



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Be happy: aspire, believe, achieve**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Pupils have had a great week back in school and have started the year really well. Everybody seems to be trying really hard to get into good habits – it's really good to see.

**TOP OF THE LEAGUE!**

I am very pleased to announce that we finished top of the national schools' league table in North Yorkshire for 2017/18. This is an amazing achievement! There are over 370 Primary schools in North Yorkshire and to finish top is fantastic. There was an article in the Northern Echo published during the Christmas break. Please ctrl+click on the link below to find out more!

<https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/local/darlington/17313774.croft-church-of-england-primary-school-named-top-for-pupil-progress/>

**ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

Please can I remind parents and carers of our registration procedures. Like all schools, procedures must be followed rigidly and there are guidelines that schools must follow.

The pupil entrance door and entrance to Early Years close each day at 9.00am. After 9.00am, pupils must enter through the main entrance to school. The school register is taken in each class at 9.00am prompt and remains open until 9.10am. If a pupil arrives after the register is taken between 9.00am and 9.10am, they will receive a **late** mark. The registers are sent to the school office at 9.10am. If a pupil arrives after 9.10am, they will be given an **unauthorised absence**.

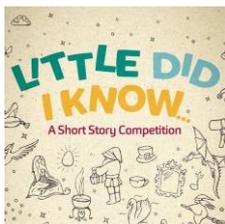
Everyday, staff have work ready for pupils to begin as they arrive in class from **8.50am** when the school doors open. Often, by 9.00am, many pupils have made a positive and productive start to their day and have already felt a sense of achievement before the register has even been taken! Thank you for your continued support.

**KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Date	Time	Event
<b>Spring Term</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan		Class 3 Bowes Museum Trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan		Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby Richmond School
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb		Swimming Gala, Richmond Pool CLOSE FOR HALF TERM
4 <sup>th</sup> March		SCHOOL OPEN
15 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief Red Nose Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March		Easter Fair
1 <sup>st</sup> April		Book Fair Delivered
9 <sup>th</sup> April		School Photographer – Class & Sports Groups
12 <sup>th</sup> April		SCHOOL CLOSES

Have a great weekend everybody!  
**Mr Robson**

**COMPETITION TIME**



Do you have a *big* enough imagination and the writing skills to be the new JK Rowling, Roald Dahl or David Walliams? Then we want you to get creative! The winning entries will be published in The Northern Echo and broadcast on TFM Radio, with the two winners also receiving £500 worth

of books for their school library, plus their own height in books, and a magical mystery ride. Turn your big ideas into tall tales of no more than 500 words, starting with the phrase 'Little did I know...' For more information and entry forms please see Mrs Richford.

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

Happy new year everyone! Hoping you all enjoyed the festivities and holidays. To try and ensure a fun and successful 2019 we have created a short survey to get feedback on the type of events and fundraising you'd like to see happen. It would be hugely appreciated if you could take just 2 minutes to complete it. Plus, everyone who does will be entered into a prize draw! It can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJSDJBB>. The link will also be on our Facebook page.

**MUSIC LESSONS**

In addition to offering piano and guitar lessons, we now also have a drum teacher in school on a Thursday morning. Please contact the office if your child is interested in having music lessons.

**SCHOOL ANGEL**

We have raised over £650 for computer equipment so far using the School Angel website. Simply go to School Angel and find Croft School then click on the shop you require (some of which are listed below) and order as normal – a donation from the online store then goes to school. Please tell your friends and family! <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>



**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

Happy New Year from all the staff in the OOSC. Our sports clubs commence next week with Cheerleading on Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm and Multi sports on Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Both of our clubs are now fully booked.

Next week in the OOSC, we will be concentrating on making Jack Frost masks for our winter display. We will also be experimenting with salt in our artwork.

**SCHOOL E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Our school e-mail addresses have recently changed – if you wish to contact the school by e-mail please now use the following address – thank you.

[admin@croft.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@croft.dalesmat.org)

**TWITTER**

**YOU ARE MISSING OUT IF YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER!**

Each class also has a twitter account now too!  
 It's easy to create an account! @CroftCofE



## **EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> January     Class 3 Bowes Museum Trip  
                                 Piano Lessons  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> January     Drum & Guitar Lessons  
                                 Hot Dog Lunch  
                                 Whole school Judaism Workshop  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> January

### **Christian Value – Courage**

*'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.'*

Isaiah 41:10



**Deep in the moment:** Can you think of examples when you or someone you know has shown courage?

### **Church Service St Peter's Church, Croft 11am Family Service**

**CLASS 4:** We have had a lovely first week to the new term. Our English is centered around Harry Potter and the children returned to school this week to see the classroom transformed into Hogwarts. The class have identified a variety of grammar features and completed reading comprehensions based on the books. In maths, we are currently learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. Our topic is mountains and the children have learned how the main types are formed by plate tectonics. Remember, you will need your PE kit on Wednesday.

### **CLASS 3 :**

We have had a great start to the term in class three. We have written recounts of our Christmas holidays - they sound amazing. In maths, we have been learning about measurements. Converting metres, centimetres and millimetres can be tricky but we have all persevered. We will be continuing our measuring unit next week moving on to converting km and m and measuring our heights. It would be a huge help if children could bring in a tape measure from home for our lesson on Wednesday. In science, we have started our new topic - light. We learnt about the absence of light and did a great experiment to show what it would be like without light for us to see. Don't forget it is our trip to Bowes Museum on Tuesday. We are really looking forward to it

### **CLASS 2:**

Happy New Year everyone. We have made a very positive start to the term and the children are motivated to learn. We have taken the opportunity to write about our time off and I can see you have all had an amazing holiday. This week we have focused on editing and improving our writing using our purple polishing pens. Now that we are in Spring term, the expectation in writing is much higher and the children will be writing more extended pieces. In maths, we have been working on multiples of ten. We have been comparing one calculation to another and deciding if it is greater than, less than or equal. This has been quite tricky and we will revisit this next week. I have asked that all children bring a hard-boiled egg into school on Wednesday for Science. This should still be in the shell. Thank you for your continued support with activities.

### **EARLY YEARS:**

Happy New Year. It has been a great first week back and the children are quickly getting back into the routine of things. The children have shown a lot of interest in building bridges outdoor this week. Therefore, next week we will be looking at the fairy story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. Please see the 'what we are learning sheet' for more information on this. In maths, Reception will be looking at recognising teen numbers. Miss Hirst our student, who is in her final year of training, will be taking on a greater role in the classroom this half term. She will be taking on a lot more teaching and may be greeting the children on a morning and seeing them out at home time. As it is the beginning of a new term, we kindly ask for a £5 donation per child for messy, creative and role-play per term. If you could hand this in to a member of EYFS staff this would be greatly appreciated.

### **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

(Y6 )George Kipling (Y5 ) Oliver Hutchinson (Y4) Aidan Patterson (Y3) Louie Petch (Y2 ) Matilda Waugh (Y1)Ethan Maughan (R) Robert Shield

### **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 People are: Miss Wilford & Mr Williams.

The nominated safeguarding governor is Mr Blenkharn.



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