



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

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

It has been a busy week for everybody. Pupils have enjoyed getting back into routines and starting their new learning!

**DALES ACADEMIES TRUST**

As you are aware, on January 1<sup>st</sup> Croft Church of England Primary School became part of the Dales Academies Trust. Dales is a joint venture by the Church of England Dioceses of Leeds and York. The main aim of creating Dales is to form a strong group of Church of England schools making it even easier for us to exchange expertise and good practice. Dales is able to give school-to-school support, in a way that wouldn't be possible without having a Multi-Academy Trust. In the first instance, Dales will include a number of Church of England primary schools in the Diocese of Leeds and the Diocese of York, as well as All Saints Church of England Secondary Academy, Ingleby Barwick, in the Diocese of York and it is expected that more schools will join Dales over the coming months. The Diocese have created a Trust Board which will have the job of governing and overseeing the whole group of schools. The Board will also make sure that the right resources are available for teaching and learning, and will be responsible for the overall financial health of the Trust. Mr Damian Chubb, who has years of teaching experience and school academy leadership has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer for Dales Academies Trust. Meanwhile, most day-to-day aspects of our school life will remain the same.

As Headteacher of Croft I retain responsibility for the management of the school and staff here and we will continue to have our school governors which include staff and parent representatives. We look forward to the opportunities that being part of a Multi-Academy Trust will bring to Croft School. There are very exciting times ahead!

**CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure that you inform the office of any change in contact details such as mobile numbers and e-mail addresses to ensure our records are up to date. Thank you!

**FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!**



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](http://www.twitter.com)!

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

<b>**SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS**</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Event</b>
16/1/18	6pm	Governing Body Meeting
26/1/18	9.30-12.00pm	Tag Rugby Y5&Y6 Richmond School
1/2/2018	9.15-11.00am	Y6&Y6 Science Workshop, Richmond School
6/2/18		Safer Internet Day
7/1/18		Swimming Gala KS2, Richmond Swimming Pool
25/1/18	9.00am-3.30pm	Class 3, Arbeia Roman Fort Trip
9/2/18		SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM

**SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS**

We have now made the move to on-line ordering along with payment in advance for lunches on a 3 week cycle – thank you very much to parents for your support with this. We will send out a request week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January for you to complete choices and pay for lunches weeks commencing 29/1, 5/2 and 19/2.

There are still some outstanding balances for Out of School Club sessions attended before the Christmas break – please can these be settled as soon as possible – reminders of the amounts owed have been sent by e-mail and text today.

**CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

ilearncreative will be running Creative Explorers in Croft Village Hall for Pre-Schoolers starting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am – 10.45am. Cost is £24 for 4 weeks and 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 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018**

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> January	
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Piano Lessons Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Guitar Gymnastics (after school)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Cricket & Dodgeball (after school)

**LUNCHTIME SPORTS**

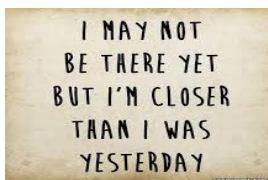
Monday	Multi Sports with Mike Layfield
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Matthew Brown KS1 – Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby
Thursday	High Five Netball with Mrs Jewkes
Friday	Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby

Full PE kit is required for all sessions including football boots and shin pads for football and rugby.

**LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Class 3 – Arbeia Roman Fort Trip  
 Governors Newsletter

**Christian Value - Perseverance**



**Bible reading:** Consider it pure joy brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the trusting of your faith develops perseverance.

Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1: 2-4

**Ella Janes – Class 4:** Hilary Clinton had to persevere because she wanted to run for President of the United States but she was a girl. Other politicians tried to bully her out of it but she persevered. She didn't make it but is probably closer than she's ever been.

**THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...**



**CLASS 4:** The children have worked hard to get back into routines this week. We started off our new topic, Coasts and Rivers, with a SOLE session and then looked at the water cycle. The children were great at applying their scientific knowledge to this context. We will be using this knowledge and understanding to write the journey of a raindrop next week. Next week will be start our new novel, "Kensuke's Kingdom", by Michael Morpurgo. Our focus in writing will be a balanced argument for leaving home and setting sail around the world. In Maths we have been looking at equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions, we will move onto to learning more about converting improper and mixed number fractions next week. PE will be indoor next week on Thursday.

**CLASS 3:**

The children have made a fantastic start to the term. They took part in a writing morning on Thursday to start planning and writing a story based on a journey. They have made a super start and will finish their final drafts next week. They are all aiming to be Handwriting Heroes of the week! We will be working on fractions and decimals in Maths next week and continuing with our topic on The Romans. It will be PE on Wednesday.

**CLASS 2:**

This week we have begun our new topic of The Great Fire of London. The children used Self Organised Learning to do some research on Thomas Farriner using the ipads. In Maths we have been looking at time and solving time problems. We have collected some data using time and will use this to form a class graph. In PE we are now doing gymnastics. The children made a great start with this, showing balance and dismounting with care. Next week we will continue with our topic through the story Toby and the Great Fire of London. In Maths we will be looking at money.

**EARLY YEARS:**

The children have really enjoyed reading 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' this week. On Wednesday a strange egg appeared in the classroom. The children enjoyed writing messages to warn others to take care of the egg. I wonder if the egg will hatch soon! Next week we will be moving on to the theme of doctors. This is something the children have expressed an interest in learning more about and therefore we will be following it! We will also be showing the children how they can add their own observations of their work to their Tapestry online learning journal! Just a couple of reminders after the half term. Children will change their library books every Wednesday, please make sure your child's book is in school with them that day. PE (for Reception children) is still on a Thursday but please ensure **their PE kit is in school all week. Finally, for those children who have a book please try to read with them as often as**

possible. Just a couple of pages every night can really support their reading progress. Thank you. ☺

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** (Y6) Holly Preston (Y5) Charlotte Shield (Y4) Alex Preston (Y3) Millie Harrison (Y2) Rupert Jewkes (Y1) Syd Pyrah (Rec) Josh Akers

**SCHOOL ANGEL**

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your 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.

**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.



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>

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