



17<sup>th</sup> June 2016



**Dear Parents,**

The weeks are whizzing by – only 5 weeks to go before the summer break!

**Transition Days**

From the results of feedback received from parents and carers we will be working towards making pupils' transition to their next class smoother. We have set aside **5 days** over the last two weeks of term to enable pupils to work in their new classes. This will help pupils to settle into their new classes and staff to become acquainted with pupils and make preparations for the next academic year, This will coincide with Y6 transition days at secondary schools and preparations for the leavers' performance. I will confirm the days soon! Thank you.

**Uniform**

Please ensure that pupils have a **coat with them every day**, no matter what the weather. Can I also remind parents that due to obvious health and safety reasons **sandals are not part of school uniform**. Thank you for your support.

**Safety**

Please can I emphasise the importance of scooters not being used in the playground before and after school. There are many children and adults on the yard at these times and accidents can easily occur.

**Recruitment**

We have been very busy this week recruiting for our part time Administrator position and Early Years Teaching Assistant. I am very pleased to say that we have made conditional offers to two new, experienced members of staff. When the necessary checks are complete further details will be announced. Also, congratulations to Mr Berriman who has secured a permanent position at a school in Darlington and will start in September! ☺

KS1 and KS2 pupils have completed their Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme over the last 2 weeks. This culminated in a Y5/6 workshop on Tuesday with NSPCC staff. If you would like any more information please visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service).

**Phonics**

Year 1 pupils have completed their phonics screening checks today. Parents will be informed of their child's in their child's end of year report.

Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody! ☺

**Mr Robson**

**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: Congratulations to the children who took part in both the cricket and 24 challenge competitions today; you all performed excellently and have done the school proud!**

The children have had a very exciting week. Horrible Histories was absolutely amazing and children were fantastically behaved as always. As a result of this we have had some brilliant reports written by the children, which we are going to try and send to the theatre! We have also celebrated the Queen's birthday with a variety of events, including: writing a biography, invitation and planning the Queen's birthday. Well done on a great week everyone.

**CLASS 3:** The children loved planning a party for the Queen this week. They managed to plan a party for a specific number of guests and work within a given budget. They all did a super job! Next week, we will be continuing our work on Living things in Science and starting our new topic on the Anglo Saxons. In Maths, we will be solving problems involving fractions.

**CLASS 2:** Next week we will be completing our poems based on the Sea Cat in English and we will then move onto planning a recount about Mowzer's trip to sea. In Maths we will be ordering and comparing amounts using the context of money. Year 1 children will be taking part in a Science workshop at school with the children from North and South Cowton School on Monday afternoon and we will all be learning about the Muslim place of worship in RE.

**Early Years:** We have had an exciting week in Early Years. We celebrated the Queen's birthday by making cards, decorating biscuits and crowns and having a picnic lunch. We have also started working on the Rainbow Fish story – this week we have retold the story and started a display in our room (we have done weaving to make seaweed and painted fishes). We'll be carrying on looking at the Rainbow Fish next week.

**Headteacher's Awards** William Knapp((Y6), Oscar Hudson Chang (Y5), Sophia Kennedy (Y4) Charlotte Shield (Y3), Aaron Hirst (Y2), James Dobson (Y1) and Ifedayo Orukotan(R).

**Events week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Glee Club
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Woodwind lessons Piano lessons
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS2 swimming lessons Violin lessons
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Guitar Lessons Y5/6 after school football
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Karate

**St Peter's Church, Croft:** 19<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion 11 am

**Christian Value:** Reverence

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

On Saturday, 25th June Croft Village Hall Committee are holding a Gala Day. They have asked if some children from school can run a Tombola (No alcohol). If anyone has any prizes they would be willing to donate please send them into school as soon as possible.

**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.



**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.

**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.

**Parent Questionnaire Responses**

The summary of the Parent Questionnaire is now available on the school website [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.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 [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 web site at [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org)

***Year 3 – Charlotte Shield for super effort when writing a recount of Awareness Week and excellent throwing and catching skills in rounders.***

***Year 4 – Sophia Kennedy for always trying her best in every lesson and getting on with her work independently.***

***Year 5 – Oscar HC for being thankful. Thanking the teachers for the school trip and always trying his hardest. Grateful***

***Reception – Ifedayo Orukotan for coming back after being poorly with an amazing attitude – listening well, sharing ideas on the carpet and writing independently!***

***Y1 James Dobson for always being cheerful and happy and for some excellent doubling this week!***

***Y2 Aaron Hirst For being a great team player and for some excellent Maths work planning a birthday party for the Queen.***