



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

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

**SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

We have enjoyed a number of sports competitions already this half term – the Y5/Y6 boys took part in a football tournament at Richmond School a couple of weeks ago and this week a group of girls from Class 4 enjoyed taking part in a High 5 Netball competition.

Last Friday I accompanied a group from Class 3 to take part in a football tournament - congratulations to our Y3/4 football team on their amazing achievement. The children were exceptional in their approach to the games. They listened advice and worked tirelessly as a team and ended up winning the tournament with the last kick of the game. It was a truly memorable way to end the week! The trophy is in the main entrance of school for all to see – come along and have a look – it’s huge!

Thank you so much to Mr Robinson and Mrs Jewkes for working with the children each week and preparing them for these tournaments. We really appreciate the time that they give to the school.

Look out for more sports news in our end of term sports newsletter in December.

**ROBIN HOOD**

The children had an amazing time on Tuesday afternoon when they watched Robin Hood in panto. I believe that the children deserved a treat after starting the year so well – they have worked incredibly hard so far. It was well-deserved!

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

Parent consultations are on Monday from 2.00-7.00pm. The first parental consultation of the year is an opportunity for parents to find out how their child has started the new academic year. There will be an opportunity for you to look at your child’s work and to have a short discussion with your child’s teacher. Consultations must be limited to 10 minutes maximum. Please can I ask parents to respect this as staff must move onto the next meeting after 10 minutes. If for any reason you would like additional time, please make an alternative appointment. Thank you for your continued support.

**VISION AND VALUES**

Governors and staff have been working together to develop the school’s vision and values. Happiness was a strong theme that came through! We would love your comments. Please let us know what you think?

**Be happy: aspire, believe, achieve**

Happiness is... the feeling you get when you help others and contribute to the world; when you work hard at something that was difficult to begin with; when you feel safe, cared for and respected; when you feel confident in your uniqueness and know where you are going.

*Philippians 4:13*

*‘I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.’*

**ST PETER’S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Please come along to the service at **11.00am**. Children from school will be asked to sing and read prayers. Our school Harvest Festival will take place the following Thursday. **PLEASE COME ALONG** – it is always a lovely service!

**GIN AND CHEESE FESTIVAL AT ST PETER’S CHURCH – TONIGHT!**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. 6pm – 8pm**

Please come along with your family and friends to enjoy Mason’s Gin and Shepherd’s Purse Cheeses. Tickets £10 to include 3 gin tastings (or 2

alternative drinks) and cheese sampling. There will be a produce stall, raffle, refreshments and licensed bar. Children under 16 free and there will be activities for young children. All proceeds towards the toilet/kitchen facilities. Tickets from church members or telephone 01325720589.

**CROFT HARVEST FESTIVAL 18<sup>th</sup> OCT at 2.30pm**

Preparations are underway for our school Harvest Festival. This year we will be raising money for our link school in Gambia (*The Wonder Years of Excellence*) and left over food donations will be given to the food bank in Darlington. The children will be making delicious soup, bread and apple crumble so please come along to enjoy! We would be extremely grateful if you could begin to bring donations into school to sell and donate the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October. Any donations given to St Peter’s will also be brought down to school.

**KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Date	Time	Event
<b>Autumn Term – First Half</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations 1
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30-3.30	School Harvest Festival
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	9.00-12.30pm	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Generosity
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm+	School Closes for Half term Holidays
<b>Autumn Term – Second Half</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am+	School re-opens
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00-10.15am	Remembrance Service and Community Celebration Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00-3.30pm	Children in Need Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-3.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00-1.15pm	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30-11.00am	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Compassion
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3.30pm+	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Robson**

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

Next week in OOSC we will be participating in Harry Potter inspired activities including wands, golden snitches, butterbeer fudge, balloon owls and Harry Potter glasses. This is to coincide with our Wizard School role play area.

The after school dance class are putting on a little performance on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 4.15 pm. Parents are very welcome to come and watch.

The OOSC are holding an Autumn Tuck shop on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 3.00 pm to raise funds. More info to follow in next week’s newsletter.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS & CAULIFLOWER CARDS**

The orders for this year’s School Photos and the Cauliflower Christmas cards have now been dispatched – please note that we are not able to process any more requests.

**SCHOOL MONEY**

Today is the deadline for choosing school lunches on School Money. Please login if you haven’t already done so and choose lunches for w/c 15/10, 22/10 and 5/11 – thank you.

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

Thank you to all those who came along this morning. I felt we came up with some truly wonderful ideas to raise money for school – thank you for all your incredible input. We have arranged to meet again for a short catch up on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, straight after school drop off – please come along if you can.

For those who are new to the school “Friends of Croft School” is the school PTA group. We truly love as much input as possible and would love it if you could join us for one of our catch ups – you do not have to regularly attend and will not automatically be given a huge “to do” list!

We work closely with the school to raise money so that our children benefit.

We are hoping to launch a “100 club” for parent/carers with monthly cash prizes – more information to follow. We also have a quiz night planned for Friday November 16<sup>th</sup> –once again, more information to follow.

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

Finally, one more date for your diaries.....

### **CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER!! Information to follow.....



### **SCHOOL ANGEL**

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your shopping. Our School Angel fund has now reached over **£450** 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>



These are 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.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parental Consultations 2-7pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Discoverers
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Piano Lessons
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Harvest Festival
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Guitar Lessons
	KS2 Cross Country
	Richmond School 1-4pm

### **Christian Value – Generosity**

**Church Service** Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church 11am

### **CLASS 4:**

In Class 4, we have had another busy and exciting week, culminating in the dissection of pigs' hearts on Friday afternoon. In English, the children have written amazing, emotive diaries from the perspective of a soldier during The Great War. In Maths, the children have been learning to use long/short division. In PE, the children learned to play hockey and participated in a mini-tournament. Next week, we will be looking at letter writing in English and starting to switch our focus towards Remembrance.

### **CLASS 3:**

Another busy week in class three. The children have completed adventure stories and enjoyed reading them to their friends. We have some budding authors and actors in our midst! Next week we will start another topic on letter writing. In maths we have been focusing on adding. Crossing tens and hundreds boundaries can be very tricky but we all showed great perseverance. In PE we had great fun playing mini netball games using the

skills we have learnt over the last few weeks. This week we began preparing for our harvest festival. We look forward to seeing lots of you next Thursday.

### **CLASS 2:**

This week we have been working hard on our writing. The children are making super progress within their year groups with both letter formation and forming sentences. In maths we have been looking at different models of addition and filling in the missing part. The children have found this particularly tricky therefore we will do more on this next week. Next week we will be focusing on the story Handa's Surprise and thinking about Autumn ready for our Harvest Celebrations. A quick reminder that spelling books need to be in school on Friday morning ready to be tested. Could any parents who don't yet access the class journal via the seesaw app, please let me know. We are adding to it all of the time and would hate for you to miss out on what your child has been doing or any important messages. Thank you.

### **EARLY YEARS:**

The children have really enjoyed learning about Autumn this week. I have been really surprised by what they already know! They have also really enjoyed learning about 2D shapes in maths. Some of the Reception children are even beginning to recognise 3D. Next week we will be preparing for Harvest and also reading the story 'What's in the Witch's Kitchen?' In Maths we will be focusing on repeating patterns. Thank you to everyone who attending the stay and play and also for your kind donations. Keep adding learning to Tapestry we love to see what the children do at home!

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS** (Y6)George Kipling (Y5)Harvey Campling(Y4)Kip Wrightson (Y3)Evelyn Bethell (Y2)William Ford (Y1) Caroline Gilles (Rec) Neave Adlam

### **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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