



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**'Achievement for Everyone'**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers,  
Odd Socks Day**

Thank you to everybody who contributed to Odd Socks Day to raise Awareness for World Down Syndrome Day on Monday! We raised a fantastic **£66.92! Well done everybody.**

**Parent Governor Elections**

Ballot papers for Parent Governor Elections have been out for one week now. Each parent has as many votes as there are candidates to be elected (2). These ballot papers must arrive in school no later than 9am on 20<sup>th</sup> April. Some parents have asked about confidentiality as names were sent out on the top of the forms. This was to ensure that each parent only received only 1 form. Please simply cut or tear the name from the sheet to remain anonymous. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**Thank you!**

Please can I take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents for their support over what has been a very busy term. Staff and pupils have had to do it all in only 11 weeks and we have had terrible bad luck with 'the bug' that has been going around!

Although we may not get everything right, I can assure you that staff are professional, highly caring and work tirelessly to provide the best possible outcomes for all children. I am always available each morning to speak to parents regarding any matter and I will continue to work without reservation towards meeting the school's mission of 'Achievement for All'.

Our pupils, as ever, have been excellent and their thirst for knowledge and desire to learn is clear to see. We have had some important visitors in school over the past term who have been looking at how we plan, teach and assess our pupils since the national changes to curriculum and assessment. The visitors have been very impressed with the standard of work that our pupils are producing, the improvement in pupils' presentation and pride in their work and their developing skills as learners. We all look forward to the coming term with the confidence that we are on the right track towards meeting the demands of the new curriculum and its assessment. We wish our Y2 and Y6 pupils the very best of luck in their forthcoming SAT test and to all children towards achieving their goals in the final term. Well done for your hard work this term and enjoy the well-deserved break!

**HAPPY EASTER!**

Have a fantastic Easter break we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

**Mr Robson**

**Class 4:**

**Year 6:** Year 6 have had a very productive Spring term – well done everyone for your hard work! In preparation for the upcoming SATs in May. We have sent home an Easter SATs pack to keep the children's brains ticking over, over the Easter break. In the packs there is: a practice SPaG paper (45 minutes), one of the practice Maths reasoning papers (40 minutes), a practice reading paper (1 hour) and a list of some spellings, some of which are likely to come up in the SPaG test. Please encourage your child to stick to the timings of the tests and complete them independently. We will go through the answers in school after the Easter break. The spelling list is just there as a reference – don't worry, this is not their spelling list to learn! We hope you have a lovely Easter break ☺

**Year 5:** Well done Year 5 on a super Spring term- fantastic effort everyone. Over the holidays I have given children a mega times table pack. It is up to the children how much they do but the more they do the better, as we will be having a big push on times tables after Easter. I've also asked children to complete at least 3 diary entries for homework. This is very important as we will be looking at diaries after the holidays! Have a well earned break everyone and come back refreshed and ready for the summer term! Happy Easter everyone! ☺

**Class 3:** Class 3 have had a very busy last week! The children have all enjoyed making felt Easter eggs and baskets and the end result was fantastic! Well done to everyone! For homework, the children have been given the task of completing one of Archie B's challenges to go towards their Archbishop Youth Trust Award. I'm looking forward to finding out which challenges the children decide to complete! Have a lovely Easter break everyone! ☺

**Class 2:** We have also had a busy week with assessments and completing our super non-chronological report about komodo dragons. Class 2 are now experts! All children have homework to record some of their Easter snapshots and to write about a super power they would like. We will be reading "The Magic Finger" after half term and focussing on a magic themed topic. Year 2 children have been given a reasoning, arithmetic and punctuation and grammar job to complete. They were also given a sheet with the four methods for the calculations on. If you have any problems please don't worry, and see me the first week back. Finally we are on a mission to collect milk bottle tops for some maths resources; any help collecting them over Easter would be great. Have a lovely, well deserved Easter break everyone; I hope the Easter bunny is kind to you all ☺

**Early Years:** We have had a very busy week continuing our work on our castles topic and making some Easter treats.

**Reception:** Homework for over the holidays is to write and/or draw about your favourite day over the holidays.

**Nursery:** Please can nursery children continue to practice their phonic sounds in their orange books.

Thank you for your continued support over the last few weeks. We hope you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy the break. Miss Turnbull, Miss Gray, Mrs Jones and Mrs Tate.

**Events week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed-Teacher training day
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens Y5/6 swimming gala
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Childline Assembly Y3/4 swimming gala
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Guitar Lessons
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Final karate lesson

**Year 6 SATs revision clubs**

SATs revision clubs will be taking place on Mondays 3.30 – 4.30 Reading revision for all Year sixes. In addition to this, your child will be given a letter which will inform you which of the following Maths revision clubs they will be invited to attend: Thursday 8.30 – 9 or Friday 8.30 -9. On Tuesday lunchtimes from 12 – 1, Miss Rogan will also be holding a 'drop in' session for all Year 6 pupils who have any SATs related queries or would like support with any learning. All sessions will run until the week before SATs.

**Year 2 Drop in sessions.**

Anyone wanting to call in after school with any queries from the SATs practise booklets is more than welcome. Please see Mrs McManus from 3.30- 4.30 on Thursdays after school.

**Glee Club**

Unfortunately, due to SATs revision now taking place on Mondays after school, Glee Club will be cancelled until 9<sup>th</sup> May when it will resume.

**Karate**

The final Karate lesson for the current session will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. We are hoping to run another 10 sessions each Friday starting 22<sup>nd</sup> April but this will depend on the number of children wishing to join. Please can you let Mrs Dent know if your child is interested. New starters are very welcome.

**St Peter's Church, Croft:** 11am Easter Sunday

**Sainsbury's Vouchers**

Sainsbury's have started issuing Active Kids Vouchers. Please start collecting and sending into school. Thank you

**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
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

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**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.

**EPICH Kids**

EPICH (Eco People in Croft and Hurworth) are holding a family fun morning for children ages 3 – 11 at Grange Community Centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 12pm. There will be a nature trail and children will have the opportunity to make a bird feeder to take home. EPICH would love to see you there if you can make it. All children must be accompanied by an adult and be clothed for outdoor activity.

**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)