



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**'Achievement for Everyone'**

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Only 2 weeks to go until half term and we will be half way through the academic year!

**Candlemas Eucharist**

There will be a Candlemas Eucharist in school on Tuesday at 2.45pm led by Reverend Jenni Lane. If parents and carers would like to attend, please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Dent know to arrange seating. Thank you.

**Information Evening**

Please return your reply slips if you are able to attend our information evening on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, so that we can arrange seating and organise tea and coffee! The evening will be a chance to find out about:

- recent national educational changes to the National Curriculum and Assessment
- strategies we use to teach, how you can support your child at home and a chance to look at some of the materials that we use
- learners of the future

The evening will also be an opportunity for parents and carers to share their own ideas about the future education on offer at the school. Staff and governors will be at the event to chat to you about your thoughts and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you there.

**URGENT**

There are now only a very small number of parents/carers who have not returned their **pupil information forms**. Please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Parental Surveys**

Please return your parental surveys as soon as possible so that all information gathered can be evaluated. The aim is to gather as many views as possible. Thank you for your continued support and challenge.

**Reminder**

Please can I remind parents and visitors to school to ensure that the gate to the playground is closed after use. Thank you.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody. ☺

**Mr Robson**

**Headteacher's Awards**

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Ifedayo Orukotan (Rec), Anna Curbeson (Y1), Aaron Hirst (Y2), Grace Crawford (Y3), Noah Boyd (Y4), Charlie Smith (Y5) and Emily Coates (Y6)

**Safer Internet Day 2016**

Safer Internet Day 2016 will take place on the 9th February with the theme *Play your part for a better internet!* The celebration sees hundreds of organisations get involved to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. We will be carrying out various activities in school to support this. For more information visit: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016>.

**Candlemas Eucharist Service**

Our school Eucharist service will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2.45pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome. Please inform us if you are able to attend so we can provide seating. Thank you. ☺

**Class 4:**

This week we have been looking at unfairness in the world in RE, involving us taking the role of a family on the streets of Kolkatta, making paper bags for a living! Children came up with some superb answers for some very difficult questions. Next week, we will be continuing our theme in RE by doing some art which depicts unfairness in the world, as well as doing some more interesting science work!

**Class3:**

The children have written some amazing poetry this week describing the witching hour! We will be finalising our poems next week and writing them up neatly to display in class. In Maths we will be drawing and making shapes using modelling materials and learning about symmetry.

**Class 2:** We are moving onto stories with familiar settings in English this week and we will be writing our own stories about the animals that live in our school grounds. In Maths we are working on multiplication and division, associated vocabulary lists have been given out. Year 1 children please practise counting in twos, fives and tens. Year two children please practise the two, three, five and ten time's table and the related division facts. Thank you for all of the plastic drinks bottles. The children had great fun making some beautiful bug hotels!

**Early Years:**

We really enjoyed our fruit smoothies this week! Next week our text will be 'Poles apart'. In Maths we will be learning about pattern and time. The children will be measuring time in simple ways. We will be researching penguins too. Please remember to choose a library book, from our selection, to share at home. Just sign your child's name next to the number on the list. When the book is returned you rub off your child's name and choose another. Happy reading! ☺

**Events week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb1	2.30 Climate Cops KS2 afterschool gym club Glee Club
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Piano and woodwind lessons 2.45 pm Candlemas Eucharist
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Violin lessons KS1 afterschool multiskills club 12.15: Class 4 Girls football 6 pm Parents Meeting
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Guitar Lessons
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS2 lunchtime football Karate NSPCC Number Day

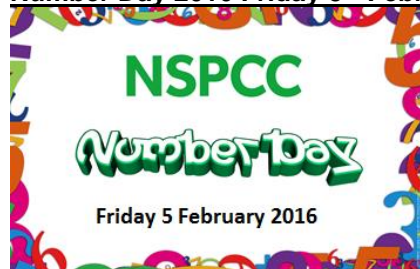
**Forthcoming Events**

Fri, 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half term
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** There are no services this week.

**Christian Value:** Service

**Number Day 2016 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**



We will be doing lots of fun Maths activities in school on Friday to support and celebrate the work done by the NSPCC. We will also be asking for some help in launching a new times tables “Matrix challenge” in the Parent’s evening on Wednesday in preparation for Friday. Get practising those times tables and prepare for a new craze to sweep Croft!

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

**Parent Governor required**

Due to family commitments, Mr David Smith is stepping down from his role as Parent Governor at the end of this term. We will therefore have a vacancy on the Governing Body. If anyone is interested in becoming a School Governor or would like some more information about being a Governor please will you let Mr Robson, Mrs Dent or Mrs Russell know and we can arrange an informal discussion.

Experience in education, finance, personnel, management and health are valuable to the Governing Body, however, the key attributes that Governors need are time, enthusiasm and an interest in education

**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>
February Half Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
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

**1<sup>st</sup> Croft Brownies**

The brownies are holding a coffee evening on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Croft Village Hall from 5.30pm until 7pm. All money raised will be donated to The Newman Holiday Trust who provide much needed holidays for children with disabilities. We will be serving drinks and cakes, selling handmade gifts and holding a raffle. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us to support this wonderful charity and find out more about Croft Brownies. We hope to see you there. For more information please contact Miss Turnbull.

**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.

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