



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Achievement for Everyone**

10<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

<b>**AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS**</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Event</b>
14/11/17	3.30pm-4.15pm	Book Fair arrives in School (Open 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> November)
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

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Thank you so much to parents who attended this morning's Remembrance Service in school. Class 4 did a fabulous job in sharing a very important message. We observed a 2 minute silence at 11am.



**PARENT CONSULTATIONS AND INFORMATION EVENING**

Thank you to all of the parents who attended last night's parent consultation evening. I do hope that you found it useful and that you had the chance to look at some of the items in the exhibition. If you have any feedback for us, please let us know. Thank you!

**COMPASS BUZZ MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING**



All staff completed **COMPASS BUZZ LEVEL 1** training this week and developed their understanding of strategies to support pupils' mental health and well-being. **LEVEL 2 TRAINING** for Senior Leaders is coming in the New Year. If you would like to find out more information please visit their twitter page:

[https://twitter.com/compass\\_buzz?lang=en](https://twitter.com/compass_buzz?lang=en)

Don't forget, we have a growing range of books to support pupils' social and emotional development. Please ask at the office for more details.

**ONLINE SAFETY**

Internetmatters have developed checklists for parents that give you top tips on how to help children stay safe online. They are really useful – please check them out!

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/esafety-leaflets-resources/>

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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.

**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.

**BOOK FAIR – Week Commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

The book fair will be in school from 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

The vaccine will be administered in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> November – 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

**GOSPEL CHOIR EVENING**

St Peter's Church, Croft, is holding a Gospel Choir evening on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 (includes glass of wine and nibbles) and are available from Alison Kennedy on 07918140952/alisonmkennedy777@gmail.com

**CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER!! More details to follow.....



**CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME**

There will be a production of Cinderella at The Croft Hotel on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ilearncreative@gmail.com).

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Discoverers
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Piano lessons Book Fair
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccines R-Y4 1pm Book Fair
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Guitar Zumba Book Fair
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Karate Boxercise Book Fair

**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**

Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey  
SIAMS Survey (Church Schools)

**St Peter's Church Remembrance Service 10.50am**

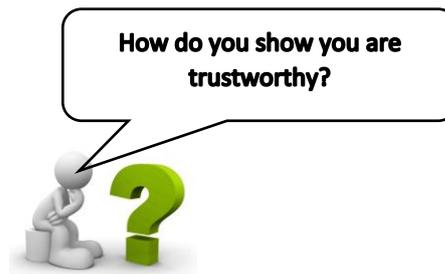
**Christian Value – TRUST**



"If you trust Jesus you will be happy"

Aaron Hirst Y4

**THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...**



**CLASS 4:** Thank you to everyone who came to our War Time Remembrance Tea today. It was a wonderful event to showcase all of the amazing work the children have been doing over the last half term. Next week we will be completing our "My Hero" non-chronological reports and our new writing theme will focus on anti-bullying. In Maths we are rounding off our work on multiplication and division and moving on to look at statistics. In Topic, we will start our new topic : the Anglo-Saxons.

**CLASS 3:**

Next week we will be starting our new topic: 'Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. On Monday, we will be starting to make our model volcanoes to explode in Science on Thursday! The children will need a 2L bottle, some newspaper, sticky tape and some cardboard to place the volcano on. We will be writing instructions for 'How to make a volcano' in English. Our class novel is 'Escape from Pompeii' from the survivor series by Jim Eldridge along with 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. In Maths, we will be using written methods to divide. Here is a list of useful apps that we use in class that you may wish to download for home use:  
 SpellFix Y3-4 Wordlist  
 Easy Spelling  
 Base Ten Math  
 Spelling Free  
 DK Times Tables  
 Set the Clock  
 Tell the time

**CLASS 2:** This week we have been looking at heroes in RE. The children have completed some wonderful writing about their own heroes and are now able to differentiate between a real hero and a super hero. In Maths we have been looking at money and using the four operations to calculate amounts. The children have used their knowledge of the four operations to answer one and two step word problems.

We have started preparations for the Christmas performance this week and the children have been showing off their acting skills. This has been great fun and I am certain that the children will be showing off at home. PE is on Monday and Friday in Class 2. PE kit should be brought in on Monday and will be returned on Friday.

**EARLY YEARS:**

This week the children have enjoyed learning about remembrance and the reason behind why we wear poppies. The children have made poppies, made cards for the soldiers, and talked about what a hero is and who is their hero. The children have said some lovely things during discussions and have thought deeply about what the soldiers have done for us. I was very proud that they could do this at such a young age! Some of their work

will be displayed at Friday's Remembrance Service. Next week we will be focusing on the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We will be looking at space and what we would take with us if we were to go to space.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** (Y6) Demi Fortune (Y5) Charlotte Shield (Y4) Ollie Graham (Y3) Riley Jackson (Y2) Emily Clarke (Y1) Faith Wrightson (Rec) Theo Holmes

#### **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.

#### **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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