



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

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



On **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** we will be hosting a coffee morning in school for Macmillan Cancer Support. I would like to invite families to come into school to take part in our Friday Celebration Worship **at 9.10am** and then stay behind afterwards for tea, coffee and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. If there are any cakes left we will have them on sale at the end of the school day too! We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to help in any way, please let Mrs Dent or Mrs Banks know at the school office. We would also be very grateful for donations of cakes! Thank you.

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is Jeans for Genes Day. Half a million children in the UK are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder. Jeans for Genes Day raises money to transform their lives. We are supporting this very worthy cause and are asking the children to dress in jeans next Friday and bring £1.

**CHRISTIAN VALUES**



This half term's Christian value is **THANKFULNESS**. In school we will be looking at Thankfulness in collective worship each day and doing work in class. At the beginning of each term, staff, governors and pupils reflect on the value that we will be focusing on and they have all commented on how enjoyable it has been to spend time thinking about the value and looking forward to the half term ahead. With this newsletter, you should also receive a word document with some questions for families around the theme of Thankfulness. Please feel free to discuss them with your families if you wish and if you would be willing to share them with us, please send them back to school once complete. **Thank you!**

**\*SAFETY ALERT\* - WATER BOTTLES**

Please can I request that pupils do **not** bring water bottles into school with detachable lids which are a choking hazard, particularly for younger children. Thank you for your support.

**RICHMOND SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR Y6**

Don't forget that Richmond School is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 8pm to provide prospective pupils and their families with information and a chance to look around the school's departments and facilities.

**PARENT CURRICULUM EVENT**

Our curriculum information evening is on **25<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm** for parents and carers. The event will last approximately 1 hour. Please let us know if you would like your child to be supervised during this time. Thank you.

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**



Please can I make parents and carers aware that we have a growing **collection of books** for pupils and families to use to support social and emotional well-being. These books are stored in the large group room by the entrance to school and parents can borrow them if they wish. There are also leaflets for links to external services. Please speak to Mrs Halliday or myself if you would like any information or simply pop in and have a look!

*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.*

Mr Robson

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> September	East Barnby Class 2 & Class 3 Beamish Early Years Meet the Teacher 3.30pm NO Discoverers
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> September	East Barnby Piano lessons
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> September	East Barnby
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Guitar Lessons
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day Karate

**LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

NO LETTERS

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

Thank you to those parents who have sent in photos of great grandparents or grandmothers who served in either of the World Wars – our display is looking good. Please may I remind parents if their child is attending one of our sports sessions that they bring a named water bottle to use during the session. A

number of children who attend Zumba are bringing in a snack to eat. Ideally this snack should be a piece of fruit please to be eaten before the Zumba session starts.

From the beginning of this term Out of School Club sessions attended will be recorded on School Money and we would ask that parents make payment for any sessions attended **since 1<sup>st</sup> September** via School Money. Sessions attended for the previous week will show on SchoolMoney on a Monday. Anyone who needs help logging in to School Money should contact Mrs Banks in the office – thank you.  
**Please pay any invoices for sessions up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 by cash or cheque – thank you.**

#### KARATE

The next 10 week block started today. Places are limited and must be booked – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

#### SHOE BOX APPEAL



We have been asked by Samaritan's Purse if we would take part again in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. This involves filling a covered shoebox with items suitable for children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, soap etc. If you would like to send a filled box or have items that would go into a box, the school will be acting as a collection point. We would also appreciate empty shoe boxes which we can make up in school. 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.

#### FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



If you haven't already taken a look at our School Angel site please do!

<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.

To date we have raised over £100 for school simply by people shopping through our page so please consider using it for shopping or booking holidays!

#### 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**



Scarlett Farrow – “I am thankful for God for giving us life, nature, animals, food, plants, water, friends and all the Earth.”

Reading: Luke 17:11-19

#### St Peter's Church

**Holy Communion 11am**

**CLASS 4:** We are really excited and looking forward to our visit to East Barnby next week. On our return, we will be completing recounts and persuasive writing to encourage other young people to go. In Maths we are continuing to look at the place value of numbers to 1 million. As the children will be away for most of next week, please complete I Can Do Maths only for homework. This will be marked together next Friday so we can address any misconceptions and look at any new concepts.

**CLASS 3:** The children have been learning about the features of a diary entry this week and completed some lovely writing. We are all excited about our trip to Beamish and will be writing recounts about it next week. In Maths the children have been superstars when counting in multiples this week. Keep practising at home please. Next week we will be continuing our work on place value. The children have designed propaganda posters this week and will be using a green screen to take photos next week. If possible, can children bring in any clothes/props that they will need for their poster. Thank you. We have been so impressed with the effort the children have put into their homework this week. Well done. Keep up the hard work!

**CLASS 2:** This week we have worked really hard on our hand writing and story writing skills. The children have started their war time writing based on the story 'The Lion and the Unicorn' and writing in the style of author Shirley Hughes. In Maths we have been working on number and place value, discussing greater than, less than and equal to. The children have learnt some actions to go with this to help them with their decision making. A big 'well done' to all children for practising their spellings this week. They were very tricky! Next week, we will continue with our story writing and looking at designing a war time medal. On Monday we will be looking at 'a parcel from home' on our trip to Beamish..

**EARLY YEARS:** This week in Early Years the children have really enjoyed talking about their family and decorating their family

photos for the display. The children have also learned more about how to access the resources in the room and have experimented with colour mixing. I am so happy with how the children have settled in and how they are following the school rules. I look forward to seeing parents/carers at next week's meetings where we can share how to best meet each child's individual needs.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** Jessica Harrison (Y6)

Rhys Patterson (Y5) Ava Flahavan (Y4) Evie Banks (Y3) William Goldsbrough(Y2) Harriet Davis(Y1) Josh Akers (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.

**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](http://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 Blenkarn.**



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