



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

13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**WEATHER**

In weather such as today, pupils may want to bring a pair of Wellington boots to wear at break times. Please can we request that pupils bring a plastic bag to store them in whilst in school. Please ensure that pupils have a warm coat, gloves and a hat as we aim to get outside as much as possible. Thank you.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**

The closure of school is always a last resort, however, due to the forecast for poor weather, please can I remind parents and carers about the school's procedures in the event of a school closure. If the school must be closed at any point during the school day, a text message will be sent to inform parents and carers that pupils must be collected from school immediately. This is particularly important in the event of flooding as the school can become isolated very quickly. If the school must be closed prior to the school day beginning, we will inform parents via STAR FM, text and the school website by 8am on the day of closure. Thank you for your support.

**TWITTER**



We would like more followers on Twitter! If you do not already have an account, please register and request to follow us. We now have a mobile device to upload images and messages sooner and hope to be tweeting more frequently from now on. Find us **@croftcofe!**

**FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL**

Last month £41 was raised via the School Angel website which is fantastic – we are aiming to raise enough to improve ICT facilities in school. Please don't forget to visit our school page at <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.

**CALENDAR DATES:**

<b>End of KS1/KS2 Information Evening</b>	<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 5pm</b>
<b>Spring Parental Consultations</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Community Collective Worship St Peter's Church</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> <b>9.15am</b>

**PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRES**

Thank you to those who have completed their questionnaires and emailed them back to school. If you have not already done so, please return them as soon as possible. They are very useful in helping the school to improve further and gather information about what is working well. If you would like a hard copy of the questionnaire, please request one from the office. Thank you for your continued support.

**Have a fantastic weekend everybody.**

**Mr Robson**

**KARATE**

Karate will start this afternoon at 3.30pm. The cost is £40 for 10 weeks. Please let the office know if your child is interested.

**CLASS 4:** The children have completed their final drafts of their stories based on an image this week; they are fantastic! Next week, we will be looking at our new class novel 'King of the Cloud Forest' by Michael Morpurgo, linked to this half term's Geography topic: mountains.

**CLASS 3:** The children have completed some very complex Maths tasks this week which have been a great challenge. We have introduced our new class text 'The Boy with the Bronze Axe' which links to our topic of the Bronze Age. The children had some interesting ideas about the story using key words only to make inferences.

**CLASS 2.** The children have written some imaginative hidden chapters from The Three Little Pigs, next week we will be writing a new version of the story. In Maths we are moving onto a unit of time. Please practise telling the time to o clock and half past (Y1) and quarter to and past (Y2) at home and when out and about. We will be observing our seeds over the next week and recording our observations in a seed diary as part of our Science topic.

### EARLY YEARS:

We are looking forward to our visit to Darlington Railway Museum on Monday. Nursery children who are in on Monday morning please wear a school jumper and wear a warm coat.

In Maths most Nursery children will be counting and comparing amounts and working on 2 and squares, and others will be continuing to estimate and count different objects and amounts. Please encourage estimation at home where you can. Literacy work will follow on from the visit and also The Train Ride book. The children are really enjoying the rhythm in the words from the story and are joining in well with the repetitive text. Please play any rhyming activities at home where your child has to continue the rhyming string. Eg bat, cat, fat, etc. Cot, dot, spot, etc. Thank you!

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

**Jacob Rutter (Y6) Janey Hindmarch (Y5) Lily Janes (Y4) Alex Preston (Y3) Aidan Patterson (Y2) Zac Robinson (Y1) William Ford (Rec)**

### EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Early Years visit Darlington Railway Museum.
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y6 SATS Club 3.30-4.30 Piano & Woodwind Lessons
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Violin Lessons
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Guitar Lessons
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Karate

### CHRISTIAN VALUE

### COURAGE

#### St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 11am



**Reading:** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9-11

### QUEST

This is an outdoor activity weekend for children in school years 5 & 6, which is taking place at Marrick Priory Activity Centre from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The cost is £115 per person which includes all food and activities. For more information, and details of bursaries available please contact Mrs Kath Jones (Village Seeds Project, Project Worker) on 07712 330039 or [vsp@dacym.co.uk](mailto:vsp@dacym.co.uk)

### ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

The Rotary Club have announced this year's competition 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. Closing date May 2017

### 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 [croftprimarieschool.org](http://croftprimarieschool.org). This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.



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>. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.croftprimarieschool.org](http://www.croftprimarieschool.org) and our Twitter account @croftcofe!