



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Achievement for Everyone

2nd December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

LATE ARRIVALS TO SCHOOL

Please can I remind parents and carers that the children's entrance doors **close at 9.00am** each day. Children **must be accompanied by an adult and brought to the main entrance** if they arrive after 9.00am so that we are sure that our pupils arrive safely in school. Thank you for your support with this.

NURSERY PLACES

After Christmas our Nursery provision will be available for **10 sessions per week**. If you would like to book additional places please get in touch with Mrs Dent as soon as possible. If you know of any other parents/carers who you think might be interested in their children coming to us, please pass on our details. We would love to hear from them!

FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Thank you to the families who attended this morning's Celebration Worship. We hope that you enjoyed it. Please return your feedback sheets to school as soon as possible as we would really like to hear what you thought.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2016

The final day of term is Christmas Jumper Day and our School Council would like to offer pupils the opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper and donate £1 to the Save the Children Project. Pupils can simply wear their normal school uniform and a Christmas jumper. It would be fabulous if pupils could make their own!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5, and 6) Christmas production this year is **Alice, the Musical**. Performances for parents/carers will be on Monday, 12th and Wednesday, 14th December, at 6.00 pm.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform **Away in a Manger** on Tuesday, 13th December, at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm.

There is no charge for the tickets but we would welcome any donations towards the cost of the scripts and licence. There is a limit of 2 tickets per family for the KS2 performance and N/R/Y1/Y2 performance. **Tickets will not be available at the door.**

FUNDRAISING



We are pleased to be able to let you know that the school has now registered with School Angel. Please visit our school page at:

<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>

School Angel offers a free community fundraising platform which helps UK schools raise funds to benefit their pupils and disadvantaged children using our charities technology. Simply do your normal online shopping using the School Angel Shopping Page. The biggest and best UK brands support the

charity by donating a proportion of their profit on anything you buy from our fundraising page to school.

It literally can be anything, for example, holidays, workman's tools, your next mobile phone, home utilities or any other conceivable thing you might buy.

Since the charity was founded in 2013 it has raised thousands of pounds for schools and disadvantaged children throughout the UK with the most active schools raising well over £1000 every year.

As a charity it makes no profit so the school gets the maximum benefit 24/7 whenever someone does their online shopping, on average they raise 3x more than commercial companies like easy fundraising.

Simply click from the shop icon on the school's page to track the donation from your shopping.

It costs you nothing to use the site and you are guaranteed to get exactly the same deal on your purchases using School Angel as you would if you visited the retailers' website direct.

GOVERNORS UPDATE

An e-newsletter will be coming soon!

Our school governors are:

Alison Russell (LA Governor/Chair), **Georgie Sale** (Associate Governor/Vice Chair School Improvement), **Michelle Patterson** (Parent Governor/Vice Chair Resources), **Denise Wilson Bainbridge** (Parent Governor), **Susan Thornton** (Parent Governor), **Paul Knapp** (Parent Governor), **Derek Blenkharn** (Co-Opted Governor/Safeguarding Governor), **Viv Waugh** (Foundation Governor), **Jean Evans** (Associate Governor), **Gemma McManus** (Staff Governor) and **Simon Robson** (Head Teacher).

Only 2 more school weeks until the Christmas break. Have a wonderful weekend decorating your trees if you haven't already! ☺

Mr Robson

CLASS 4: This week, as part of our DT topic, the children have enjoyed investigating and designing biscuits; we will be making biscuits on Monday to sell at the Christmas fair. We have also had lots of fun painting plant pots and making baubles to sell. The children have used their Maths skills to work out costing and profit for their products.

CLASS 3: This week the children have worked really hard writing a story in the style of Michael Foreman for their hot write. We used a "talk for writing" approach which the children really enjoyed!

This week we will be busy preparing for the Candle Service and looking at letter writing. Hopefully we will have something to send to the North Pole ☺

CLASS 2: Next week we will be baking in preparation for the Christmas fair and completing Maths challenges to buy the ingredients with a budget. We will also be writing some persuasive letters to Santa. The children have tried hard and made good progress with the Christmas play, requests for clothes should be in the children's bags tonight. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to talk to Mrs McManus.

EARLY YEARS: This week we have welcomed an elf called Elfie from the North Pole. He asked us to write letters to Santa so we have written them. Let's hope Elfie behaves himself!! Next week we will be working in our elves workshop doing different tasks. We will be making cards and gift tags to sell in our Christmas shop. We will be baking for the Christmas Fair and weighing ingredients.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Lola Luck (Y6), Max Ferguson (Y5), Ellen Newton (Y4) Anya Shearn (Y3) Anna Curbeson (Y2) Skyla Segger (Y1) Isla Thomas (Rec)

† Christian values: peace, forgiveness, justice, respect †

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 5th December 2016

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| Monday, 5 th Dec | Discoverers |
| Tuesday, 6 th Dec | Christmas Fair 2.30-4.30 Glee Club Piano lessons Flute lesson |
| Wednesday, 7 th Dec | Y6 Christmas Cake Making Y1,2&3 Flu Injections Violin lessons |
| Thursday, 8 th Dec | R & Cl 2 Snow Dragon, Stockton Guitar lessons Y6 Cake Icing |
| Friday, 9 th Dec | NO Karate(new sessions next term) |
| Sunday 11 th Dec | Candle Service 4.30pm |

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Y6 Cake Making
Christmas Lunch
Christmas Performance

CHRISTIAN VALUE: Compassion

St Peter's Church 8am Holy Communion

Class Worship - Compassion



Jessica Harrison Class 4 - "We should show compassion to all animals because God made them."

Reading: Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and take care of it. Genesis 2:15

St Peter's Church – Christmas Events

Xmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church.

Family Open Evening on Friday, 9th December from 6– 8 pm. Music, Refreshments, Children's Prize Giving, Christmas Bran Tub

There will be an art competition for all children on the Christmas Tree theme. Age groups will be under 5, 5-7 years, 8 and over. Entries to be received by Mrs Dent at Croft School by Wednesday, 7th December. Any size up to A3. Please put name and age on reverse.

Church open for viewing on 10th & 11th and 17th and 18th December, 2– 4 pm Refreshments available.

St. Peter's Church with Croft Christmas Trees—Nativity on the Farm

At Grange Farm, Croft on Tees on Thursday, 15th December at 6pm. Refreshments available. Children welcome to dress up as shepherds, kings or angels.

Advent Carol Service with the Choir of Polam Hall

Sunday, 27th November at 6pm. Everyone welcome

Children's Enterprise Christmas Fair

As part of their enterprise activities children will be making decorations, gifts and cakes to sell at a small Christmas Fair in school on Tuesday 6th December from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Friends of the school will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies, running a cake stall and holding a raffle/tombola. Sharron and Carol, our school cooks, will be providing tasters from our school menus. Any donations of raffle or tombola prizes or cakes for a cake stall (please label them with ingredients) would be welcome along with any offers to help on the day. Any funds raised will be used to update our laptops in school – thank you very much.

Kerry and the Out of School Club will be holding a children's tombola on Tuesday 6th December at the Christmas Fair. The money raised is to go towards a new pool table for the club. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

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| Friday 2 nd December | Friends of Croft School Disco KS1 – 5.00 -6.15pm KS2 – 6.45 – 8.00pm |
| Tuesday 6 th December | Christmas Fair 2.30-4.30pm |
| Sunday 11 th December | Candle Service 4.30pm St Peters Church |
| Monday 12 th December | Key Stage 2 Production – 6pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December | Early Years & Key Stage 1 Production – 10.30am & 2.30pm |
| Wednesday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch in school Key Stage 2 Production 6pm |
| Thursday 15 th December | Christmas Parties |
| Friday 16 th December | Carols Around the Tree |

FLU VACCINATIONS YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

Please note that the school nurse has re-arranged her visit and will now be coming into school on **Wednesday 7th December** at 9.30am to administer a free flu vaccine to the children in Years 1, 2 and 3. The vaccine is given to the children as a nasal spray and is a painless procedure. Protecting your child can help to prevent the spread of this potentially serious illness – more information can be found at www.nhs.uk/child-flu. If you would like your child to receive this vaccine please complete the consent form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

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

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.

TEXTING SERVICE

Please ensure that the mobile number we have for you is up to date.

ALLERGEN INFORMATION

This 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 us 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 website 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 website at croftprimaryschool.org