



## CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Achievement for Everyone

9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

### FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL DISCO

Thank you so much to Mrs Wrightson and her team of helpers who made the KS1 and KS2 discos a huge success last Friday night. Even Father Christmas made an appearance! The Friends raised an amazing £337.00! Funds will continue to go towards the purchase of new ICT equipment across the school. It was a fantastic event. Well done.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tuesday's Christmas Fair was a huge success. Our pupils worked like 'Christmas Elves' to create their wonderful gifts and decorations. Pupils used their design and technology, writing, mathematics and entrepreneurial skills in the preceding weeks with great success. There are still a few decorations and gifts left - please see your child's class teacher or Mrs Dent/Mrs Banks if you would like to place an order! So far the event has raised over £600 for school funds. Well done everybody. There are still some unclaimed raffle prizes in school - the winning tickets are blue 341 and 485, and orange 422, 423, 425, 370, 428 and 368 - please speak to the office to claim these. Please visit our page on twitter @croftcofe to see some images of the pupils' fantastic creations. Look out for our next pupil enterprise event at Easter where visitors will be able to purchase more of the pupils' wonderful creations.

### CANDLE SERVICE

We look forward to seeing as many families and their children as possible at this weekend's candle service. The service will be led by Reverend Jenni and will take place at St Peter's Church at 4.30pm on Sunday. Please come along - we would love to see you there. ☺

### CHRISTMAS MOVIE MORNING

Once again we would like to hold a cinema style movie morning in the school hall for all of our pupils on our big screen on the last day of term. It is a really lovely shared Christmas experience with all of the pupils of the school. If any parents/carers would not like their child to take part in this, please contact the school office. Thank you.

### 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, 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.00 pm. **Doors will open at 5.40pm.**

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will perform *Away in a Manger* on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm. **Doors will open at 10.10am.**

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** - Any allocations from the reserve list will be sent out the day before each performance.

**Please can the children in Class 4 arrive at 5pm before each performance and the children in Class 3 at 5.30pm - thank you.**

### ONLINE PAYMENTS

We are pleased to be able to let you know that from next term we will be accepting on-line payments for school lunches and visits etc. We will be sending out a letter soon with more information about this.

### DOG FOULING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

There have been several instances where dog owners have not picked up after their dogs on the pavements around the entrance to the school so we would ask parents and children to please be aware of this.

Only 1 more school week until the Christmas break. Have a lovely weekend everybody! ☺

**Mr Robson**

### OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you for supporting the Out of School Club stall at the Christmas Fair, our tombola raised over £85.00 and this will go towards a new pool table for the club.

The Out of School Club is open for the training day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - if you require a space please contact Kerry on 01325 722615.

All the staff from the Out of School Club would like to wish the parents and children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**CLASS 4:** We have had a very busy week this week, baking biscuits for the Christmas fair and rehearsing for our Alice performance next week. Next week, we will be completing some story writing for our portfolio and enjoying our Christmas party on Thursday, as well as looking at multiples and factors in maths.

### CLASS 3:

This week we have been busy rehearsing for the performance of Alice and the Church Candle service. The children have worked really hard with Class 4 to learn all of the songs. In maths we have been looking at area of shape and comparing the length of different measurements which the children have enjoyed.

This coming week we will be continuing with the Christmas theme in our letter writing.

### CLASS 2:

We will be completing our persuasive letters to Santa in English and we will be finishing off our enterprise projects in Maths. The children have all worked so hard with the Christmas Enterprise project, well done everyone! We are looking forward to putting on our Christmas performances; please have one final practise using loud voices over the weekend. The children will not need their PE kits next week. Homework and spellings this week is to be handed in after Christmas. We really enjoyed our visit to watch the Snow Dragon. Thank you so much to the parent helpers, we really appreciate you giving up your time ☺

### EARLY YEARS:

We will be making and writing Christmas cards and Reception children will be writing about Elfie's antics. We will continue to weigh presents and use the language of comparison - heavy, light, heavier and lighter. We will be using money in our shop and doing lots of counting.

Reception - Please take PE bags home as we will not be doing it again this term. We will be changing reading books on Monday and Wednesday next week. Please make sure they are in the blue bag every day.

A big thank you to the helpers who came with us to see the Snow Dragon.

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

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:**

Jacob Rutter (Y6) Noah Boyd (Y5) Ellen-Jean Monaghan (Y4)  
Pietro Percovich (Y3) Leanna Honeyman (Y2) Rupert Jewkes  
(Y1) Evie Dell (Rec)

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Alice the Musical 6pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Away in a Manger 10.30am & 2.30pm
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch KS2 Alice the Musical 6pm
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Parties
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Movie Morning Carols around the Tree 2.30pm

**LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Digital Photography and Filming at School Events.

**CHRISTIAN VALUE:** Compassion

**St Peter's Church** NO SERVICE

**Class Worship - Compassion**

**Readings: He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.** Psalm 147:3

**The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.** Psalm 145:8

**CROFT CHRISTMAS PARTY**

A Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 4.00-6.00pm at Croft Village Hall. Tickets are £6 (£3 for under 2's) and need to be requested in advance please from Tiff Norris on 07779 346254.

**ST PETERS CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Xmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church.

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

Church open for viewing on 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Refreshments available. Children welcome to dress up as shepherds, kings or angels.

**CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES**

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Candle Service 4.30pm St Peters Church
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 Production – 6pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Production – 10.30am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch in school Key Stage 2 Production 6pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols Around the Tree 2.30pm

**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.

**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](http://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](http://croftprimaryschool.org)