



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

8th January 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year everybody!

Pupil Information

Thank you to those parents who have managed to return their completed pupil information forms circulated before the Christmas break. Please can I request that parents return these as soon as possible and **no later than Wednesday 13th January** so that we can process the information. These forms are very important and are essential in the event of an emergency. If you would like another form, please contact the office. Thank you for your support with this.

Football Team

Our Y5/6 football team will be competing in the next round of the cup on Saturday at York City Football Academy. Good luck and go for it!

School Closure

The closure of school is always a last resort. Due to rising river levels and the forecast for poor weather, please can I remind parents and carers about the school's procedures in the event of a school closure. If the school must be closed at any point during the school day, a text message will be sent to inform parents and carers that pupils must be collected from school immediately. This is particularly important in the event of flooding as the school can become isolated very quickly. If the school must be closed prior to the school day beginning, we will inform parents via STAR FM, text and the school website by 8am on the day of closure. Thank you for your support.

Wellington Boots

Please remember if pupils ever choose to wear 'wellies' for school, they must bring a plastic bag so that we can store them in school. Thank you!

Uniform

Please can we request that pupils wear a warm jacket for school each day. Items such as tracksuit tops, gilets, denim jackets etc are not suitable for the length of time that pupils spend outside during playtimes each day. Thank you for your support with this. Some parents have requested further clarification with regard to hairstyles. Please can I clarify that all forms of shaven lines are not considered appropriate hairstyles. Thank you for your support with this.

Retirement

Sadly, Mrs Coral Wilford has announced that she would like to retire from her duties at the end of this half term. Mrs Wilford has worked in the school's Out of School Club since it opened over 14 years ago and she has supported and cared for many children who have attended Croft School over the years. Coral has reduced her hours and is currently working mornings and we have employed Mrs Breeze and Miss Hughes to cover afternoons on a temporary basis. An advert for a more permanent solution will go out very soon. The Out of School Club intends to hold a small celebration where parents, pupils and past pupils can attend to pass on their wishes. Please see Coral and Kerry about this. Thank you for everything you have given to the school Coral! ☺

Have a fantastic weekend and good luck with your New Year's resolutions!

Mr Robson

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Heidi Campling (Rec), Elsie Boyd(Y1), Alfie Robinson (Y2), Ellen-Jean Monaghan (Y3), Daniel Bell (Y4), Eva Barnett (Y5) and William Brown (Y6)

Class 4: A productive first week back! Well done everyone!

The children have written some excellent stories and even managed to evaluate and improve them. For homework, the children have been given a selection of five different challenges (which can be done in any order); one challenge should be completed per week, until they are all completed. Children have been reminded to continue their weekly Mental Maths and spelling sentences alongside this.

Class 3:

The children have settled straight back into school this week and have thought of some super New Year resolutions which we have displayed in our classroom. Next week we will be focussing on shape in Maths and continuing our work on rocks in science.

Class 2:

Happy New Year everyone ☺

We all really enjoyed our visit from Jay and his wonderful animals this week and the children have already completed some excellent writing about the visit. Next week we will be writing information texts about animals that live in burrows. In Maths we are working on addition and subtraction. Can we also ask that any outstanding Christmas photograph money in sent into Class 2, thank you.

Early Years:

Request – please will you have a look at your child's PE kit and check it is theirs. When we had extra kit in for the Christmas play a set went missing. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We loved having Jay's Animal Encounters into school on Tuesday to begin our new theme 'Who lives here?' We are learning about pets this first two weeks and learning what a pet is and how to look after them. In Literacy we will be sharing stories and rhymes about pets. We are encouraging the children to listen for the rhyming words and also to join in any repetitive text. Please continue this at home and make any comments in your child's busy book. In Maths we will be reciting numbers, matching numerals to quantities and counting everything – objects, actions, sounds, etc. We will be using the number names, numerals to recognise, 'more' and 'fewer', 'less'.

Reception children now have homework books. A piece of work will be sent home each Friday. This needs to be completed using pencil and returned to school by the following Wednesday. This means there is time to mark the work and put in the next piece. If you have any queries about this please ask.

Maths Vocabulary

All children will receive a copy of the Maths language they will be using in their current topics this half term. Please discuss this language at home where possible. Vocabulary in Maths is now a key priority of the new curriculum and children will benefit greatly to as much exposure to this as possible. Thank you.

Events week commencing 11th January 2016

Mon 11 th Jan	12.30 Climate Cops KS2 afterschool gym club
Tues 12 th Jan	Piano and woodwind lessons Discoverers
Wed 13 th Jan	Violin lessons KS1 afterschool multiskills club
Thurs 14 th Jan	Guitar Lessons Friends of Croft School meeting 3.30 pm
Fri 15 th Jan	KS2 lunchtime football Karate starts

Forthcoming Events

Tues, 26 th Jan	Cl3 & 4Bodyworks (fitness)
Wed, 27 th Jan	EY & Cl 2 Fun fitness
Tues, 2 nd Feb	Y6 Science transition day
Fri, 12 th Feb	School closes for half term

St Peter's Church, Croft 11 am Family Worship

Christian Value: Justice

Karate

Karate classes will start again on Friday 15th January. There are still a few spare places. The cost is £30 for ten weeks. Please let the Mrs Dent know if your child is interested.

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
February Half Term	Monday 15 th , Tuesday 16 th and Wednesday 17 th February 2016
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.

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