



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

6th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year everybody! I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas. Welcome back.

ONLINE SAFETY MESSAGE



You may be aware of an app called Musical.ly that many children across the country are using at the moment. However, there has been concern that if privacy settings are not secure, children could be at risk. Parents and carers may want to check that privacy settings are secure if children are using this app.

TIPS

Blocking a user

If your child is receiving unwanted messages or comments, they can block the user on the app. You can block a user by going to their profile and selecting the icon with three dots on the right hand corner and then choosing 'block this user'.

Reporting inappropriate content

If your child comes across any content that is not appropriate they can press the icon with three dots on the side of the screen and select 'report abuse' from the list of options.

If you would like any further advice or support please speak to a member of staff.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

We have decided to focus on only one Christian Value per half term from now on so that we can look at each value in greater depth. This half term's Christian Value is **COURAGE**. On the Thursday at the end of each half term Viv Waugh, our Foundation Governor, is going to lead a worship in Church. Children from school will attend and families are welcome too. There will be more information to follow.

HAIRSTYLES

Some parents, carers and staff have requested further clarification regarding hairstyles in the school uniform

policy. Please can I make parents and carers aware that shaven lines in hair are not considered appropriate for school. Thank you for your continued support.

TWITTER



Don't forget that we now have a Twitter Account! If you would like to follow us, please find us on Twitter @croftcofe and make a follower request. When we recognise parents and carers we will let you in to follow our tweets! Feedback would be greatly appreciated as we develop its use. Thank you.

We are all looking forward to our first full week next week to get really busy with learning! If you would like to chat about any matter, I am out on the yard each day or you can make an appointment at the office.

Mr Robson.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We are now registered for Schoolmoney and you should receive a text in the next few weeks asking you to supply login details. Please ensure that the mobile number we use for the school text message service is up to date.

KARATE

Karate will start next Friday at 3.30pm, The cost is £40 for 10 weeks. Please let the office know if your child is interested.

CLASS 4: We have had a positive start to the term this week; we have written a creative story using a visual image as a stimulus and started our new Geography topic investigating mountains. Next week, we will be starting our fraction topic in Maths and writing persuasive letters in English.

CLASS 3: A great start to the new term and the children are showing a positive attitude to their work, challenging themselves to complete tricky Maths tasks. The children have begun researching the Bronze Age as part of our topic project this term and have enjoyed using a variety of sources to do this.

We will all need outdoor PE kit ready for Monday. Thank you 😊

CLASS 2 Welcome back! We have started off this term by retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs in English. If you have any alternative stories at home please bring them in to share. In Maths our focus is 2d and 3d shapes, looking at their properties including symmetry. Our topic for this half term is Food and Plants. Children in Year 2 will be given additional homework this term in preparation for the SATs assessments in May. There will be a drop in session for any children wanting to come every Tuesday night from 3.30 – 4.30 in Class 2. If you have any queries or questions please see Mrs McManus.

EARLY YEARS:

What a good start to the year! We are pleased that our new nursery children have come in well too.

Our theme is Journeys and we begin next week with 'The Train Ride'. Our activities will be based around the story. We have begun to set up our train role play area. If you have any train stories at home please bring them to share.

Please inform Mrs Prudhoe if you are having difficulty accessing Tapestry.

Reception children – please bring your sound books next week as we have some new sounds to learn. Your home job this weekend is to practise forming the ladder letters. There is a sheet to show correct formation. Please support your child to begin the letters in the right place. We say 'whoosh' for the upwards sweep and then form the letter.

Nursery children – please continue to share stories at home. Ask your child what they think might happen next or how they think the story will end. Can your child describe the characters, events or the story setting? You can add any comments to Tapestry. Thank you. ☺

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Alexandra Knapp (Y6) Daniel Bell (Y5) Ellen Newton (Y4) Natasha Thornton (Y3) Riley Jackson (Y2) Will Preston (Y1) Dottie Humble (Rec)

GLEE CLUB

Glee Club will not be running this term as it is being replaced by SATS club. It will start again after SATS.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 9th January 2017

Mon 9 th January	Discoverers
Tues 10 th January	Y6 SATS Club 3.30-4.30 NO GLEE CLUB THIS TERM Piano & Woodwind Lessons Full Governing Body Meeting
Weds 11 th January	Violin Lessons
Thurs 12 th January	Guitar Lessons
Fri 13 th January	Karate

CHRISTIAN VALUE

COURAGE

St Peter's Church

All Age Worship 11am

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.

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.



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.

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