



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

12th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

END of KS2 SAT Tests

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have been absolutely brilliant all week. They showed great maturity and positivity and I am sure that they will get everything that they deserve for all of their hard work. Thank you to Mrs McManus who has been so organised and prepared the pupils superbly well for the tests.

We hope that the children have a well-deserved rest this weekend! Well done. Pupil results arrive in early July.

FRIDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Next Friday, 19th May, we will open the doors to families to attend our Friday Celebration Worship. If you would like to attend, please let the office know so we are aware of how many chairs to put out – thank you! Doors will open at 9.00am.

MINI TENNIS TOURNAMENT

This week KS2 had the opportunity to attend the mini tennis tournament at Richmond School. All pupils that attended did a super job and showed real Growth Mindset. Martha Bainbridge was our star player across the tournament.

Overall we came fourth place, with over 10 schools competing. A great achievement for their first tennis tournament!

DINNER MONEY

Thank you to those parents who have cleared outstanding payments for school lunches. Please can payments still due be cleared as soon as possible either by payment online at SchoolMoney or by sending the money into school.

Can we ask that payment for b/f amounts owed, i.e. for school lunches taken before the Easter Holidays, is allocated to "Past Dinner Arrears – before school money" on SchoolMoney.

If you experience any problems with the login process please do contact the office to resolve these.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL CLUB

Please can we ask that any money owed for the Simon Carson Football organised by the Out of School Club is sent into school as soon as possible – thank you.

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



To date we have raised nearly £100 for school simply by people shopping through our School Angel page – if you haven't already please do take a look at our school page <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html> if you are doing any shopping. It costs you nothing to use the charity's site which is supported by many well-known UK brands – they then donate a proportion of their profit from anything you buy.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Would you like to try one of our school lunches? Next week we would like to invite parents from each class into school to sample a school lunch with their children. We can cater for up to **10** parents each day. If more parents are interested, we will make arrangements to include further opportunities. Some places are still available. Please get in touch on Monday...

Monday 15th May – Nursery and reception parents

Wednesday 17th May – Class 3 parents

Thursday 18th May – Class 4 parents

Friday 19th May – Class 2 parents

Lunches for parents cost **£2.10**.

Please arrive for midday where your child will be there to meet you.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody!

Mr Robson

CLASS 4: A HUGE well done to all of the Year 6 pupils this week! They have been absolute superstars completing their SATs test with focus and determination, I really could not be more proud of them! There is no homework this week! Have a good rest and relax ready for the final two weeks of term. Next week we will be researching Queen Victoria, including her coronation, family, key events during her reign and her death. We will also be writing a diary entry as Oliver, based on Oliver Twist – our novel this half term.

CLASS 3: The children have spent lots of time analysing data and creating graphs using ICT this week with some impressive results. We are continuing with our topic of 'The Maya Civilization' this coming week and will be having a food tasting session including the following foods; quinoa, avocado, tomato and tortillas. If you wish your child to be withdrawn from the session, please let me know.

In RE we have been looking at sacred places and the children have written some poems about places that are special to them. Great week in Class 3!

CLASS 2: The children have begun our topic called India and they will soon be making chapatis and chai! They did some fantastic Indian dancing and really enjoyed the music too. It has been a very eventful week and I am delighted with how the children are progressing. Now that the lovely weather has arrived, please could I ask that you check your child's clothing is named so that we can get items back to their owners at the end of the day. A couple of PE items have got mixed up into the wrong PE bags, so, if you notice an additional item, do please return it to school and I will ensure it gets to its rightful owner.

Year 2 children will be completing their SATs next week. The children will complete a test each morning in small groups. This will take place in the Out of School Club with Mrs McManus. Please ensure children get a good night's sleep and reassure them that all they need to do is their best. They should not worry! If you have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to come and see me. Mrs McManus

EARLY YEARS:

We have had a T-Rex in the Early Years outdoor area this week. The children have loved looking round the outdoor area for clues and are hoping the egg hatches soon! Some children chose to make maps and newspapers following this. In Maths Reception children have been sharing and solving problems involving pairs and tens. E.G. How many fingers on 4 gloves? Count in one's first. Check by counting in tens. We have also been measuring small and large objects and using the language of length. Please encourage your child to use the language of length – long, longer, longest, short, shorter, shortest. We have been measuring small items using a cm ruler. The children are developing their skills. Please try comparing and measuring a few items together at home.

Nursery children have been counting and matching amounts to numerals. They are also working on length and height. Please use the language long, short, longer, shorter, longest, shortest when comparing objects by length and tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest when comparing heights. Please use this language as part of your play.

In our café role play area we are using money to pay for items. Please help your child to recognise the 1p, 2p and 5p coins. We are working on counting out amounts to 10p initially.

Please send anything your child does at home, that you want to share, via tapestry. Many thanks ☺

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Oliver Hirst (Y5) Sophia Kennedy (Y4) Jack Grainger (Y3) Martha Bainbridge (Y2) Florence Howe (Y1) Evelyn Bethell (Rec) Poppy Harrison

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

This year's Rotary Club competition is to produce a photograph based on the theme "A Moment in Time". Please see the poster on the school noticeboard for more details or ask at the office.

Any entries will be collected from School on the 15th May 2017 - Judging will be on the 23rd May 2017. The gallery will be open from the 27th May to the 10th June 2017 and a Prize-Celebration Evening will be held on 6th June 2017.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

Please could all Active Kids Vouchers be sent to school as soon as possible as Sainsbury's are now longer issuing them.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 15th MAY 2017

Mon 15 th May	SEND Group visit to Sainsburys, Darlington Nursery & Reception Parent Lunch Discoverers
Tues 16 th May	Piano Lessons Woodwind Lessons
Weds 17 th May	Swimming Lessons Class 3 Parent Lunch
Thurs 18 th May	Guitar Lessons Class 4 Parent Lunch
Fri 19 th May	Class 2 Parent Lunch Football Club Karate

Future Inter-School Competitions

Athletics Competition Wednesday 7th June

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Friendship

St Peter's Church

11am FAMILY SERVICE

1ST CROFT BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help our leaders run Brownies and Guides? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Miss Turnbull at school or e-mail croftbrownies@gmail.com

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

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



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