



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

3rd November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a great week off! Pupils and staff are back into the rhythm of the term as we build up to Advent. This is a long term – 8 weeks!

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
9/11/17	3.45-8.30pm	Parent Consultation and Information Exhibition
10/11/17	9.10-9.40am	Remembrance Service followed by refreshments (in School)
14/11/17		Book Fair arrives in School (Open 14 th , 15 th , 16 th , 17 th & 20 th November 3.30pm-4.15pm)
15/11/17	1pm	Flu Vaccines, R-Y4
8/12/17	6.00-8.00pm	Friends of Croft School Christmas Disco
10/12/17	4pm	Candle Service, St Peter's Church
13/12/17	2.30pm-4.00pm	Christmas Enterprise Event
18/12/17	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
19/12/17	Midday	Christmas Lunch
19/12/17	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
20/12/17	10.30-11.00am	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 1
20/12/17	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 2
21/12/17	9.15-9.30am	Community Christian Values Collective Worship (St Peter's Church)
21/12/17	afternoon	Christmas Parties
22/12/17	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service

PUPIL SAFETY

Pupils safety is very important to us. As we do each half term, we have revisited our 'pupil safety quiz' this week with pupils across the school and staff have revisited procedures to ensure all staff are fully aware of expectations and systems. Staff are trained annually and so far this year all staff have taken part in safeguarding/child protection and online safety training led by the Local Authority. **The school's Designated Senior Person (DSP) and Online Safety Leader: Mr Robson** and the school's **Deputy DSPs are: Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford**. The school's nominated Safeguarding Governor is **Mr Blenkharn**. Please speak to us if you have any concerns regarding any matters. Thank you for your continued support.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We would like to invite families to our Remembrance Day Service in school on **Friday 10th November**. The service will begin at **9.10am** and will be followed by an opportunity for families to stay for tea and coffee and visit an exhibition of pupils' work from our whole school WW1 topic. Please come along and join us in our service.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND INFORMATION EVENING

Autumn Term parent consultations will take place on Thursday 9th November. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to speak to their child's class teacher and look at work in books. We request that Year 6 pupils attend the consultation alongside their parents/carers. Unfortunately, we will not have the facility on this occasion to supervise younger children. Please can we request that parents make alternative arrangements for child care. Thank you for your support with this. As explained previously, there will be an exhibition in the school hall of useful materials and services. NYCC Catering, Road Safety, School Nurse (Healthy Child Team), Prevention (Colburn Children's Centre) will all have a stall. As a school, we will also display materials for parents relating to aspects of

learning in school and school administration such as help with school money and how to 'login'. We hope that parents find this useful.

SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

We hope that by now most parents are up and running with School Money and are able to pay for lunches, drinks, Out of School Club and School Trips etc. online. Lunches taken are entered daily and the O.O.S.C. register is updated on a Monday showing sessions taken for the previous week. You will have noticed that e-mails are generated when there is an outstanding balance to pay for lunches or O.O.S.C. – parents are also able to login at anytime to check what is owed or what credit is remaining.

In preparation for our possible move to become part of the Dales Academies Trust and now that we are up and running with the School Money system we would like to make a request that **from January 2018 payment is made in advance for lunches**. Payment can be made weekly, or, a larger amount can be added as a credit but we ask that there is always sufficient credit on your child's account to cover lunches to be taken the following week. If for any reason your child is off school they will not be charged for that day and a £2.10 credit will carry forward. With regard to O.O.S.C. payment should be made in advance where possible, but we do understand that sometimes parents book children in at short notice, and also some bills are settled via child-care vouchers so there will be some flexibility with this. We do however ask that if you receive an e-mail with details of an outstanding balance that this is settled as soon as possible.

Please do use the opportunity at our Parent Information Evening on Thursday to speak to Mrs Banks if you are unable to login or have any other questions.

BOOK FAIR – Week Commencing Monday 13th November

The book fair will be in school from 13th November. Please come along and see what's on offer. If parents spend over £300, the school gets an equivalent amount to spend on books! This time there will be a selection of adults as well as children's books.

FLU VACCINE – Reception, Y1-Y4

Many parents have reported an issue when trying to complete the online consent form for the Flu Vaccine. Croft School does not appear to be listed so please go in via "other" to complete the consent. Please note that you will not receive an acknowledgment. We have been unable on several occasions to contact the health team by telephone to resolve this but suggest that if you have any further questions that you contact the team by e-mail directly - lois.alderson@hdfn.nhs.uk

The vaccine will be administered in school on Wednesday 15th November in the afternoon. Please note that this is an opt in scheme and your child will not receive the vaccine if you have not registered.

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Please return your filled shoeboxes to school marked with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for **and bring these to school by Monday 13th November – thank you.**

POPPIES

The children are now selling poppies in school in support of the Royal British Legion. Please send a donation into school if you would like one.

NOTHALLERTON MUSIC CENTRE



Calling all musicians! Northallerton Music Centre is holding an Open Morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Northallerton School, Brompton Road. This is a chance to listen to the music ensembles and to join in too! For more information please call 01609 536715.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

This years School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER!! More details to follow.....



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

There will be a production of Cinderella at The Croft Hotel on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £4 for children and are available from Sue Coates on 721014/susan1.coates@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please remember to take a look at our School Angel site as you start to do your Christmas Shopping..... Our School Angel fund has now reached nearly £200 and we are looking forward to using the money raised to improve our ICT facilities in school.

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



Here is just a **small** sample of retailers that are listed on the site. The retailer donates a proportion of their profit to school from anything purchased and you get exactly the same deal as if you had visited the retailer directly. You are not required to create an account or provide any personal details.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

A one day card making workshop is being held on Sunday 9th November at Croft Village Hall from 10am-4pm. Please see the poster on our school noticeboard for more details – the cost which includes all materials and lunch, refreshments and home made cakes is £40, Please contact Georgie Sale on 07886 277675 or georgiesale@btinternet.com to book a place.

ilearncreative will be running Christmas Gift workshops where the children can make gifts for family and friends. The workshops will be held at Croft Village Hall in November and December - there will be separate sessions for pre-school children and for children aged 7-11. Pre-booking is essential – for more information please see the posters on our school noticeboard or contact Denise on 07971 343249 or email ilearncreative@gmail.com.

As ever, I am available each morning on the school yard to chat or if you would like to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs Dent/Mrs Banks at the school office. Have a lovely weekend everybody.
Mr Robson

GOVERNORS ACADEMY UPDATE

Just to keep you up to date on the proposed conversion to become part of the Dales Academies Trust. The consultation closed on the 8th September and the proposal was accepted by the DfE. The results of the consultation are still available on the school website for you to see.

The next stage of the process is now underway and schools are now beginning to convert. The process for our school and the others in the group is continuing and we will keep you informed of progress. Once again if you have any concerns at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Alison Russell, Chair of Governors

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 6TH NOVEMBER 2017

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

Mon 6th November
Tues 7th November
Weds 8th November
Thurs 9th November

Piano lessons
Parent Consultations & Parent Information Evening 3.45pm
Guitar Lessons
NO Zumba
NO Brownies
Karate
Boxercise

Fri 10th November

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Nathan Fisher
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Nathan Fisher KS1 – Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby
Thursday	High Five Netball with Mrs Jewkes
Friday	Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby

Full PE kit is required for all sessions including football boots and shin pads for football and rugby.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

None

Christian Value – TRUST



When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, trust him fully and one of two things can happen. Either he'll catch you when you fall or he will teach you how to fly.

"It is important to trust others so that you can do lots of things in life"

Alex Preston Y4

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 8am

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 4:

The children have written some amazing poems based on World War One this week, they have shown determination as poetry isn't easy but their finished work is brilliant! We begin a short non-fiction topic next week based on heroes. Talk over the weekend about inspirational people – people you would consider to be a hero and discuss why. The children will be writing factfiles about their hero next week. In Maths we are looking at factors, common factors, multiples and prime numbers. We will also be looking at the order of the four operations when solving multi-step problems. We will be completing our topic learning about WW1 and celebrating our achievements in our War Time Remembrance tea at 2pm on Friday. We hope to see you there ☺

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford**.
The nominated safeguarding governor is **Mr Blenkarn**.



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. If you would like to share your views online, please click the following link to register. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.
Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.croftprimaryschool.org and our Twitter account @croftcofe!

CLASS 3:

The children have had a very productive first week back. They have completed some amazing work in Maths relating to our new topic which focusses on multiplication and division. A list of key vocabulary that we will be learning during this topic has been sent home today. Please keep practising times tables at home 😊 As we are leading up to Remembrance Day, we have decided to carry on with our topic of War until the end of next week so that we can think about Remembrance. We will also be discussing who our heroes are. The children will need their outdoor PE kits for next week.

CLASS 2:

The children have worked incredibly hard this week in Maths. They have been solving problems through practical activities using the outside area. In English we have been looking at Katie Morag and preparing to write a character profile. The children have used some exciting adjectives to describe characters from the story and have presented their work well. In RE we have been looking at heroes. The children have discussed people they consider to be heroes and who their heroes are. These range from Captain Underpants to Martin Luther King, which was great for discussion when comparing.

Next week the children will be bringing home scripts for our Christmas performance, Busy Busy Bethlehem to ensure they have plenty of time to practise. We will also continue with our work on heroes and Katie Morag.

EARLY YEARS:

This week the children have really enjoyed learning all about bonfire night; they were fascinated by the story of Guy Fawkes and some of the children created Guy Fawkes wanted posters. The children enjoyed opportunities to create firework paintings both indoors and outdoors and some even designed their own firework! In Maths the children have been learning about money, they were able to extend this learning in the 'bonfire night food stall' role play area. Reception children enjoyed their first PE lesson this week with Mrs Little. She said their behaviour was excellent and all children could get changed independently, well done! Next week we will be reflecting on Remembrance on the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6)Gracie Hancock (Y5)Rhys Patterson (Y4)Ollie Graham (Y3) Aidan Patterson (Y2)Tom Ellis (Y1) Josh Ellis(Rec)Ethan Maughan

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.

SAFEGUARDING

The school's Designated Senior Person and Online Safety Leader: **Mr Robson**