



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

8th July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

There are now only two weeks to go until the end of term and the summer break and we still have so much to get through.

End of KS2 Tests

Today, our Y6 pupils receive their end of KS2 test results. I am very pleased to say that they **have performed extremely well** against the new much more challenging standards! Congratulations and well done. Here is a summary of how the school has **performed against other schools across the country:**

Area of Learning	School	National average
% of pupils who achieved the expected standard in Reading end of key stage test	87%	66%
% of pupils who achieved the expected standard in Writing (teacher assessed)	81%	74%
% of pupils who achieved expected standard in the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling end of key stage test	94%	72%
% of pupils who achieved expected standard in the Mathematics end of key stage test	94%	70%
% of pupils who achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Mathematics combined	75%	53%

Recruitment

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Carbert will be joining us as our lower KS2 (Y3/Y4) teacher from September to cover Mrs Lancaster's maternity leave. Mrs Marksby's role has changed and she will remain in Class 3 as a full time Teaching Assistant supporting all children across the class. Miss Lewis will continue to work as a 1to1 Teaching Assistant. A full summary of all staffing across the school will be provided to parents before the end of this academic year. Thank you.

Passenger and Pedestrian Safety

Please take the utmost care at drop off and collection times. South Parade is very busy at these times and it is important that parents and carers park their cars safely to drop off and collect their children each day. I continue to strongly advise parents and carers to park at the Croft Hotel or the Village Hall and take a short walk with your child/ren each day. Thank you so much to the parents and carers who do this. Please can I ask parents and carers to inform/remind anybody else who drops their child/ren off at school. Thank you. As a parent of primary age children, I fully understand the pressures of getting children to school on time and getting to work each day however, children's safety must come first.

In addition, may I remind drivers that it is their responsibility to ensure that children are safe and secure when travelling. Please use the following link for DFE guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/using-a-child-car-seat-or-booster-seat>. Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Day

Sports Day will begin at 2.15pm and will last for approximately 1 hour. Please do not arrive until 1.45pm to allow the Friends of the School to complete their preparations for the barbecue and for seating to be in place for spectators. Thank you. Once the event has finished pupils will return to their classes and get changed and will meet parents and carers at the usual time. Then the Friends of the School barbecue will begin! It would be fantastic if you could stay for a little while and see what's on offer. In the interests of online safety, we request that all visitors respect that images and videos should not be taken. Each family will be provided with a digital image of their child at the end of the event. Thank you for your support with this.

We have our fingers crossed that the weather stays dry and we will let you know as early as possible if we feel that we need to use our reserve day!

School Lunches

As you know, from September 2016, school lunches will continue to be cooked onsite by our own kitchen staff but will be managed by the Local Authority. To provide parents with more information, we have sent home a sample menu. We hope you find it useful. If you would like to find out more information about school lunches, Jane Newman (Area Manager for North Yorkshire County Catering) will be in school from 3.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 13th July to answer any questions that you might have. Thank you.

Eucharist

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many parents at Tuesday's Eucharist. Thank you so much for coming along. The feedback has been fabulous too. As ever, the children were lovely. Thank you to Reverend Jenni for leading the service.

Strawberries and Cream Concert

Yesterday's Strawberries and Cream Concert was a real success. What talented, assured and creative children you have. They are a credit to you all! It was fantastic to see so many confident performers. The Friends of the School raised over £440 which is brilliant. Thank you to parents and carers for contributing to this! Thank you to Mrs Wrightson, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Sodje-Waugh and their team for their hard work for the school. Thank you to all other helpers too for making the event such a success.

Book Fair

Thank you to parents and pupils who purchased books last week. As a result of our sales we were entitled to free books to the value of £430.

Transition days

Transition days and activities will begin on Tuesday and our current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 children will move into their new classes.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody. ☺

Mr Robson

Summer Term Dates

Dates for your diaries...

Mon July 11 th	Sports Day and Friends of Croft School BBQ
Mon 18 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 20 th July	Y6 Leavers and Prize Giving Ceremony - 2.15pm
Fri 22 nd July	End of Year Service at St Peter's - 2.30pm
	School Closes for Summer!

CLASS 4: Well done on a fantastic strawberries and cream performance Class 4! Next week we will be busy with a variety of transition mornings and afternoons. We will also be writing our reviews of the Percy Jackson film. In Science we will be looking at everything we have learned so far and continuing our work on Islam in RE.

CLASS 3:

Next week will be a very busy week with transition mornings and afternoons. We will also be going to help clean St. Peter's church as part of our Archbishop Youth Trust Award and continuing our Science work on Living Things and Their Habitats.

CLASS 2:

We are looking forward to the transitions days next week. Class 2 will be looking at the Legend of Finn McCool and the hexagonal shapes that make up the Giant's Causeway. We will be assessing our learning skills, making new avatars ready to display next year and we will also be deciding on our new group names. Current Year one and two will be taking part in a Fun Run on Wednesday, please return consent letters as soon as possible, thank you. Well done to all of the children in Class 2 for perfect behaviour during our school trip to Saltburn, you really were a credit to school and a HUGE thank you to all of the parents and grandparents for your help, it is very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.

Early Years: We have had another very busy week in Early Years. The highlight was definitely our trip to Saltburn on Wednesday – the children had a fantastic time and were a credit to the school with their excellent behaviour. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to help us.

Next week looks set to be another busy week with Sports Day on Monday. Please can children remember to bring trainers – there will be a Nursery race too for children who have come along to watch. We also have transition days next week to visit our classes ready for next year.

Headteacher's Awards:

Emily Coates(Y6) Jack Norris (Y5) Noah Boyd(Y4) Lucy Mulcrone(Y3) Alex Preston (Y2) Aidan Patterson (Y1) and William Goldsbrough (R).

Events week commencing 11th July 2016

Mon 11 th July	Sports Day
Tue 12 th July	Piano lessons Richmond Activity Day for Y6 Richmond Pupils Discoverers Full Governing Body Meeting
Wed 13 th July	KS1 Fun Run Richmond School Y6 Induction Day for Richmond School
Thurs 14 th July	Guitar Lessons
Fri 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Prom

St Peter's Church, Croft: 10th July 11am Family Service

Christian Value: Compassion



Karate

If enough children are interested we will be running our karate course again in September. The cost is £40 for ten weeks. Please let Mrs Dent know if your child is interested.

FRIENDS OF CROFT

Thank you to everyone who supported the Strawberries and Cream Concert we raised £435.29. We still have 2 unclaimed raffle tickets Orange 163 and Green 225. If you have these tickets please call into the office to claim your prize. Any items not claimed by Monday morning will be put into the tombola at Sports Day on Monday.

As Sports Day is now just over a week away there are several ways you can help us to make it a really fun day for all:

- Can you donate a prize for the TOMBOLA stall? If so please drop it into the office early next week (no alcohol please).

- Got some unwanted bottles of wine/beer/cider that you fancy donating to our Bar? Please can you bring them into the office.

- We are STILL looking for a couple more people to help man the stalls at the Fair. If you think you can help please see Clarey, Sonia, Caroline Harrison or Ese. Why not find a friend to do it with and take it in turns.

- And finally do you have time to bake us a cake or traybake for the refreshment stand? All cakes to be brought into school on Monday 11th July no earlier please.

THANK YOU SO MUCH we really appreciate your help and support.

Shoe Box Appeal – early notice!

We have been approached by Samaritan's Purse who have asked if we would take part again in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. This involves filling a covered shoebox with items suitable for children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, soap etc. If you would like to send in a filled box or have items that would go into a box, the school will be acting as a collection point. We would also appreciate empty shoe boxes which we can make up in school. Please mark your box with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for and send it/them into school by early November.



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.

† Christian values: koinonia, peace, thankfulness †

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Daffodils pins, sold in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care are on sale in school for £1 each.

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

Croft Out of School Club Holiday Club Opening 2016

Holiday	Dates open
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	Monday 4 th September 2016

Out of School Club

From September there will be a small increase in fees to £3.90 for the morning session and £8.95 for the afternoon session with discounts for siblings.

There will be no increase for the Holiday Club except for visits which will now be £9.00.

Thank you for your support. The summer activity programme will be ready soon.

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.

Texting Service

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.