



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

22nd December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had the most difficult of weeks. It is the biggest fear of any Head Teacher to have to lead a school through something as tragic as this. The support and response from pupils and families has been incredibly humbling for all of us involved at Croft School. Our amazingly kind and thoughtful pupils have demonstrated that they are stronger than we could ever imagine. They faced an extremely tough week and conquered it with hope and positivity. I am extremely proud of every single one of them. Parents, your support has been superb. It was a challenging task to have to prepare staff for Monday morning and prepare parents for the decision to continue with all of the events planned for the week. Your support with this has been incredible and at the end of the week we will look back at what everybody has achieved and feel proud that we coped and continued for the right reasons.

I must express my gratitude to the staff of the school for their amazing skills, resilience and warm hearts in managing and guiding our children and families through this difficult week and I can assure you that when the children return in January, we will continue to offer extensive support.

I am personally looking forward to the Middlesbrough game on Boxing Day and the opportunity to do something for the Percovich family and I am pleased to be sharing this occasion with several of our families. I am sure that over the coming weeks, members of the community will want to do their own things and as a school we will begin to think about what we will do as a school when we return after the Christmas break.

I want to share with you what Mr Percovich said about the school in an email that he sent to me in the summer:

Mr Simon Robson,

This is the type of e mails that you don't want to have the opportunity to write, but life sometimes bring you into this situations to teach you more that what you expect.

Unhappily my work challenge at this moment is in different country and different continent, we are moving to Brazil by the end of August.

We have to notice the school that Antonella, Gianpietro and Valentina not be available to stay for the next season, and they are leaving their places for another happy pupils who will enjoy Croft School and we hope with the same Love and Passion that the Percovich did.

The kids don't know about that, they still have in their dream that they will return by December into Croft, we cant say all the truth at same time, that will hurt a lot their hearts, so please lets keep into the same plan.

Since day one the school and all staff were amazing, super kind and very friendly. My English vocabulary is to limited to express all the thanks full we feel.

More than a school, The Croft is a big family where your kids enjoy learn and be educated, not happen very often to see your kids want to go on the day off or on the weekend to the school just to play there because they recognize that's is your place .

We believe in the roots, and their have founded deep here, so our hearts hopefully will bring us back one day soon.

Thank you so much for your patience and your support all the time.

As soon I leave my work I will be thanks to the school in public. Wish all the best for all of you, see you soon.

Galileo Percovich (Leo)

I think that this says everything that you need to know about Mr Percovich and his family – and the Croft Family knows them well.

I wish to reiterate Viv Waugh's words to the pupils at the service held in school on Monday afternoon which are really important as we move into the Christmas break...

'It is ok to be happy. It is ok to smile'.

Our hopes and prayers are with the Percovich family.

LEAVERS

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye today to one of our members of staff and pupils. Ms Turnbull has secured a TA position at a school in Bishop Auckland and Charlie Turnbull will be moving to a new school in County Durham. Ms Turnbull moved to Durham a while ago now and has been making a difficult commute each day. We wish her, Charlie and Grace the very best of luck in the future, they will be missed - but will always remain members of the Croft family.

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

Have a wonderful Christmas everybody!

Mr Robson

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
5/1/18		Deadline for Menu Pre-ordering on School Money
9/1/18		School opens to pupils
16/1/18	6pm	Governing Body Meeting
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
6/2/18		Safer Internet Day
7/1/18		Swimming Gala KS2, Richmond Swimming Pool
9/2/18		SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!

MORE HAS BEEN ADDED TO TWITTER THIS WEEK! YOU ARE MISSING OUT. PLEASE GET A TWITTER ACCOUNT AND FOLLOW US – IT'S EASY!



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!

SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

Please ensure that all money due for this term's school lunches is paid as soon as possible. Anyone with outstanding payments will have had an e-mail detailing the amount due as well as a paper SchoolMoney statement.

The deadline for pre-ordering next term's menus on School Money is **Friday 5th January.**

Out of School Club balances have been e-mailed out today – please ensure that any outstanding balances are settled before we return to school in January – thank you.

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 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>



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.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

ilearncreative will be running Creative Explorers in Croft Village Hall for Pre-Schoolers starting Monday 15th January 9.15am – 10.45am. Cost is £24 for 4 weeks and 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.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 8th JANUARY 2018

Mon 8 th January	Staff Training Day SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tues 9 th January	Piano Lessons
Weds 10 th January	
Thurs 11 th January	Guitar Gymnastics
Fri 12 th January	Cricket & Dodgeball

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Nathan Fisher
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Nathan Fisher 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

St Peter's Church 22/12 – 6pm Carol Service
24/12 – 11am Morning Prayer

CLASS 4:

The children in class 4 have made me so proud this week. Despite the events at the weekend the children rallied themselves and put on two amazing performances of Pantastic. They have worked so hard and their enthusiasm to carry on was incredible. They have also written some heartfelt and sincere messages; special thanks to the children who were able to speak in church. We have also continued with work in the community by singing to the residents of Linden Court Retirement Home; they really enjoyed our carol singing.

Over Christmas please complete two tests from the I Can Do Maths books and the English booklet. Revise spellings from this half term as a test of 10 past spellings will be given on Friday 12th. Our novel after Christmas will be Kensuke's Kingdom by Micheal Morpurgo.

Please enjoy time together this Christmas and have a well deserved break. All the staff in Class 4 would like to wish everyone a very safe and Merry Christmas.

CLASS 3:

The children have all shown true friendship this week. They have all supported each other so well and I couldn't be more proud of them. They worked extremely hard to learn the songs and were all amazing during our 'Pantastic' performances. They have also written some very thoughtful messages for the Percovich family which were blessed during our church service on Thursday. During the holidays, please complete two tests from the I Can Do Maths book and practise previous spellings. On Friday 12th January we will have a revision test of ten previous spellings. After Christmas our topic will be The Roman Empire and our novel is The Roman Quest. Have a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

CLASS 2: In light of the news we received this weekend the children were given the opportunity to reflect on this and have spent much of their time this week creating drawings, poems and prayers. These were taken to church and blessed during the service on Thursday. The children worked very hard on their Christmas performances this week. They have worked so hard to learn their lines and add the signs to the songs. During the break, could all children please complete two tests from the I Can Do Maths book and practise previous spellings. We will do a revision test of ten previous spellings on Friday 12th January. After Christmas our topic will be The Great Fire of London. Finally, there are a lot of jumpers/cardigans in the box that don't have names in. Please feel free to come and collect if any are yours. Have a wonderful Christmas!

EARLY YEARS:

The children in Early Years have shown great maturity this week. In light of recent events they shared heart warming comments and drew lovely drawings. They were all amazing in the Christmas performance. They made all the EYFS staff really proud and I am sure they made you proud too! The children really enjoyed the Christmas party yesterday and demonstrated some very cool moves! Please remember to read with your child throughout the holidays to practise their blending skills, this is so important! The children also have activities in their busy bee books and home learning books. The EYFS team wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Max Ferguson (Y5) Grace Crawford (Y4) Harvey Campling (Y3) Emilia Mclellan (Y2) Luoie Petch (Y1) Dottie Humble (Rec) Annabel Newton

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

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

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford**.
The nominated safeguarding governor is **Mr Blenkharn**.



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