



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

3rd February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well January is over and we are now only 2 weeks from half term!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

On Thursday 16th February, there will be a short community collective worship at St Peter's Church. All pupils will attend and parents and carers are welcome. This will happen on the final Thursday of each half term. The service will begin at 9.15am. Parents and carers are also invited to next week's Friday Celebration Worship in school (10th February). The worship will begin at 9.10 am and last approximately 25 minutes. It would be great if you could stay back after morning drop off to watch our pupils celebrate their achievements. We are looking forward to seeing you there if you can make it!

MORNING DROP OFF

In the interest of safety, please can we remind parents and carers that pupils should be accompanied until a member of staff arrives on duty at **8.50am** or ensure that pupils arrive between **8.50am and 9.00am** each day. Similarly, Out of School Club pupils must **always be physically handed over to staff at the entrance to Out of School Club and signed in**. This is so that we know who is on site should there be an emergency and so we can be certain that pupils arrive into school safely each day. Thank you for your continued support.

PACKED LUNCHES

We are currently developing our school's healthy eating policy and we have seen a rise in the amount of chocolate and sweets appearing in pupils' packed lunches. We aim to ensure that pupils eat a balanced and healthy meal each day. In the next couple of weeks, our Class 4 Pupil Leadership Team responsible for Health and Well-being will be surveying pupils and researching healthy packed lunches to help us write our new policy. More information to follow!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. Have you chatted to your child about internet safety yet? Here's a question you could start with... What are the school's SMART rules? Can you explain them? A SMART rules poster is displayed in each class. We have attached a copy of the poster with this week's e-newsletter for parents and carers to discuss with their children. You may even want to print out a copy and stick it on the fridge, hang it in your child's bedroom or put one next to the home computer! If you would like us to print you a colour copy, please ask at the office.

PARENT SURVEYS

Please can I urge parents and carers to return their parent/carer surveys as soon possible so that the results can be collated and shared. If parents have any immediate concerns, please can I remind you to speak to their class teacher. I am always available on the yard each day too. Thank you for your continued support.

SONG ACADEMY COMPETITION

Please see details below of a song writing competition run by Song Academy that may interest some of our pupils:

Aged 8-18? Written your own original song? Have what it takes to write a hit song? Want your songs to be listened to by key players in the music industry, including Tom Odell, Imogen Heap, Conor Maynard, Rumer, Eg White, Fraser T Smith, Lyn Goddard and Jamie Theakston!

You can enter up to 5 individual songs and 5 group songs. Closing date is 2nd April 2017. All lyrics and music must be the entrant's own original work. We're looking for raw songwriting talent. Audio recordings don't need to be professionally recorded as they will be judged on their originality, lyrics, melody, composition and potential to be a smash hit! Written song feedback from an industry expert is available before entering. The competition is separately judged for the 8-12 and 13-18 age categories.

Enter at www.songacademy.co.uk/says17. Submit a short entry form and upload your song directly on the form or via Soundcloud – it's super easy and quick!

KS2 REVISION BOOKLETS FOR SALE

We still have some copies of the KS2 SATs Maths and English revision guides in school for sale. These cost £2 each and are available from the school office.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers in school and would be grateful if you could send these into the office – the collection box is located by reception.

CROSS COUNTRY

Due to the bad weather this week Nathan Foster our sports coach will now be leading the running session in school on Tuesday 7th February at lunchtime - anyone who thinks they may like to take part in the Cross Country Competition in March is welcome to come along. The children will need warm kit and trainers and a bag to take muddy kit home in.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Our activity programme for February half term is now available and we are now taking bookings. The children are going to be busy next week making cakes and biscuits to sell at our Valentine's Day Tuck Shop which will be held next Friday 10th February. Donations for this would be greatly appreciated along with a list of ingredients. Money raised from the event is going towards a new games console for the club. Can we please remind parents when dropping off their children

for the club that they must accompany their children to the door to hand over to Out of School Staff.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY WEEKEND

QUEST is an opportunity for Years 5 and 6 pupils to take part in an outdoor activity weekend at Marrick Priory Activity Centre from Friday 24th February to Sunday 26th February 2017. The cost is £115 per person which includes all food and activities. This is not a school-led event and for more information and details of bursaries available, parents and carers should contact Mrs Kath Jones (Village Seeds Project, Project Worker) on 07712 330039 or vsp@dacym.co.uk.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody. ☺
Mr Robson

CLASS 4 We have enjoyed practising our letter writing skills this week and will be sending off our letters in the hope of a reply, which we are all very excited about. We have also really enjoyed completing our Chinese New Year art too. Next week, we will be developing our inference skills using short animations and rounding off our topic on fractions.

CLASS 3: We have had a great week in Class 3 this week looking at the legend of the Lambton Worm. All children have enjoyed the story and have produced some super writing.

We all took part in the Chinese New Year workshop on Monday and the children produced some excellent homework in preparation for this. It was interesting to see all of their research and hard work. Well done!

CLASS 2: We have enjoyed learning about the features of a newspaper report and we will be putting our new reporting skills into action next week to write a report on the True Story of the Three Little Pigs. In Maths we are continuing our work on money. In RE we are learning about the Hindu Gods and what makes them special. There have been lots of toys being brought into school lately. Please discourage children from bringing toys to school, they may get lost or broken. Show and Tell is on Friday, children are encouraged to bring anything linked to our topics or things they have made or won. Many thanks with your support with this.

EARLY YEARS:

We have had such a busy week in Early Years. We enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year (especially tasting the delicious noodles Mrs Little made!). We have also continued our work on journeys by reading about the bear's journey to the moon in "Whatever Next". We have also been looking at 2D shapes and learning their names and properties. Homework – what 2D shapes can you find and name in your house? Can you tell someone how many sides and corners the shapes have?

Could we please ask that the children do not bring toys from home into school – thank you.

As you may be aware, Mrs Prudhoe has not been in school for the last couple of weeks due to an injured back - we hope to see her return in school soon and we all send her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Miss Derbyshire will be leading our Early Years. Miss Derbyshire knows our Early Years and children really well and she has an exciting week ahead planned. As usual, Mrs Little, Mrs Hinley and Mrs Robinson will be supporting learning.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Oscar Hudson-Chang (Y6) Max Ferguson (Y5) Beatrice Neale (Y4) Anya Shearn (Y3) Charlotte Owens (Y2) William Goldsbrough (Y1) Evie Dell (Rec)

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 30th January 2017

Mon 6 th February	Discoverers Parental Consultation timetables up in school
Tues 7 th February	Safer internet Day Running 12-12.30 SAT's Club Piano & Woodwind Lessons
Weds 8 th February	Violin Lessons
Thurs 9 th February	Guitar Lessons
Fri 10 th February	Karate (1 space)

CALENDAR DATES:

Spring Parental Consultations	Monday 13th Feb Tuesday 14th Feb
Bronze Age Experience Class 3	Wednesday 15th Feb
Community Collective Worship St Peter's Church	Thursday 16th Feb 9.15am
World Book Day	Thursday 2nd March

Class	UP TO FEBRUARY HALF TERM	AFTER FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Early Years	Learning to move in different ways and to safely negotiate space.	
Class 2	Gymnastics & Dance	Gymnastics & Dance
Class 3	Dance & Tag Rugby (outdoor kit)	Dance & Hockey (outdoor kit)
Class 4	Gymnastics & Tag Rugby (outdoor kit)	Gymnastics & Hockey (outdoor kit)

Future Inter-School Competitions

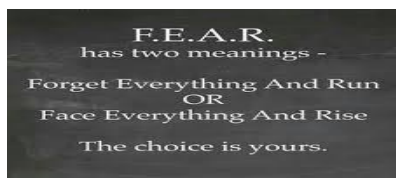
Tag Rugby Competition	Wednesday 29 th March
Swimming Gala	Wednesday 26 th April
Mini Tennis	Wednesday 10 th May
Athletics Competition	Wednesday 7 th June

CHRISTIAN VALUE

COURAGE

St Peter's Church

8am Holy Communion



Gracie Hancock – “Fear stops us from achieving our potential. Courage stops us from letting fear get the better of us.”

Reading: Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life. James 1:12

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The activity programme for February half term is now available and will be in the children's bags today. We are again offering a discounted rate of £20 per day. If anyone has any old newspapers for craft activities please bring these into Out of School Club – thank you.

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

The Rotary Club have announced this year's competition to produce a photograph based on the theme “A Moment in Time”. Please see the poster on the school noticeboard for more details or ask at the office. Closing date May 2017

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.

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL

Please don't forget to visit our school page at <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html> if you are doing any shopping. It costs you nothing to use the charity's site which is supported by many well-known UK brands – they then donate a proportion of their profit from anything you buy.

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 croftprimarieschool.org. This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.

SAFEGUARDING

The school's Designated Senior Person: **Mr Robson**
Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus**
and **Miss Wilford**.

The nominated safeguarding governor is **Mr Blenkarn**.



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