



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

2nd October 2015

**Dear Parents,
Story Teller**

Pupils have had a wonderful day today working with a 'performance storyteller' called Jack Dean. All pupils across the school have taken part and have been developing the dramatic story telling skills. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and we hope that it inspires their writing back in the classroom. Thank you to the Parish Council for funding this creative event and in particular to Sue Coates and Miss Rogan who organised the event.

Jeans for Genes

The final, final total for Jeans for Genes day reached £113.77! Thank you and well done everybody!

Visions and Values

All staff and governors met on Wednesday evening to talk about the school's visions and values as we take the school into the future and we had an external facilitator to lead the discussions. After lots of discussion, the facilitator of the meeting asked all staff and governors to write down one word that they would like to see associated with the school in the future. Over the next few weeks, we would like to explore this further with parents and pupils so that there is a wide contribution to the development of a clear vision and key values to provide an excellent education for the pupils of Croft Church of England Primary School. If you would like to share one word to add to our list, please write it down and send it into school. We already have many parent views collated from our survey conducted at the end of last term and these will also be used to develop our visions and values. Thank you for your continued support.

Plimsolls

Some parents have been asking about plimsolls for pupils with particularly narrow feet. I have been reliably informed by staff and parents that these can be purchased in Clarks shoe shop. If anybody knows if these can be purchased anywhere else, please let us know and we will pass the information onto parents – thank you.

Parental Consultations

Parental consultations will be held on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October and will be an opportunity for parents to view their child's work so far and speak to their child's class teacher about their progress and their next steps in learning. Appointments sheets will go up outside the children's entrance on Wednesday 7th October for parents of Y1-Y6 pupils to add their preferred times. Mrs Prudhoe will speak to parents individually to arrange appointments for Nursery and Reception pupils. Nursery consultations will be on Monday 19th and Reception will be on Wednesday 21st October.

Friends of Croft

Please can I urge any parents to come forward if they would like to support the school's Parent Friends Association. All ideas and suggestions welcome. I will be out on the school yard on a Monday morning and I am available every morning between 8.50am and 9.15am. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody. ☺

Mr Robson

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Skyla Segger (Rec), Jasmine Usher (Y1) Natasha Thornton (Y2), Rhys Patterson (Y3), Sean Craig (Y4), Daniel Hutchinson (Y5) and Elsa Butler (Y6)

Class 4:

Year 6 The children produced some amazing formal letters this week for their 'hot write'. Miss Rogan was very proud of everyone's effort. Next week in English, we will be starting our new topic looking at instructions. If the children have any examples of instructions they would like to bring in for us to look at, that would be very helpful. We will be also be starting our new Maths topic looking at additive reasoning.

Year 5 Next week year 5 will be looking at addition and subtraction in Maths and biographies in English. We've had a very busy week and Mr Berriman continues to be impressed by how hard you are working! This week we have created our own instructions to create a 'marvellous medicine!'

Class 3:

In Maths, we will be starting our work on calculations and we will be writing newspaper reports in English. Our new Science topic is Rocks and we will also be rehearsing for our harvest festival.

Class 2:

We will be working on addition and subtraction in Maths. In English we will be writing stories based on The Great Fire of London. The children will also be given scripts to practise for the Harvest performance. Please help us to prepare for this by practising lines ☺ The children have written their final instructions for making bread this week. Please help us to consolidate this learning by looking at different types of instructions for homework. Follow some instructions to create something and send a picture, thank you.

Early Years:

In our outdoor area we have been encouraging the children to make and follow a superhero obstacle course. We are hoping to continue this next week and make it more advanced.

We will be designing and making superhero vehicles and investigating floating and sinking. We will continue to discuss the change of seasons and colours.

Please remember to take one of the travelling bears with you when you go on holiday, away for the weekend or visiting friends. Just take a photograph of your child and the bear doing an activity and then your child can share the photograph in school and tell us what he/she has been doing. Please print off a photograph to go on our display or email it to the school admin so we can print it. You could also send a little note telling us where you went so we can support your child telling us about it. It is important for children to make comparisons between places and note similarities. We thank you for doing this and hope our bears are well behaved when they are with you.

Events week commencing 5th October 2015

Mon, 5 th October	Climate Cops 12.30 Glee Club 3.30 pm
Tues, 6 th October	Piano & woodwind lessons Individual Photographs
Wed, 7 th October	Violin lessons
Thursday, 8 th October	Cl 4 visit to watch All Blacks training
Friday, 2 nd Oct	Karate 3.30 pm Guitar Lessons

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday, 13 th October	Harvest Festival 2.45pm
Monday, 19 th October	Parent Consultations Nursery-Y6
Wednesday, 21 st Oct	Parent Consultations Rec-Y6
	Y3/4 Football Tournament
Thursday, 22 nd October	Y5/6 Hi 5 Netball
Friday, 23 rd October	Half term break

Photographs

On Tuesday, 6th October Tempest Photographers will be in school to take individual and family group photographs. Parents of nursery children and/or pre-school children who would like to have photos taken should arrive at school at 8.30 am.

Karate

Karate is continuing on Friday evenings from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm for Y1 to Y6 pupils. In previous terms this has been funded by school but this term we are asking parents to pay £30 for ten lessons. This will enable us to fund another afterschool sports club

St Peter's Church, Croft: 8 am Holy Communion

Confirmation classes will be starting this coming October in readiness for a service at East Cowton on April 17th 2016 at 19.00. If you are interested and will be aged 10 and upwards before the April please contact Rev. Jenni Lane on 01325 377918 or at jennilane2013@btinternet.com.

Christian Value: Thankfulness

Samaritans Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please start collecting for your shoeboxes, which will be collected after half term by representatives of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. You will need to fill a covered shoebox with items suitable for children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, gloves, hats soap etc. If you would like to send in 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 Leaflets about the campaign will be put in your child's book bag.



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.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is given to schools to support children on Free School Meals and children of Service families to achieve nationally expected levels of achievement, wherever possible, and to ensure good progress. It is given for 6 years and when a child transfers to secondary school, it goes with them. Children aged 3 and 4 are now eligible for this funding. Please let us know if you think your child may be eligible.

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.

Text Messaging

Please ensure that the mobile number we have for you is up to date.



Allergen Information

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 school 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 web site croftprimaryschool.org This gives details of the recommended periods that children should be kept away from school during specific illnesses.

Don't forget to visit our web site at croftprimaryschool.org