



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

1st December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,
Only **3 more weeks** until we break up for Christmas holidays!

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
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
13/12/17	6pm	Nativity on the Farm, Grange Farm Croft Christmas Trees
15/12/17		Christmas Jumper Day
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

****ONLINE SAFETY ****



Please can I urge parents, particularly those in KS2, to visit the following link to find out a little bit more about the **funimate app**. It seems to be an extension of the **Musical.ly App** which we have previously shared concerns and advice around. Please use ctrl and click to activate the following link:

<https://www.saferkid.com/app-reviews-for-parents/funimate-video-editor-add-effects-perfect-for-vine-loop-instagram-gif-flipagram-edit-musically>

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Thank you to the families who attended this half term's celebration worship this morning. It was wonderful to see you all and thank you so much for your feedback. There will be more opportunities to come into school very soon!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can I remind parents that pupils should only wear 'simple head bands, bobbles and hair ties' as described in the school's uniform policy. We discourage fashion items as we do not want our pupils or parents to feel pressured to maintain the latest trends. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support the school and following our school uniform policy.

You are now able to order school uniform on line from Emblematic Ltd who are our current uniform suppliers. Postage is free for orders

delivered to school. Items can be viewed and ordered at:

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/croft146>

Please note that we do still have a number of jumpers, cardigans and waterproof coats in stock in school.

****ROAD SAFETY****

The road and paths outside school were particularly wet and slippery this morning. Please take extra care on occasions such as these. On particularly wet days, we will open the pupil entrance doors early to allow pupils to enter the school. We have also contacted NYCC Highways and the Parish Council to ask for support to ensure that roads and paths are gritted on snowy days however, it has been explained that this is the responsibility of the community. There is grit stored at the village hall and by the school gate and if any parents would be willing to grit the paths near to the entrance to the school on snowy and icy days, I am sure that other parents would be hugely grateful!

We will endeavour to keep the school site well-gritted and safe for pupils and families as they enter the school.

FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!

PLEASE JOIN US ON TWITTER – YOU'RE MISSING OUT!



Even if you do not currently use twitter, please consider getting an account just so you can keep up to date with things that are happening. We only post to people whose families are known to the school! Click here to get your own twitter account! Ctrl and click here www.twitter.com!

HEADLICE

We currently have 2 cases of headlice in school – please check your child's hair. Please can I remind parents that pupils with headlice must be treated before they return to school. Once treated, pupils are free to return. Thank you.

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. Thank you.

SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

Please ensure that any **outstanding money owed** for school lunches or the Out of School Club are settled as soon as possible – thank you.

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

ST PETER'S CHURCH WITH CROFT CHRISTMAS TREES NATIVITY

There will be a Nativity at Grange Farm, Croft Christmas Trees on Wednesday 13th December from 6pm. Refreshments available. Children welcome to dress up as shepherds, kings or angels.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER!! **Please return all requests for tickets to the school office no later than Monday 4th December – thank you.**



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER



Our School Council would like to offer pupils the opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Friday 15th December and donate £1 to

Save the Children. Pupils can wear their normal school uniform and a Christmas jumper – it would be fabulous if children could make their own!!

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 over £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

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.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 4th DECEMBER 2017

Mon 4 th December	
Tues 5 th December	Piano lessons
Weds 6 th December	
Thurs 7 th December	KS2 visit to Hartlepool Mosque Guitar Zumba
Fri 8 th December	Friends of Croft School Christmas Disco Karate Boxercise KS1 Seaside Picnic 1.30pm

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

KS2 Hartlepool Mosque Visit
KS1 Seaside Picnic

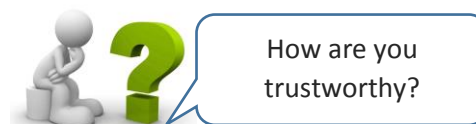
St Peter's Church 8am Holy Communion
6pm Advent Service with the choir from Polam Hall School

Christian Value – KOINONIA



Reading: And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 4:

The children have written some toecurling contrasting stories based on Grendel and the Great King Hrothgar this week. They were able to use colon and semi-colons to vary their sentences, begin lists and add detail and explanation. We have also been looking at synonyms and antonyms and how the intensity of the word impacts on the meaning. Next week we will start work by looking at a new text: Viking Boy. In Maths the children have been solving some challenging problems based on the mean. Next week we will begin to measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in cm and m. Please continue to learn lines and practise songs over the weekend for rehearsals next week.

If you are able to help with baking Christmas cakes or sewing items for the Christmas Enterprise Fair on Monday 11th between 9 and 11.30am, please let Mrs McManus know, thank you.

CLASS 3:

In Maths, the children have been working really hard on fractions this week and this will continue next week. We will also be learning about decimals. In English, the children have been finding features of newspaper reports and have started to write their own reports about the eruption of Vesuvius in Pompeii. We will also be preparing for our school Enterprise Fair. We will be completing these next week. Our P.E. day is Wednesday. The children will need their outdoor kits. Please continue to practise lines and hymns for our candle service.

CLASS 2:

This week we have been looking at making and classifying 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. We have used different materials to construct our shapes enabling the children to understand how each shape is made up. In English we have been looking at story writing through images. The children had some super ideas and have really been creative. As you know we have been working on an island and seaside theme this half term and the children are excited to conclude with our seaside picnic. We are hoping that this will happen next Friday 8th December. Please

arrive around 1.30. A letter has been sent home with further details. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, however we do appreciate that this is a busy time of year.

We have been practising hard for the Christmas performance this week and lines have been sent home now that parts have been finalised.

EARLY YEARS:

It has been an exciting week this week in Early Years. On Monday we had a special parcel delivered to the classroom. Elsa had frozen some of our toys! The children have been working hard all week to unfreeze the toys using a number of well thought out ideas! Next week we will be looking at the nativity story - please see the 'What we are learning' sheet for more information on this. As part of this we will be discussing our own family traditions. Please could we have family photos in by Thursday 7th. In Maths next week we will be helping Santa to get some of his presents to the correct people by investigating the different weights of the presents.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Jessica Harrison (Y5) Rhys Patterson (Y4) Martha Bainbridge (Y3) Anna Curbeson (Y2) Ava Bainbridge (Y1) Ethan Banks (Rec)Michelle Olaoye

ART GALLERY:

Following on from the launch of the Art Gallery, our budding artists currently displaying their beautiful, framed masterpieces are as follows:

Emily Suffell - 'World War One'

Daniel Bell - 'Remembrance'

Ella Janes - 'Poppy'

Aidan Patterson - 'Flanders Field'

Alfie Robinson - 'Poppy in Pen'

Ollie Graham - 'Skyline'

William Ford - 'Autumn'

Heidi Campling - 'Winter'

William Goldsbrough - 'Poppy Craft'

Darcy Todd - 'Fireworks'

Well done to all of you. Your work looks absolutely stunning. Parents are welcome to come and visit the gallery.

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.

SAFEGUARDING

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

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford.**

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



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