



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

4th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by. Only 3 weeks to go until the Easter break!

World Book Day

Thank you to parents and carers for your wonderful support in helping the children come into school in the most amazing costumes. They were absolutely brilliant! Thank you to Miss Rogan, our English coordinator, who organised events yesterday. Also, thank you to my 'umpa lumpas' for their support too! ☺

Don't forget, the book club will be open each night after school until 4pm if you would like to come along and browse.

Mothering Sunday

There will be the usual Mothering Sunday service held at St Peter's at 11am on Sunday. Some of the children will be reading prayers. We hope to see you there!

Y1, Y2 and Y6 Information Evenings

Please see times below for this coming week's information events for parents and carers of pupils in Y1, Y2 and Y6.

Year	Date	Time	Location
Y1	Mon 7 th March	5.30-5.50pm	Class 2
Y2	Mon 7 th March	6.00-6.30pm	Class 2
Y6	Tues 8 th March	6.00-6.30pm	Class 4

Again, this event is for parents only and children are not able to attend the event. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Governors

Election of parent governor papers are available at the school office. Please can I remind interested parties that forms must be returned by Wednesday 9th March. Thank you for your continued support.

ODD SOCKS Day 2016!

21st March is **World Down Syndrome Day** and we will be using the day to find out more about Down Syndrome in school. To celebrate the day we would like to ask staff, children and parents to wear odd socks for the day and make a donation of £1 to the local charity organisation 'The Education Centre of Children with Down Syndrome'. We look forward to your weird and wonderful socks!

Bug

We have had lots of children feeling poorly this week with what seems to be a sickness related bug. We are encouraging pupils and staff to wash their hands thoroughly and more frequently to stop the bug from spreading. In line with the guidance from the Public Health Agency, parents should keep their children off school for **a minimum of 48hrs** from the last episode of vomiting. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend everybody!

Mr Robson

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Zac Robinson (Rec), Kip Wrightson (Y1), Ollie Graham (Y2), Grace Crawford(Y3) Gracie Hancock (Y4), Kaaman Birk (Y5) and Oliver Breeze (Y6)

Class 4:

Year 6: We have had a very productive week this week, working on complicated shape challenges in Maths and analysing newspaper articles in English. Next week, we will be continuing with our shape topic in maths, as well as completing some more practise maths papers in preparation for the upcoming SATs. In English, we will be continuing to look at newspaper articles in more detail. If the children have any newspaper articles which they have particularly enjoyed reading, it would be great if they could bring them in on Monday.

Year 5: We've had a wonderful week this week. In English we have been looking at narrative poems such as *The Highwayman* and have begun to write our own narrative poem based on Pandora's Box! Next week we will be continuing to write out poems and practicing our writing skills before our hot write! In maths we will continue our topic on number. If children have any poems they particularly like then they can bring them in and perform them to the rest of the class.

Class 3: Unfortunately Mrs Lancaster has succumbed to the sickness bug and has not been in school all week. We hope that she will be fully recovered by Monday.

Class 2: The children have created a super soundscape for George and the Dragon this week. We will be using it to write our own versions of the story next week. We will be focussing on time in Maths. We will be learning about medieval castle jobs in our topic work.

Early Years:

Reception – Puppet workshop on Friday. Please be at school at 8.50 prompt. Homework – please can you copy photographs of your child as a baby, toddler and now for your child to stick on the sheet. We are looking at similarities and differences of a variety of living things. This homework is about your child and how he or she has changed. Please can you talk to your child about some of the things that he or she could do or not do as a baby then toddler and now. Eg As a baby you didn't have teeth and drank milk, you could not walk or talk, you gurgled and smiled, etc. After this discussion please write down any comments that your child has said. This will lead to further discussion in school about comparing ourselves. Many thanks. ☺

Do you have any photographs of your child's christening? Please could you send them into school by Wednesday – either a copy or via orbit. This is part of our RE work with Reception.

Nursery – please continue to draw pictures and put writing in your busy books about stories you share or things you have done at home. We love to hear about your activities. After a few requests we have also sent a laminated letter formation sheet to practise letters.

Next week in Maths Nursery children will be counting objects, separating a set of objects in different ways and using language to describe the shapes of everyday objects. Reception children will be ordering numbers, playing maths games involving addition and subtraction and using mathematical language to name and describe shapes. Some children will be working on problems involving measures too. In Literacy we will be sharing some princess stories. ☺

Events week commencing 7th March 2016

Mon 7 th March	2.30 Climate Cops Cl 3 Afterschool Tennis Club (this is an outdoor event) 5.30–5.50 Y1 Info evening 6 – 6.30 Y2 Info Evening Glee Club
Tues 8 th March	Piano and woodwind lessons 6-6.30 Y6 Info evening
Wed 9 th March	Violin lessons 12.15: Class 4 Girls football Final day for Book Fair
Thurs 10 th March	KS2 Cross Country Catterick Guitar Lessons
Fri 11 th March	am. Rec Puppet Workshop KS2 lunchtime football Karate

St Peter’s Church, Croft: 11am Family service for Mothering Sunday

Christian Value: Forgiveness

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.

Friends of Croft School

Unfortunately the planned Easter fun day has now been cancelled

Croft Out of School Club Holiday Club Opening 2016

Activity programmes will be issued a few weeks in advance of the holiday.

Holiday	Dates open
Easter	Monday 4 th , Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th and Monday 11 th April 2016
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.

World Book Day

What a fantastic day it was! All of the children made such an effort with their book character costumes – it was so lovely to see. There was a great buzz around reading so thank you very much to everyone for their effort and contribution towards helping us celebrate World Book Day. The children have a wonderful day sharing their favourite books and talking about their favourite characters.

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 30th 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 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