



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

20th January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

TWITTER



We now have **30** followers on Twitter! Thank you to those who have requested to follow us this week. If you do not already have an account, please register and request to follow us. Find us **@croftcofe!**

GUEST SPEAKER

We were fortunate enough to have David Waugh, subject leader for Primary English at Durham University, working with our Y3-6 pupils on Wednesday. As well as his educational writing, David also writes children's stories, including Lottie's Run published in 2015. David shared some of his books with the children and talked to them about the importance of 'inference' skills. Thank you to Mrs Carbert for organising the visit, the children were really inspired. We hope to see him again in the future!

LUNCH PROCEDURES

We have been adjusting our procedures at lunch times since we have returned from the Christmas break with some very positive outcomes:

- More pupils are using their knives **and** forks to eat their lunches
- The atmosphere is calmer, safer and pupils are showing improved manners
- Pupils are eating more of their lunches and trying new things
- Pupils are not waiting as long for their lunches
- Pupils are spending more time outside playing

Some parents have expressed concern that pupils are unable to sing Happy Birthday whilst in the lunch hall. Please can I reassure concerned parents that pupils are still able to sing Happy Birthday but this now takes place in their class at the end of the day. We will be organising an opportunity for parents to come into school and try a school lunch alongside their children in the near future - more information to follow!

PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

As well as our School Council, we now have Pupil Leadership Teams to provide a platform for pupil voice across the school. Pupil Leadership Teams are groups of pupils from Y5 and Y6 who have specific roles to monitor and improve the following areas across school:

- Online Safety
- Health and Safety
- Christian Values
- Learning Environment
- Behaviour and Attitude
- Health and Well-Being

Pupils have already written reports for School Governors and we look forward to seeing how their roles progress across the year.

PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all those who have completed their questionnaires and sent them back to school. We have this week distributed hard copies of the questionnaire to all families and would be grateful if those parents who haven't yet completed one would return it to school as soon as possible. There is a box in the entrance for your responses. Thank you for your continued support.

ONLINE SAFETY – What games are your children playing?



Do you know enough about PEGI ratings? Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as films, videos, DVDs, and computer games, are clearly labelled for the age group for which they are most suitable. Age ratings provide guidance to consumers (particularly parents) to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product. To find out more, visit www.pegi.info/en/index/.

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.

CALENDAR DATES:

End of KS1/KS2 Information Evening	Monday 23 rd Jan 5pm
Spring Parental Consultations	Monday 13 th Feb Tuesday 14 th Feb
Bronze Age Experience Class 3 details to follow	Wednesday 15 th Feb
Community Collective Worship St Peter's Church	Thursday 16 th Feb 9.15am

Have a fantastic weekend everybody. ☺
Mr Robson

CLASS 4: The children really enjoyed our inference reading session with Mr Waugh on Wednesday and were inspired by his novel; they used the events in the story to start writing a newspaper article which they will continue with next week. We have also covered lots of fraction learning this week and will continue with this next week too!

CLASS 3: This week we have begun our new Maths topic of fractions, decimals and percentages. The children will be using a variety of practical strategies to support their learning of this and will be given some Maths vocabulary lists that they will become familiar with over the next couple of weeks. We have had the opportunity this week to work with children's author David Waugh. This supported the children with reading and making inferences from stories through one of his books "Girls Can't Play Football!"

CLASS 2: We will be moving on to writing reports using Traditional Tales as a stimulus in English and we are continuing on time in Maths. In Science we are investigating seeds and what affects the way they grow. The children have really enjoyed seeing seeds in bags germinating this week and they will continue to write a diary to describe the seeds' progress.

EARLY YEARS:

We will be continuing our journeys theme on a 'magic train ride'. When you are going in the car or travelling anywhere please talk about where you are going, what you are passing, who you are going to see, etc. In Maths we will be working on adding and taking away in practical situations. Eg 5 people on a bus. If 1 more gets on. How many are on the bus? We will use play people to count.

I have resent some tapestry invitations to parents who have not yet registered. Please check your junk emails too in case it is in there. Let me know if you have not managed to sign in. Many thanks.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Lennon Howe (Y6) Noah Boyd (Y5) Lucy Mulcrone (Y4) Kate Priestley (Y3) Anna Curbeson (Y2) Louie Petch (Y1) Sasha Patterson (Rec)

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

The Friends are holding a Spring Term meeting on Thursday 26th January at 3pm in school – ALL WELCOME.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 23rd January 2017

Mon 23 rd January	Discoverers Y2 & Y6 SATs info meeting 5pm
Tues 24 th January	NO Y6 SATs Club Y2 SATs drop-in session Piano & Woodwind Lessons
Weds 25 th January	Violin Lessons
Thurs 26 th January	Guitar Lessons
Fri 27 th January	Karate (2 spaces)

CHRISTIAN VALUE

St Peter's Church

COURAGE

Morning Prayer 11am

**It easy to stand
in the crowd,
but it takes
courage to
stand alone
- Gandhi**

"Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared."

Reading: Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. James 4:17

QUEST

This is an outdoor activity weekend for children in school years 5 & 6, which is taking place at Marrick Priory Activity Centre from Friday 24th February to Sunday 26th February 2017. The cost is £115 per person which includes all food and activities. For more information, and details of bursaries available please contact Mrs Kath Jones (Village Seeds Project, Project Worker) on 07712 330039 or vsp@dacym.co.uk

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



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.croftprimaryschool.org and our Twitter account @croftcofe!