



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

17th February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Please can we remind parents and carers that there is no outdoor supervision for pupils before 8.50am each day. Sometimes, older pupils arrive one or two minutes early and I fully understand reasons for this, particularly as pupils are getting older, developing their independence and preparing for secondary school. However, if pupils arrive at school and are unaccompanied before 8.50am, please can I make parents and carers aware that they are accepting responsibility for their child's safety during this period. Also, we would not expect pupils below Year 5 and Year 6 to be arriving to school unaccompanied by an adult. Thank you for your continued support.

TRAFFIC

We have again received concerns from families regarding traffic before and after school. Cars have again been seen to mount the pavement. Pupils have also been seen unaccompanied during busy periods and some pupils have been seen chasing cars up the street and running between cars. This is obviously very concerning. We have contacted 101 to ask for police support and they have said that they will be conducting spot checks at drop off and collection times. Our PCSO is Steven Gardner and he can be contacted on 101 and his badge number is 6787 should any parents or carers require urgent assistance.

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN VALUE WORSHIP

Thank you to all who attended yesterday's Christian Value Worship. It was lovely to see you all. Thank you to Mrs Waugh and Reverend Jenni for leading the worship. The children's prayers were very well delivered and their chosen hymns were perfect for the 'courage' theme. This will now be a regular thing! There will be a Community Christian Value Worship held on the final Thursday of each half term. If you didn't make this one, we hope to see you next time!

Next half term's Christian Value is FORGIVENESS.

PACKED LUNCHES

Our Health and Well Being Pupil Leadership Team have been monitoring what pupils have in their packed lunch boxes and yesterday they completed a survey of lunches. Here are some of their comments:

'There seems to be lots of crisps but there is quite a lot of fruit' - Oscar Hudson-Chang.

'There are not many vegetables but there were no fizzy drinks which is great!' - Charlie Smith.

'Most biscuits had chocolate on them and some children had chocolate bars' – Vinny Patterson.

'We think our packed lunches are about 50/50 in terms of healthiness' (Full Team).

Thank you to Vinny Patterson, Oliver Hirst, Jacob Rutter, Oscar Hudson-Chang and Charlie Smith. They will continue their work after the half term break. ☺

Kitchen staff have also recognised that pupils often throw away uneaten food from their packed lunch boxes meaning that parents are unaware of what their child has eaten each day. Sometimes this has been whole sandwiches or whole pieces of fruit. After the half term break we will ask pupils to take all waste home with them so that parents and carers know exactly what has been eaten that day.

STAFFING

After 12 years working as a midday supervisor, Mrs Lilly has decided to move on from her role and will be leaving the school at the end of the first week back after half term. I would like to thank Mrs Lilly for all she has done for the school during her years at Croft School. She will be missed. We wish her every bit of luck with her next venture!

Mrs Schmidt has also decided that she would like to move on from her role as a full-time ATA at the end of this academic year to have more flexibility in her life and pursue her interests in teaching Art. I am pleased to say that Mrs Schmidt has already offered here services to teach art in the school in the future or cover classes if we ever need her. I am certain that we will be taking her up on her offer! Good luck with your new and exciting venture.

I must say a huge thank you to staff who have worked tirelessly this half term and to our children who have pushed themselves extremely hard to achieve all they can. ☺ Have an amazing half term break everybody! We will see you again on Monday 27th February.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2nd March

To celebrate World Book Day, the children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and enjoy some exciting book themed activities. These will include a book swap, where children bring in a book they have finished with to swap with somebody else; choosing one of the teachers favourite stories to listen to and carrying out lots of activities in class around the class text. We will also be hosting a book fair in school from 2nd March to 8th March. This will be open after school during this period.

RED NOSES

We have a supply of Red Noses in school in support of Comic Relief Day on Friday 24th March. These are £1 each and are available from the school office.

KS2 REVISION BOOKLETS FOR SALE

We still have some copies of the KS2 SATs Maths and English revision guides in school for sale. These cost £2 each and are available from the school office.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers in school and would be grateful if you could send these into the office – the collection box is located by reception.

CLASS 4: We have started to look at persuasive writing this week in preparation for the Year 5/6 debate competition which we will be taking part in after half term. The children have had some fantastic ideas and have enjoyed planning their ideas. We will be continuing our mountain topic next half term, comparing and contrasting mountains of the world and exploring mountain areas.

CLASS 3:

We have come to the end of our Maths topic of fractions this week and the children have completed their hot task, showing significant improvement in their understanding of fractions. Well done! The children have had an amazing opportunity to work with Kingsway Outdoor Centre this week as part of our Bronze Age topic. They took part in a variety of activities including: fire lighting, bread making and nomadic shelter construction which they thoroughly enjoyed. As part of our ICT sessions we have been looking at coding, working towards creating our own route using code for life. The children will be bringing their access passwords home during half term, so please encourage them to have a go!

CLASS 2: We have a very exciting half term coming up with a theme of Growth Mindset. The children will be learning all about the brain and the amazing things we can do when we learn from our mistakes and show an “I can do it” attitude. We will be continuing our work on fractions in Maths, over the holidays please take advantage of as many practical opportunities as you can to discuss this. Food and sharing is a personal favourite of mine! When we return to school our writing will focus around our two books “Unstoppable Me” and “Incredible You.” Enjoy half term everyone ☺

EARLY YEARS: This week we have been celebrating Valentine’s Day in Early Years. We have read the story ‘Guess How Much I Love You’ and made heart shaped biscuits as well as making the most of the lovely weather and spending a lot of time in our outdoor area making kites, parachutes, boats and obstacle courses! Have a lovely half term everyone. **Homework:** Keep practising your reading (especially the tricky word sheets) and when you are out and about during the holidays see if you can spot any signs around that Spring is on its way. We would love to see any photos, drawings, etc. you can bring in to show us signs of Spring!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Grace Turnbull (Y6) Jake Priestly (Y5) George Kipling (Y4) Harvey Campling (Y3) Kip Wrightson(Y2) Tom Ellis (Y1) Matilda Waugh (Rec)

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Thank you for the donations of cakes last week at our tuck shop last Friday and for all those who came to support us. We managed to raise £131.75 which is a staggering amount! We are half way to buying a new games console for the club. We would also like to say a huge “Thank You” to Mrs Rachael Brown who has kindly donated a new television for us to use the console on.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 27th February 2017

Mon 27 th February	SCHOOL OPENS
Tues 28 th February	SATs Club Woodwind lessons Piano lessons
Weds 1 st March	
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day Book Fair in School Guitar Lessons
Fri 3 rd March	Karate

PE TIMETABLE

Class	AFTER FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Early Years	Learning to move in different ways and to safely negotiate space.
Class 2	Gymnastics & Dance
Class 3	Dance & Hockey (outdoor kit)
Class 4	Gymnastics & Hockey (outdoor kit)

Future Inter-School Competitions

Cross Country	Thursday 9 th March
Tag Rugby Competition	Wednesday 29 th March
Swimming Gala	Wednesday 26 th April
Mini Tennis	Wednesday 10 th May
Athletics Competition	Wednesday 7 th June



Consultation Event - Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February - 11am - 4pm



Please come along to the Village Hall and see the progress that has been made, the fundraising achievements to date and planned future events. Your input is vital to getting a new village hall built and it being fit for purpose for all members of the community.

Free refreshments!

ALL WELCOME!

CHRISTIAN VALUE

COURAGE

St Peter's Church

Holy Communion 11am

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.

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL

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.

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 Blenkarn.**



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