



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

15th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,
Only **1 more week** until we break up for Christmas holidays!

SURVEYS

We still only have surveys from approximately 60% of families. If you haven't already completed a survey please complete it and send it into school on Monday. All feedback is valued and I would love to have your views included when the surveys are analysed. **THANK YOU!**

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you so much for all of your support at the Christmas Fayre. The children raised **£334.75** for our curriculum fund and this all came from children making and selling their own creations. This is fantastic! What little entrepreneurs we have. We are looking forward to the Easter Pupil Enterprise event already.

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

Thank you so much to **MRS WRIGHTSON** and her team of helpers for organising an amazing Christmas Disco. The new DJ certainly got the party started and Santa made an appearance too! Thank you also to Mrs Wrightson for organising refreshments at the Christmas Fayre and working with teachers and children to produce the lovely tea towels that we have on sale. They are £3.75 each or you can buy 3 for £10! Order forms have been sent home.

Message from The Friends of Croft School

Thank you all so much for coming along to the disco and supporting our group. The children all had such a good time limbo-ing and dancing the night away with their friends.

Father Christmas asked us to pass on a message to you all that he loved meeting everyone and was impressed at how polite and fun the children at Croft School are.

Thanks again to all the parents who lent a hand setting up, running and clearing away for the event. I don't think I've ever seen anyone speed wrap quite like Lucy Jewkes and who knew that Sarah Robinson had a secret second job as one of FC's Elves!

Along with the Cafe and tea towel sales at the Enterprise Fair we have managed to make a wonderful £435.47 for our school.

We'd LOVE to get this to at least £500 before the end of term with some more tea towel orders. You should be getting a letter tonight with an order form on so just fill it out and send in your money to the office for some unique and personal Christmas presents.

You can see the tea towel on our notice board in the playground or in the lobby at school.

[Don't forget you can follow our group on FACEBOOK to keep up with news and conversations just look for Friends of Croft School and send us a friend request.](#)

THANKYOU AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!
Clarey, Alison, Virginia, Ese and Helen.

KS1 SEASIDE PICNIC AND EARLY YEARS FESTIVE STAY AND PLAY

Last week's KS1 Seaside Picnic was a great success – visit our Twitter site to see pics! Feedback was really positive and we intend to do more events like this in the future. I really enjoyed playing the guitar at the Early Years Festive Stay and Play with our Early Years children on Wednesday at Santa's Workshop in the Outdoor Area. Families commented on how lovely it was to see what our children do in the areas. More events like this are coming soon!

FAMILY HELPERS

Thank you so much to our new family helpers in school – Mrs Shearn, Mr Robinson and Mrs Orukotan and thank you to Mrs Jewkes and Mrs Dobson for their continued support too. If you would like to offer help in school we would really appreciate it. Please speak to Mrs Dent or Mrs Banks at the office!

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
18/12/17	6.00-7.30pm Doors open at 5.30pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
19/12/17	Midday	Christmas Lunch
19/12/17	6.00-7.30pm Doors open at 5.30pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
20/12/17	10.30-11.00am Doors open at 10.00am	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 1
20/12/17	2.30-3.00pm Doors open at 2.00pm	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 2
21/12/17	9.15-9.30am	Community Christian Values Collective Worship (St Peter's Church) Class 4 Carol Singing at Linden Court
21/12/17	afternoon	Christmas Parties
22/12/17	2.30-3.15pm Doors open at 2.00pm	Carols Around the Tree Service

FOLLOW CROTCOFE ON TWITTER!

MORE HAS BEEN ADDED TO TWITTER THIS WEEK! YOU ARE MISSING OUT. PLEASE GET A TWITTER ACCOUNT AND FOLLOW US – IT'S EASY!



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!

SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

Today is the deadline for payment of this term's school lunches and the amount owed up to and including 22nd December is now showing on School Money. If your child will be having a school lunch next term please don't forget to choose your meals no later than 5th January on School Money for the first 3 weeks of term.

We hope to e-mail Out of School Club balances next Friday - could we ask that any payments due are settled before we return to school in January – thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Today the School Council raised money for 'Save the Children'. Everyone looked very festive! Money is still coming in – we will let you know the final total raised in next week's newsletter. Well done and thank you for your support!

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. Have a lovely weekend everybody.
Mr Robson

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

There will be a production of Cinderella at The Croft Hotel on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £4 for children and are available from Sue Coates on 721014/susan1.coates@yahoo.co.uk

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 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.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

ilearncreative will be running Creative Explorers in Croft Village Hall for Pre-Schoolers starting Monday 15th 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.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 18th DECEMBER 2017

Mon 18 th December	KS2 Production 6.00-7.30pm No Discoverers
Tues 19 th December	Christmas Lunch KS2 Production 6.00-7.30pm NO PIANO
Weds 20 th December	KS1 Production 10.30am-11.00am KS1 Production 2.30pm – 3.00pm 6pm Village Panto, Croft Hotel
Thurs 21 st December	Community Christian Values Worship (St Peter's Church) 9.15am – 9.30am Class 4 Carol Singing at Linden Court Class Christmas Parties Guitar Zumba
Fri 22 nd December	Carols around the Tree, 2.30pm-3.15pm

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Nathan Fisher
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Nathan Fisher 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

School Money Menu Pre-Orders
Tea Towel Order Forms

St Peter's Church **Holy Communion 11am**

Christian Value – Trust



Reading: Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them, that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30:5

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 4:

What a busy week! The Y6 children have made some amazing Christmas cakes this week. I have been so impressed with their willingness to work together and share their equipment so that everyone has been able to produce their very own "show-stopper!" Many thanks to Mrs Hancock for all her help and support. Y5 made and decorated gingerbread men for the Enterprise Fair and did a marvellous job; their icing skills are second to none! Mrs Donoghue was really impressed with the sewing skills whilst making robin decorations and pom pom garlands; we still have some for sale if you missed out on Wednesday.

The Christmas performances are next Monday and Tuesday night, please, please, please continue to practise lines, acting and songs so that we are ready to Wow ☺ So that you have time to do this, there will be no homework, spellings or I can do Maths due in next week.

CLASS 3:

The children have worked incredibly hard this week. They produced some amazing Christmas Tree decorations for our School Enterprise Fair; we still have some for sale if you would like to purchase them. In English the children have been writing information texts about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. I was really impressed with how much effort they put into them. There will be no spellings or homework sent out this week so please practise song words for our Christmas play. Please can children bring clothes to wear for the performances in a named bag. They can choose whether they dress as a native, a lost boy, a pirate or they can just wear all black if they would prefer. We can't wait for you to see the play, it is looking and sounding amazing!

CLASS 2:

This week in Maths we have looked at money and linked this to our Christmas Enterprise Fair. The children have been working out costs incurred to make their Christmas treats. In English we have been writing letters to Santa and explaining why we deserve such wonderful gifts. It appears the children in Class 2 do most of the house work! ☺ We have had a super week preparing for Christmas and I am sure we will enjoy much of the same next week. There will be no spellings or homework sent out this week. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas performance!

EARLY YEARS:

It has been a fab week this week in Early Years. The children really enjoyed the Stay and Play session on Wednesday morning. I hope all who

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

attended enjoyed it too! We managed to raise some funds for our climbing frame and will continue to raise money throughout the Spring term. Next week will be a very busy week with lots going on! The children have been working really hard on their performance and cannot wait to show you. On Thursday Reception children will be visiting the church and in the afternoon we will be having our Christmas party. A further letter will be going out about this today. Look out for the food sign up sheet in the classroom on Monday.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Sophia Kennedy (Y6) Xan Brown (Y5) Kate Priestley (Y4) Finlay Wright (Y3) Evelyn Bethell (Y2) Matilda Waugh (Y1) Hannah Clarke (Rec)

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>.

Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.croftprimaryschool.org and our Twitter account @croftcofe!