



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

17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

**CLASS 2 PUPIL-LED CHRISTIAN VALUE WORSHIP**

Thank you to the parents who attended our first pupil-led Christian Value worship for parents on Wednesday. The children did a brilliant job! We would love to know what your thoughts are. Please return your surveys as soon as possible. Thank you.

Invitation letters for Class 3 and Class 4 Worship are coming soon!

**RED NOSE DAY – 24 MARCH 2017**

Wear something red! Pupils and staff will be asked if they would like to 'wear something red' for the day e.g. red socks, red hat, red nose, red hair etc. and make a donation to comic relief 2017. The School Council will collect all funds and count it up next Friday. We ask for a donation of £1 but if you would like to donate more, you are more than welcome!

**SMALL SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION**

Our Y6 pupils took part in a debating competition at County Hall this week and debated the pros and cons of homework. I am very proud to announce that we WON! Congratulations to Miss Rogan and the pupils for their excellent achievement. There is an image of the trophy on TWITTER!

**MISS JUDEN**

As part of our ongoing commitment to CPD and development of future teachers, Miss Juden from York St John University will begin her teaching placement with us next week. Miss Juden has been working with Miss Rogan for the last 2 weeks and has made a fantastic start. Miss Juden will complete her placement on 5<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to working with her.

**TIME TO TALK AND SOCIALLY SPEAKING**

As part of our drive to further develop our systems to support pupils' social and emotional development, we have been trialling some new materials called 'Time to Talk' and 'Socially Speaking'. It may be that the school feels that your child would benefit from taking part in Time to Talk and Socially Speaking group activities, in which case your child's class teacher will speak to you and provide you with more information about this. We also offer 'Drawing and Talking' to our pupils and this is led by Mrs Halliday who has been trained to deliver the 12 week programme. Again, your child's class teacher will contact you if they feel that that your child would benefit from this programme. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these programmes or your child's

general social and emotional development, please speak to Mrs Halliday or your child's teacher who will be happy to help. Thank you.

**Have a wonderful weekend everybody!**

**Mr Robson**

**FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL**



To date we have raised nearly £70 for school simply by people shopping through our School Angel page – if you haven't already please do take a look at our school page <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.

**Growth Mindset Parent's Information Evening**

We will be holding a Growth Mindset parent's information evening on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April from 5.30 – 7pm. It will be a fantastic event and a great opportunity to learn more about the whole school topic covered throughout this half term. More information will follow next week alternatively you can speak to Mrs McManus.

**Easter Fair**

Following the success of the Christmas Fair we will be holding an Easter Fair with an Art and Enterprise theme on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 2.30-4.30pm. More information will follow in next week's newsletter.

**CLASS 4:** This week, we have enjoyed completing our written arguments for whether homework is a waste of time and Year 6 prepared extremely well for the debating competition. Next week, we will be starting to look at biography writing to prepare for writing biographies on famous mountain explorers who have shown a Growth Mind-set.

**SMALL SCHOOLS DEBATING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the year six pupils and our two speakers, Jacob Rutter and Will Dixon, who won the small schools debating competition at County Hall in Northallerton on Thursday morning. They debated 'Is homework a waste of time?' along with 6 other schools. They represented our school brilliantly and made us very proud!

**CLASS 3:** This week we have been focussing on Growth Mindset and inspirational people that have shown Growth Mindset. The children have shared some fantastic ideas and discussed who inspires them, giving examples, such as Ellie Simmonds, Martin Luther King and Thomas Edison.

As part of our daily routine, the children have been taking part in 'Jump Start Johnny'. This short burst of exercise gets the children ready for the day and their coordination has really improved in a short space of time. It is great to hear that the children are doing this at home too ☺

The children will be bringing home invitations for our Christian Value Worship on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March on Forgiveness. Hope to see you there!

**CLASS 2:** We will be beginning work on non-chronological reports in English this week. Our focus will be Growth Mindset. In Maths we will be finishing our work on measures and moving onto revision work on multiplication and division and how this links to finding fractions. In our topic we will be learning more about the brain and all of the amazing things it does. We would also like to thank everyone who came to watch our class worship this week. The children were fantastic at sharing their knowledge of forgiveness in the Bible and we are all very proud of them.

**EARLY YEARS:** This week we have continued our 'growth' topic by looking at Jack and The Beanstalk. We have written character descriptions, letters to the Giant from Jack and we have planted beans and cress seeds and are going to watch them grow. In Maths we have been ordering and practising writing teen numbers as well as using the beanstalk to count backwards to solve subtraction problems. Homework – To continue to practise reading the words on the tricky word sheet.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** Oscar Hudson-Chang (Y6) Max Ferguson (Y5) Emily Suffell (Y4) Jack Goldsbrough (Y3) James Dobson (Y2) Zac Robinson (Y1) Syd Pyrah (Rec)

**Good News!!**

**30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds**

From the beginning of the summer term (25<sup>th</sup> April 2017), children living in North Yorkshire or those children who were registered in our nursery before 23<sup>rd</sup> January and live in another authority may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare.

This will be available nationally for all eligible children from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

If you are interested in accessing the additional free childcare or would like further information about eligibility criteria please contact Mrs Dent in the school office as soon as possible on 01325 720528.

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

Friends of Croft School will be running a second hand uniform and children's clothes stall at the Easter Enterprise Fair- please leave any donations at the school office. We hope that you are still keeping your Lenten promises and filling your boxes!

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

The Easter Holiday Activity Programme is available and we are now taking bookings. We are still offering the reduced rate of £20 per day and £10 for the flexible half day rate. Simon Carson Sports School will be operating

two days of the holidays offering football, cricket, hockey and basketball coaching – this will run from 10am – 12pm and then 1pm – 3pm. We will also open on the training day, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We would really appreciate any old paper napkins as we are collecting them to use in a craft activity.

**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.

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Discoverers
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	SATs Club Woodwind lessons Piano lessons Full GB Meeting
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cross Country Finals Dalby Forest Guitar Lessons
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> 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**

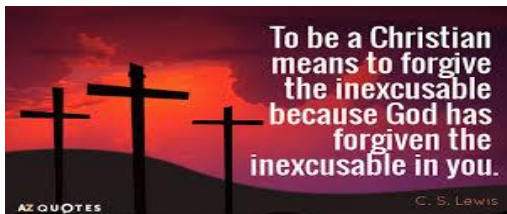
Tag Rugby Competition	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Swimming Gala	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April
Mini Tennis	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Athletics Competition	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June

**CHRISTIAN VALUE**

Forgiveness

**St Peter's Church**

Holy Communion 11am



Emily Ford - "Forgiveness is like a flower. When a flower dies, that is anger. When a new one blooms, your sins are forgiven."

Reading: Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God through Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

#### **EASTER FUN RUN & GAMES FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

Hurworth Grange Community Centre is holding an Easter Fun Run and Games Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April to raise funds for the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Admission for the Fun Run is £1. Other activities on the day include Chocolate Tombola, Name the Bunny, Easter Trail, Easter Bunny Penalty Shoot Out. There will also be tea and cakes available. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact 07568493020.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> CROFT BROWNIES AND GUIDES**

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help our leaders run Brownies and Guides? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Miss Turnbull at school or e-mail [croftbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:croftbrownies@gmail.com)

#### **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.

#### **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.



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!