



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

29th April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week. It has been a busy one!

Parent Governor Elections

Congratulations to Mrs Bainbridge and Mrs Patterson for their success in being nominated as Parent Governors this week. I look forward to working with you both. Thank you also to Mrs Clarke for her support and commitment to the school as we move into the future. It was fantastic to have a pool of interested parents.

SATs

We are now only a short way from our KS2 and KS1 SAT tests. If parents have any final questions, please see your child's class teacher for more information. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Safety

Mrs Lancaster is in the process of organising support for parents around keeping their children safe online. Watch out for hints and tips for parents to help support their children to stay safe when they are online, using social media, texting, messaging and online gaming! For more information and support in the meantime please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk or speak to Mrs Lancaster or pop in to see me. Thank you for your continued support.



Early Years

Unfortunately, Mrs Prudhoe is poorly at the moment and will not be in school next week. Mrs Sarah Griffiths has worked with the children this week and she will be in again next week. Mrs Little, Ms Turnbull, Miss Gray and Mrs Jones are all available as normal. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody on what must be the coldest April on record!

Mr Robson

Class 4:

Year 5: Well done on a productive week everyone! We have written some fantastic diary entries from our Polar 'expedition'. Next week, we will be looking at Samuel Pepys and his diaries all about the Great Fire of London and the plague! In Maths we will be looking at shape.

Year 6: The children have worked exceptionally hard this week in preparation for their upcoming SATs. We have revised coordinates and translation in Maths and looked at conjunctions, word families and the subjunctive form in English. Next week, we will continue to revise areas children need more practise with before their SATs; this will include: finding the volume of 3D shapes and ratio in Maths and identifying a range of word classes in English.

Class 3:

We will be finishing our stories based on the BFG; the children have written their openings this week and have done a super job! In Maths we will be learning about position, direction and measurement. Have a lovely long weekend ☺

Class 2:

The children have written some wonderful diary entries as Philip or William Gregg this week, well done everyone. Next week we will be writing an argument for or against hunting ducks. In Maths we are looking at place value and statistics. We will link making tables, graphs and tally charts to "The Magic Finger." In DT we will be exploring lever mechanisms and in Science we will continue to look at plants. Can children bring their wellies again on Tuesday for Rogation and Wednesday when we will be visiting Croft Christmas trees to help plant new trees. Will we will be planting in the vegetable patch in the afternoon. Thank you ☺

Early Years:

The children have done some fabulous work this week on our jungle theme. They have been busy decorating our classroom jungle and have completed their jungle collages. Next we will be making some tasty jungle treats! Thank you for your continued support ☺

Reception Homework for this week is to research about a specific jungle animal.

Nursery Please continue to practice sounds in the orange books.



ROGATION SERVICE

Our Rogation service is taking place on Tuesday, 2nd May at 10.00am. Rogation is a time when we ask for God's blessing on our school boundaries and say thank you for all of the people who work hard to improve our surroundings and make our school, village and town so beautiful. Everyone is welcome ☺ We try our best to go outside and walk around the school so children will need appropriate footwear as it can be quite boggy.

Headteacher's Awards Francesca Smith (Y6), Oscar Hudson-Chang (Y5), Demi Fortune (Y4), Jenna Thomas (Y3), Natasha Thornton (Y2), Finlay Hagan (Y1) and Hugo Davies(R).

Events week commencing 2nd May 2016

Mon 2 nd May	School closed
Tues 3 rd May	Rogation service Woodwind lessons Piano lessons Discoverers
Wed 4 th May	KS2 swimming lessons Violin lessons pm KS2 Fitness-Sainsburys
Thurs 5 th May	Guitar Lessons pm KS1 Fitness-Sainsburys
Fri 6 th May	Karate

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 9th May when it will resume.

Karate

A new group of 10 Karate sessions will start on Friday, 22nd April. Please can you let Mrs Dent know if your child is interested. New starters are very welcome.

St Peter’s Church, Croft: 8am Holy Communion

Christian Value: Koinonia

Sainsbury’s Vouchers

Sainsbury’s are still 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 st , Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd August Monday 8 th , Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th August Monday 15 th , Tuesday 16 th and Wednesday 17 th August Monday 22 nd , Tuesday 23 rd and Wednesday 24 th 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 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