



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

20th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As ever, it has been a very busy half term. Pupils have worked very hard and staff and pupils are ready for a break to refresh and get ready for the build up to Christmas. Please be aware that we do not break up until Friday 22nd December! In the next newsletter we will announce all of the dates as we lead up to Christmas so that parents can make arrangements to attend services and performances.

CHRISTIAN VALUE WORSHIP

Thank you to families who attended St Peter's Church on Thursday for our Family Christian Value Service. The pupils' poems and prayers were superbly written. Thank you to Reverend Jenni for leading a lovely service and leaving us with lots to think about. After half term we will begin looking at TRUST as our Christian Value.

Each Monday Mrs Jones from The Village Seeds Project will be working with pupils across the school in class and will finish each week by leading a collective worship with pupils around our school's core Christian Values which are:

- **FRIENDSHIP**
- **REVERENCE**
- **ENDURANCE**
- **COMPASSION**
- **KOINONIA**
- **PEACE**
- **HAPPINESS**

As these values are very important to us, they will be revisited continually throughout the year. Thursday pupil-led worships will always be around these core values.

CLASS 3

After half term, Class 3 will continue to be taught by Miss Jones (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Lancaster (Thurs-Fri) in Mrs Prudhoe's absence. Mrs Halliday is very experienced and is available every day of the week to listen to any parent queries. If any parents would like to speak to me I am available through the usual channels and I will be on the yard each morning. Mrs Lancaster will send out an email to all parents in Class 3 with further information regarding the coming half term when we return from the half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to parents and carers who have already added their names to the consultation sheets outside the pupils' entrance - even though one of the sheets disappeared in the wind on Monday! As described last week, we are holding an exhibition in the school hall of materials and services. So far we have had confirmation from NYCC Catering, Road Safety, School Nurse (Healthy Child Team), Prevention (Colburn Children's Centre) and we will also be putting out materials for parents relating to aspects of learning in school and administration such as help with school money and how to 'login'.

As ever, we would welcome any feedback to find out how we can support parents more. We hope that it is a useful event. I will provide more details nearer the time.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

The closing date for nominations for a new Parent Governor was Friday 13th October.

There was only one nomination which was from Mrs Julia Clarke. I am delighted to say that Mrs Clarke is duly elected for a four year term of office.

SCHOOL MONEY

Please can parents ensure that any money owed for school lunches and Out of School Club is paid (preferably on School Money) **before we return to school on Monday 30th October – thank you.** Balances are available by logging on to School Money – the weekly cost of lunches is **£10.50** and drinks **80p.**

BOOK FAIR – Week Commencing Monday 13th November

The book fair will be in school from 13th November. Please come along and see what's on offer. If parents spend over £300, the school gets an equivalent amount to spend on books! This time here will be a selection of adults as well as children's books.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you for returning the questionnaires about the Out of School Club. The information is very useful to us in determining opening days and times and activities on offer.

There have been lots of very positive comments about the Club, Kerry and the team. Thank you very much indeed.

There is still time to complete a questionnaire - please return it to school as soon as possible and we will collate the responses and report back to you. In the meantime Kerry is taking bookings for the October Half Term Holiday.

The Club is open Monday 23rd October to Wednesday 25th October.

There are lots of fun sports and craft activities as well as an exciting trip.

The cost is only £10 for a half day (5 hours) or £20 for a full day 8am to 6pm. There is an additional charge for the trip. Please sign up soon to avoid disappointment.

FLU VACCINE – Reception, Y1-Y4

Many parents have reported an issue when trying to complete the online consent form for the Flu Vaccine. Croft School does not appear to be listed so please go in via "other" to complete the consent. Please note that you will not receive an acknowledgment. We have been unable on several occasions to contact the health team by telephone to resolve this but suggest that if you have any further questions that you contact the team by e-mail directly - lois.alderson@hdfn.nhs.uk

The vaccine will be administered in school on Wednesday 15th November in the afternoon. Please note that this is an opt in scheme and your child will not receive the vaccine if you have not registered.

DISCOVERERS

Thank you to Jenna Thomas and other members of our Discoverers Club who have had a big impact on pupils wanting to attend Discoverers Club! We now have lots more pupils who would like to attend after the half term break.

SHOE BOX APPEAL



Don't forget to start filling your shoeboxes! Please mark your box with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for **and bring these to school by Monday 13th November – thank you.**

POPPIES

The children will be selling poppies in school after half term in support of the Royal British Legion. Please send a donation into school if you would like one.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER!! More details to follow.....tickets will be available to buy after half term.....



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please remember to take a look at our School Angel site as you start to do your Christmas Shopping..... Our School Angel fund has now reached £196 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>





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.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOPS

ilearncreative will be running Christmas Gift workshops where the children can make gifts for family and friends. The workshops will be held at Croft Village Hall in November and December - there will be separate sessions for pre-school children and for children aged 7-11. Pre-booking is essential – for more information please see the posters on our school noticeboard or contact Denise on 07971 343249 or email ilearncreative@gmail.com.

As ever, I am available each morning on the school yard to chat or if you would like to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs Dent/Mrs Banks at the school office. Thank you for your continued support. Have a fantastic half term break everybody!

Mr Robson

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 30th October 2017

Mon 30 th October	School Opens Discoverers
Tues 31 st October	Piano lessons
Weds 1 st November	
Thurs 2 nd November	Guitar Lessons Zumba
Fri 3 rd November	Karate Football

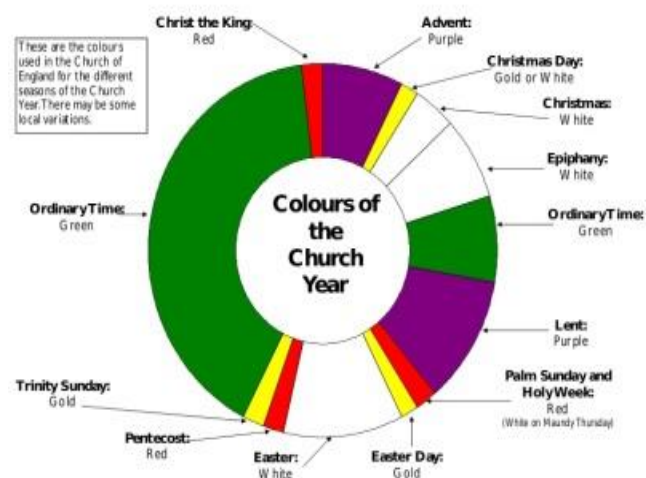
LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Diwali Workshop

KARATE

There are still some karate places available – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

Christian value – Thankfulness



Heavenly Father, we thank you today for the Church seasons. We thank you for the times of peace when we can be still and reflect on life. We thank you for times of preparation when we can reflect on Jesus' life and walk with him. We thank you for times of celebration when we can come together and worship you. In the name of Christ, Amen.

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

St Peter's Church

Morning Prayer 11am

The Big Weekly Question



What relationships are you thankful for and why?

CLASS 4:

After half term we will be continuing with our World War 1 theme for the first two weeks. On Friday 10th November we will be holding a war themed tea; the children will be inviting parents and grandparents in to share the work we have done, listen to some war time songs and have a cup of tea and piece of cake. In Maths we will continue to look at multiplication and division. Our following theme is Anglo Saxons and Scots Connections, Contrasts and Trends Over Time and our class novel is Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo. During the first week back we will also be holding auditions for our Christmas performance. If you would like to audition, please prepare a short acting scene or a song. The children have a plastic wallet with the design sheet for their Cauliflower Christmas Cards. Please send the completed design, order form and money into school by Friday 3rd November.

CLASS 3:

The children had a lovely day yesterday taking part in Diwali day. They acted out the story of Rama and Sita with great enthusiasm and wrote an amazing information text all about the Hindu faith. After half term, our new topic will be Volcanoes and Earthquakes and our Class novel will be Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit. The children are trying really hard to improve their cursive handwriting so a booklet has been sent home for extra practise. In Maths, we will be starting our new unit on multiplication and division so please keep practising times tables over half term (DK Times Table App is really good). We would love to have some parent helpers come into school to listen to the children read so please let Mrs Lancaster or the office know if you are keen to help with this. Thank you!

CLASS 2:

We have had a great week in Class 2 and have focussed on handwriting and presentation. The children are showing determination to improve and are working really hard. After half term we will begin our new topic, looking at Katie Morag and the study of an island. In Maths we will begin multiplication and division. It would be fantastic if the children could practise times tables during the holidays. We will be using an ipad app (Maths Rockx) which may help the children at home also. The children now have their handwriting books for the extra practise at home. We will continue to focus on this as we move into the next half term.

After half term we will begin Section 2 of 'I can do maths' for homework. These are marked in Class on a Friday and any challenges are addressed as a group. Please could all children ensure they have completed the Section 1 check up before we begin Section 2. Many Thanks.

EARLY YEARS:

The children have had a great week this week learning about Diwali. They have really enjoyed making diya lamps, playing in the Indian restaurant role play and painting rangoli patterns. We are really looking forward to our Diwali day today where children will have the opportunity to taste Indian foods, have mehndi applied and dance to traditional music. In Maths the children have really enjoyed learning about repeated patterns and have become really confident with this. The Reception children will have some homework in their book bag today for over half term. It would be really great if they could be supported with this. I hope everyone has a great half term I look forward to seeing everyone on the first week back when we will be thinking about bonfire night and Remembrance Sunday.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Jessica Harrison (Y5) Ellen Jean Monaghan (Y4) Oliver Hutchinson (Y3) Florence Howe (Y2) Kitty Sodje-Waugh (Y1) Sasha Patterson (Rec) Max Dobby

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.

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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<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

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