



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

19th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to parents, pupils and staff who ensured that learning was not disrupted this week. We never quite know what to expect with the British weather but we didn't let it stop us. Pupils had a wonderful day yesterday playing and learning in the snow. Please accept our apologies if there were any wet socks at home time!

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND PARENT FORUM

I would like to invite families into school on **Friday 2nd February** from **9.00-10.30am** to take part in our usual half termly community celebration worship followed by tea and coffee in the large group room. I would also like to use these occasions from now on as a **parent forum** where parents can chat informally to governors, staff and myself about anything and everything! We value your ideas, feedback and support.

The morning will also be used as an opportunity for parents to come into school and share thoughts and ideas about fundraising and remembrance for the Percovich family. I am aware that it may not be possible for all parents to attend, therefore, a suggestion box will be placed in the large group room from Monday of next week for families to share their suggestions. Please come in and pop them into the box or pass them onto your child's class teacher.

As you are aware, on the 1st January, we became an academy and we are now part of the Dales Academies Trust. I have invited the CEO of the Dales Academies Trust to attend the celebration morning too so that he too can join in with the celebrations and say a few words about the Dales Academies Trust. Damian will stay for tea/coffee after the worship where there will be an opportunity to chat with him about the Dales Academies Trust. Unfortunately, The Bishop of Whitby is unable to attend but we will invite him across to school at some point soon to meet everybody!

DRAGONFLY

Thank you to Emily Suffell and her family for bringing a wonderful decorative dragonfly for us to display at the school. We intend to put it in our Spiritual Garden. I shared this beautiful gift with the pupils today and we remembered the story that our Governor, Viv Waugh, shared with pupils on the first day after we heard the news about the Percovich family.

TRAFFIC

Please can all parents be aware of road safety issues at drop off and pick up time. South Parade gets very busy and we do receive complaints from residents and parents. Please drive safely.

FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!



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!

LUNCHTIME FOOTBALL

Please can I remind parents that pupils must wear shin pads if they are talking part in lunchtime football. Thank you for your support.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody!
Mr Robson

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
25/1/18	9.00am – 3.30pm	Class 3, Arbeia Roman Fort Trip
26/1/18	9.30-12.00pm	Tag Rugby Y5&Y6 Richmond School
1/2/2018	9.15-11.00am	Y6&Y6 Science Workshop, Richmond School
2/2/18	9.00am – 10.30am	Community Celebration Worship and Parent Forum
6/2/18		Safer Internet Day KS1/KS2 Fire Awareness Talk
9/2/18		SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 22nd JANUARY 2018

Mon 22 nd January	
Tues 23 rd January	Piano Lessons Full GB meeting 6pm
Weds 24 th January	
Thurs 25 th January	Class 3 to Arbeia Roman Fort Guitar Gymnastics (after school)
Fri 26 th January	Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Cricket & Dodgeball (after school)

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Mike Layfield
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Matthew Brown 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

Science Transition – Y5/Y6
 Tag Rugby – Y5&Y6
 Reading - Reception

St Peter's Church Holy Communion 11am

Christian Value – Perseverance



Bible reading: A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for times of adversity Proverbs 17:17

Joshua Ellis – Class 2: My brother is my best friend.

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



What gives you the strength to persevere when times are hard?

CLASS 4: We have planned a wonderful balanced argument for and against selling our homes and setting sail around the world in English this week. Next week we will use our plans to write the argument. The children also enjoyed our mini debate about this in class. In Maths we have worked hard to order and compare mixed fractions, we are moving onto adding and subtracting fractions next. In Mrs Donoghue's art lesson this week, the children created some amazing paintings inspired by Monet. The water lily pictures are beautiful, please call in to see them if you can. We will be using our cartoon strip of a water drop in the water cycle to write a creative piece of writing about the journey of a water drop in topic. PE next week is hopefully outdoors on Wednesday.

CLASS 3: The children have enjoyed watching different animations this week in Computing and are very excited to start making their own. We have been very fortunate to borrow a box of Roman Artefacts from the Dorman Museum and the children have loved exploring the different artefacts, thinking about what the items were used for. We have researched information about a Roman soldier's uniform this week and we will be continuing to think about what life was like in the Roman Army next week. Our P.E. days are Tuesday and Wednesday next week; our focus this half term is gymnastics.

CLASS 2: This week we have been conducting interviews as journalists to report on the Great Fire of London. The children have started writing their newspaper reports in pairs, sharing their ideas. In Science we have been looking at living things and their habitats. The children have shown a particular interest in this topic and are very knowledgeable, which is great! Next week we will be looking at money in Maths and continuing to look at The Great Fire of London. Again the children are really enthusiastic about the topic and have learnt a lot so far. PE will be gymnastics again next week. Just a quick reminder that "I can do Maths" is marked in class on a Friday and needs to be in school by Wednesday. Many Thanks.

EARLY YEARS: The children have had a great week pretending to be doctors! They have enjoyed writing doctor's notes, learning about the role of doctors and writing about what to do in an emergency. In Maths we have been working on number recognition, particularly teen numbers. Reception will have number formation sheets to practise in their home learning books today. The children are really getting the hang of this and we will continue to work on this next week. Next week we will be thinking about other people who help us such as teachers (as this has also been an interest of the children) and firefighters and also thinking about what we would like to do when we grow up! I hope all Reception parents received the 'reading at home letter', this is so important for your child's progress. I am hoping to organise another stay and play session before the half term so keep an eye out for information on this!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Jessica Harrison (Y6) Rhys Patterson (Y5)
Olivia Curbeson (Y4) Finlay Hagan (Y3) Will Preston (Y2) Poppy Harrison (Y1) Hannah Clarke (Rec)

SCHOOL ANGEL

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your 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>



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



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.

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.



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