



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

21st October 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

The half term has flown by! There have been so many wonderful things happening: visits from Snake Davis and Peter Barron, trips to Flamingo Land and Cleveland Stone Age Museum, Roald Dahl Day and European Day of Languages. In between all of these events, pupils have been working very hard with their learning and making the best possible start in their new year group.

I must thank all of the pupils for their calm and sensible response to our minor emergency today when we had a rather large water leak in school! The children were absolutely brilliant. Well done and thank you!

E-MAIL INFORMATION

As you will be aware, the school currently distributes a weekly paper copy newsletter on a Friday, and this is also posted to the school website under the 'News' section.

From Friday 4th November we will no longer be sending paper copies home with the children. The newsletter will instead be e-mailed to parents and will continue to be available each week on the website, and displayed on the school noticeboard. You should have already received a letter asking for confirmation of e-mail addresses – please return this to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Monday 12 th December	Key Stage 2 Production – 6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Production – 10.30am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch in school Key Stage 2 Production 6pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th December	Carols Around the Tree

MISS HUGHES

Thank you to Miss Hughes who is moving on from her role in Out of School Club. We wish her every luck in the future and we thank her for all of her efforts. ☺

JURY SERVICE REMINDER

Unfortunately, I have received a Jury Summons meaning that I must be out of school from 31st October to complete jury service. At present, it is unknown how long I will be away from school but it could last for two weeks. However, I am very hopeful that it is not for this length of time. I have made arrangements for Mrs McManus to take a lead role in school should there be any issues and the school has close relationships with the Head Teachers of Barton, Ravensworth and North and South Cowton Schools who will be at hand to provide support to the school should Mrs McManus require it. Furthermore, Mrs Dent will be at hand at the office to manage day to day issues as usual. I will be available out of school hours for communication and I will keep in very close contact with the school throughout.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

We are pleased to once again be supporting Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign which delivers a Christmas gift to children in need around the world regardless of their background or religion. Leaflets with labels for the shoeboxes and instructions on how to pack them along with suggestions of gifts to include have been distributed to the children. We do have some extra leaflets in school should you need them, please ask at the office.

ALL SHOE BOXES MUST BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 10TH – THANK YOU! ☺

HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was wonderful to see so many parents in school to celebrate Harvest Festival and enjoy the delicious soup, rolls and apple crumble that the children had made – we raised £225.10 for the Send a Cow Project. Mrs Clarke very kindly collected the left over produce to donate to the food bank at Darlington Baptist Church. Thank you Mrs Clarke.

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.

REMINDER

Parental Consultations will be held Monday 31st October and Wednesday 2nd November between 3.45 and 6.00. Timetables are now on display at the pupil entrances for parents/carers to choose their preferred times.

Have a fabulous half term everybody.

Mr Robson

CLASS 4:

The children have written some super stories this week based on the Jungle Book text we have been studying this half term. Our visit to the Ironstone museum on Tuesday was a great success as the children had a fantastic time and learnt lots of facts about the Anglo Saxon times which we will continue to look at after half term!

CLASS 3:

When we return after half term we will be completing our topic of the Stone Age and beginning our geography topic 'weather around the world'. In Maths we will be moving on from addition and subtraction to multiplication and division and carrying out some practical activities to extend the children's learning.

CLASS 2:

We will be starting our topic on fantasy stories in English after the half term break and we will be continuing with addition and subtraction in Maths. Over half term please practise counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 for year 1 and the 2, 3 and 5 times tables for year 2. We will also be starting our topic on Significant Individuals from the Past in History. Homework links to this.

EARLY YEARS:

We have really enjoyed our book week and lots of children have made their own books. If anyone makes one over the holiday please send it into school to share when we come back. We are beginning a new theme after the holidays – Nursery Rhymes. We aim to learn some new rhymes and songs and will add music to our performances.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Luke Millar (**Y6**), Jake Priestley (**Y5**), George Kipling (**Y4**), Pietro Percovich (**Y3**), Kip Wrightson (**Y2**), Heidi Campling (**Y1**), Antonella Percovich (**Rec**)

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 31st OCTOBER 2016

Monday, 31 st October	Parent Consultations Discoverers
Tuesday, 1 st November	Glee Club Piano lessons Flute lesson
Wednesday, 2 nd November	Parent Consultations Violin lessons
Thursday, 3 rd November	Guitar lessons
Friday, 4 th November	Karate

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Up to date E-Mail request
Netball Tournament
Uniform & PE Kit
Key Stage 2 Science

CHRISTIAN VALUE: Thankfulness

St Peter's Church Morning Prayer 11am

Class Worship - Thankfulness



Millie Harrison– Class 2 “We are thankful for neighbours because if you are lonely you can knock on their door and have someone to play with.”

Reading: “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17

FLU VACCINATIONS YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

The school nurse will be visiting school on Friday 18th November to administer a free flu vaccine to the children in Years 1, 2 and 3. The vaccine is given to the children as a nasal spray and is a painless procedure. Protecting your child can help to prevent the spread of this potentially serious illness – more information can be found at www.nhs.uk/child-flu. If you would like your child to receive this vaccine please complete the consent form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

Don't forget to visit our website at croftprimaryschool.org