



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

6th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is moving fast – only 3 weeks to go until half term! At least the sun arrived this week.

SATS

Good luck to our Y6 pupils who will be taking part in their end of Key Stage tests next week. They are really looking forward to the challenge and have worked very hard and are well prepared. Go for it!

Sports Day

It's that time of year again! This year's Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of Monday 11th July. The Friends of Croft School will be holding a barbecue from 3.30pm onwards. In the event of poor weather, Sports Day will be held on Monday 18th July.

MindEd

MindEd provide guidance on children and young people's mental health, wellbeing and development to any adult working with young children, young people and families, to help and support the development of young healthy minds.

Please take a look at their website if you have any worries about your child's wellbeing and development. It's a really useful site! Visit <http://minded.e-lfh.org.uk/families/index.html> to find out more... Please see your child's class teacher if you would like any further support or advice in school. Thank you.

End of Year programme

We will have dates finalised for the busy end of year programme very soon! One of our aims in response to parent questionnaires was to make transition to new classes smoother for our children. Therefore we aim to increase the amount of time pupils spend in their new class before the end of the year so that our children can be more familiar with their new surroundings, teachers and teaching assistants when they return after the summer break. There will be more information to follow!

New Entrance

We have been developing the school's safety procedures across the year. Staff and parents have raised concern regarding the school car park being easily accessible from the playground. In addition, our school gate and entrance to the playground is open and accessible throughout the school day meaning that visitors must cross the yard to get to Early Years or go to the school's main entrance. As communicated previously, we have plans to create new walkway entrance to school to divide the playground and the car park and create a new entrance to the main entrance to school. This will guide visitors between drop off and collection time to the main entrance without having to cross the school yard and we will be

able to lock the playground gates between these times. Arrangements for drop off and collection will not change. Parents, carers and pupils will still be able to access the playground before and after to drop off and collect. Building work will take place during half term and should be fully complete by the end of the first week back. Thank you for your continued support.

Water Bottles

As the temperatures rise please ensure that your child always brings their water bottle to school each day. Thank you for your support with this!

Have a wonderful weekend and good luck to all of our North East football teams! I am sure that I will see some of you at the game on Saturday! ☺

Mr Robson

Class 4:

Year 6: Please can all children make sure they have a relaxing weekend and get lots of sleep to ensure a good start to their SATs on Monday.

Year 5: Next week, we will be writing our Samuel Pepys diary entry on Monday before beginning to look at Pliny's diary in the build-up to writing our own account of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. In Maths we will be continuing to look at our topic of shape

Class 3: We will be continuing our work on forces in Science, completing our hot write in English and learning about measures in Maths. The children are getting much more confident at their times tables, please keep practising at home.

Class 2: We will be completing our arguments against duck hunting in English and moving on to planning a new chapter all about the Coopers. In Maths our focus will be multiplication and division. We will be continuing to explore moving pictures in DT and we will continue to plant in Science. Children will need their wellies on Wednesday and Thursday next week

Early Years: We have had another busy week continuing our jungle theme. The children have made jungle fruit kebabs and been on a 'jungle' adventure. Please can we ask that all school uniform is clearly named. We have had a confirmed case of chicken pox in Early Years this week. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Little, Miss Turnbull, Mrs Jones or Miss Grey. Thank you.

Reception: In Numeracy we have been continuing to learn about money looking at coin recognition, value and making small amounts. Please continue to help your child with this at home. Homework for this week is to look for different 3D shapes around the home.

Nursery: Nursery children have been ordering things by length and height. They have been learning the language long, short and tall. Our sound for this week is 'W'. Please continue to practise sounds in the orange books.

Headteacher's Awards Emma Craig (Y6), Felix Hudson Chang(Y5), Sean Craig (Y4), Ellen-Jean Monaghan (Y3), Harvey Campling (Y2), Aidan Patterson (Y1) and Louie Petch(R).

Events week commencing 9th May 2016

Mon 9 th May	KS2 SATs English reading CI 2 dance club Y3/4/5 cricket club Glee Cub
Tue 10 th May	KS2 SATs SPaG Woodwind lessons NO piano/flute lessons
Wed 11 th May	KS2 SATs Maths KS2 swimming lessons NO violin lessons
Thurs 12 th May	KS2 SATs Maths Paper Guitar Lessons CI 2 visit to Croft Xmas Trees
Fri 13 th May	Karate Y6 farm walk

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. Last week this week.

Karate

A new group of 10 Karate sessions started 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: no service this week

Christian Value: Endurance

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

his work is well presented and neat, but also of a high quality.

Year 4 – Sean Craig – For a super attitude in PE this week in both swimming and bodyworks.

Year 3 – Ellen – Jean Monaghan for excellent effort in maths and English and trying her best to complete her Dynamo maths challenges.

Year 2 - Harvey Campling for a super attitude towards his English this week and for trying hard with spellings.

Year 1 - Aidan Patterson - Excellent effort in our tree hunt this week and for a detailed and neat drawing of the leaves he found.

Reception – Louie Petch – Louie has worked hard this week and wrote a super list of the animals we saw on our jungle adventure.

Headteacher award

Year 6 Emma Craig – for her amazing attitude towards her learning (particularly maths) and her perseverance and determination!

Year 5 – Felix Hudson-Chang- Felix has shown a super attitude to his presentation this week and consistently tries his best to make sure