



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

13th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

HARVEST SERVICE

Thank you to all who attended our Harvest Service in school yesterday. We hope that you enjoyed it – what a fantastic turn out! The children did a wonderful job delivering their Harvest messages. We have made a brilliant £174.15. All donated produce has been taken to the food bank today. Don't forget that we will be in Church on Thursday to hold our half termly Christian Value service which will be led by Reverend Jenni. The service will start at **9.15am**. All are welcome.



The food bank were thrilled with their boot of food!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We are going to attempt to hold our Autumn term parent consultation evening on one night this year instead of two. This is because we would like to hold an exhibition in the school hall of materials and services and we would like as many parents as possible to attend. It does mean that some appointments will be later, however this may suit some parents better. If parents are unable to attend on the selected evening, teachers will arrange an alternative time during the following week. Parent consultations will be held on Thursday 9th November. Sheets for parents to select a time will go out on Monday morning in the usual places, at the pupil entrance doors for pupils in Y1-Y6 and on the Early Years' doors for pupils in Nursery and Reception. In the school hall, we will be exhibiting various materials that we use in school and we are inviting representatives from the Local Authority to share some of the work that they do to support parents and families. We hope that you will find this useful. I will provide you with more information nearer the event.

SCHOOL MONEY

Please can parents ensure that any money owed for school lunches since the start of this term is paid (preferably on School Money) **no later than Friday 20th October – thank you**. Balances are available by logging on to School Money – the weekly cost of lunches is **£10.50** and drinks **80p**.

MOVIES AND VIDEO GAMES

This week as part of our online safety support for parents, I am sharing two websites relating to video game and movie ratings to help support parents in their decision making in deciding what is appropriate for their children to watch and play. I hope that you find them useful.



Please click the following link for more information about video games:
<http://www.pegi.info/en/index/id/24>



Please click the following link for more information about movies:
<http://www.bbfc.co.uk/what-classification/pg>

FLU VACCINE – Reception, Y1-Y4

Many parents have reported an issue when trying to complete the online consent form for the Flu Vaccine. Croft School does not appear to be listed so please go in via "other" to complete the consent. Please note that you will not receive an acknowledgment. We have been unable on several occasions to contact the health team by telephone to resolve this but suggest that if you have any further questions that you contact the team by e-mail directly - lois.alderson@hdf.nhs.uk

The vaccine will be administered in school on Wednesday 15th November in the afternoon. Please note that this is an opt in scheme and your child will not receive the vaccine if you have not registered.

DISCOVERERS

We would like more pupils to come to our Discoverers Club! Please share this message written by one of our pupils with your children!

'You can be a hero and save the day by joining Discoverers. Discoverers is where you do crafts, arts and stories based on God. In the summer we are thinking about doing Discoverers outside. So what are you waiting for – join today!'

Written by Jenna Thomas (Discoverers Club Member)

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Don't forget to start filling your shoeboxes! Please mark your box with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for and send it/them into school by early November.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please remember to take a look at our School Angel site as you start to do your Christmas Shopping..... Our School Angel fund has now reached £196 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that **ALL** photograph orders need to be sent in to the office no later than 20th October please – thank you.

As ever, I am available each morning on the school yard to chat or if you would like to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs Dent/Mrs

Banks at the school office. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Mr Robson

NETBALL TEAM

If there are any parent helpers who are available to help out with coaching our netball team weekly, one lunchtime break, please speak to Mrs Carbert or call into the office – thank you.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 16th October 2017

Mon 16 th October	
Tues 17 th October	Piano lessons
Weds 18 th October	
Thurs 19 th October	Christian Value Service, St Peter's Church 9.15am ALL WELCOME Guitar Lessons Zumba
Fri 20 th October	Karate Football

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

None

KARATE

There are still some karate places available – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

LOCAL SPORT

Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses have been selected by the FA to promote girls football. This is an initiative to get girls from 5 to 12 to start playing the sport in a FUN manner. The club is named the SSE Queen Elizabeth Spraire Lasses Wildcats.

The sessions are held at the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College playing fields on Tuesdays 4.30 to 5.30 pm. The Coaches are Dave Scott, Lauren Kent, Ella Brewster and Laura Summers.

All the girl coaches play for their QE College team and Spraire Lasses.

Although the sessions are football based there are opportunities to have FUN games.

If interested ring Dave Scott on 01325 253581 mobile 07906 071481

email djscott251@ntlworld.com

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next confirmation course for pupils who will be in Year 6 from September will begin in September 2017 and will be led by David Lewis and Revd Jenni Lane. The confirmation service is booked for 18th March 2018 at 6.30pm. The course runs for 10 sessions and is held every other week with a longer break over Christmas.

If anyone would like to join us, or to ask a question, please call Jenni on 01325 377918 for further details.

Christian value – Thankfulness

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 11am



Our Father, thank you for our spiritual garden where we can reflect on you and Jesus. Where we can pray and say thank you for all the things we have. Amen

Jasmine Usher – Class 3

Reading: Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East, and there he put the man he had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruits. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. A stream flowed in Eden and watered the garden; beyond Eden it divided into four rivers. **Genesis 2:8-10**

The Big Weekly Question



How is your life different today than it was a year ago? How can you be thankful for those changes?

CLASS 4: Our writing in Class 4 will focus on war poetry next week. In Maths we are looking at multiplication and division. The children had an amazing time last week making tape sculptures with Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Chapman, the finished characters, Jim and Otto, will be on display shortly for you to come in and see. Next week we will be having a Hindu class workshop on Thursday morning followed by a whole school Diwali workshop in the afternoon. PE will be indoors next week.

CLASS 3: We have had a really busy week this week. The children have enjoyed finding out about women in WW1 and have written some amazing information texts all about them. The children in Class 3 also loved their art workshop with Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Chapman last week. They made some fantastic foil sculptures and created amazing life drawings. Thank you so much to Mrs Bainbridge and Miss Chapman for leading the workshops. In Maths next week we will be using our written methods to solve problems involving money and measures.

CLASS 2: This week we have been looking at problem solving in Maths using our preparation for Harvest as a focus. The children showed perseverance when the work was tough and completed some very complex questions.

We have added some finishing touches to our war poetry this week by thinking of some rhyming words. Again this was a challenging task but the children worked with partners to discuss ideas and used some excellent war related vocabulary.

Next week we will be focusing on our handwriting technique and ensuring that we are using the correct formation when writing cursorily. It would be fantastic if you could practise with the children at home where possible and some practise sheets will be sent home next week.

EARLY YEARS: The children had a great time this week listening to the stories 'In the Witch's Kitchen' and 'Pumpkin Soup'. They have really enjoyed making and writing about the potions they have made. They have also really enjoyed learning about 2D shapes, including going on a shape hunt! The children were fantastic in the Harvest performance, thank you to all that attended! Next week we will be celebrating the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. On Friday we will have a Diwali day where the children will have the chance to try traditional foods and have mehndi applied. A further letter will be going home about this.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Sean Craig

(Y5) Grace Crawford (Y4) Harvey Campling (Y3) James Dobson (Y2) Zac Robinson (Y1) William Ford (Rec) Hannah Clarke

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 and Online Safety Leader: Mr Robson

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

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



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