piano lessons

Flute lessons

Full GB meeting

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept

Violin lessons

Y1-6 Curriculum Event (5.30pm)

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

Guitar lessons

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Jeans for Genes Day

#### **LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Curriculum Event

#### **CHRISTIAN VALUE:**

Generosity

#### **St Peter's Church**

11 am Holy Communion

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Harvest Festival in school**

11<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Harvest Festival in Church**

9<sup>th</sup> October

'Jacob Rutter, Year 6, ran the junior Great North Run on Saturday and Mrs Rutter ran the full race on Sunday. They were both running to raise money for the Great North Air\_Ambulance. If anyone would like to make a donation to this amazing service please see Claire in the vard.'

*† Christian values: koinonia, peace, thankfulness†*

### **Nursery Consultation**

The Governing Body are considering opening the nursery all week instead of 5 mornings and 2 afternoons per week. Children are currently entitled to 5 free sessions per week from the term following their third birthday and additional sessions can be paid for. The government are proposing an increase in this free entitlement from September 2017, but we have no further information as yet. Full days are always the most popular and we think this change to the opening hours would be beneficial and offer more flexibility to parents. We would of course put additional staff in place during the new sessions. Your comments on this proposal would be welcome – please email [CofG@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:CofG@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk) or drop a note into school. Thank you.

### **SHOE BOX APPEAL**



We have been asked by Samaritan's Purse 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 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.

### **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.

### **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 website [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.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 website at [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org)