



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Achievement for Everyone**

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**EAST BARNBY**

East Barnby was a fantastic success this year. It was absolutely wonderful to be part of the experience. The children had an amazing time climbing, kayaking and rock scrambling. It was brilliant to see the pupils be so independent and challenging themselves to try new things. Thank you so much to Mrs McManus, Miss Lewis, Mrs Donoghue and Mrs Brown for taking the time away from their own families to make the trip possible. We simply could not do it without staff willing to do this. On the journey home many pupils were asking if they could go again next year and next time for even longer! What do you think?

**EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES**

Madam Vardy will be in school for the whole day on Monday to lead the school in a day of fun activities to celebrate the next week's European Day of Languages! Pupils will be, among other things, playing Boule, building 3D Eiffel Towers and even learning some German. Hört sich nach Spaß an!

**PARENT CURRICULUM EVENT**

Our curriculum information evening is on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm** for parents and carers. There will be a short introduction in the hall and then parents and carers will be able to visit their child's class for more information from their child's class teacher. Please let us know if you would like your child to be supervised during this time – we have a limited number of spaces. Thank you.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



**Next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September** we will be hosting a coffee morning in school for Macmillan Cancer Support. I would like to invite families to come into school to take part in our Friday Celebration Worship **at 9.10am** and then stay behind afterwards for tea, coffee and cake in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. If there are any cakes left we will have them on sale at the end of the school day too! We look forward to seeing you there. If you would like to help in any way, please let Mrs Dent or Mrs Banks know at the school office. We would also be very grateful for donations of cakes! Thank you.

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

Thank you to all who wore jeans today to support Jeans for Genes day. The school council managed to raise over £70 towards the charity. Thank you for your support!

**Harvest Festival:** Please join us at St Peter's Church on 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am for Harvest service.

**RICHMOND SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR Y6**

Don't forget that Richmond School is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 8pm to provide prospective pupils and their families with information and a chance to look around the school's departments and facilities.

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**



Again, please can I make parents and carers aware that we have a growing **collection of books** for pupils and families to use to support social and emotional well-being. These books are stored in the large group room by the entrance to school and parents can borrow them if they wish. There are also leaflets with links to external services. Please speak to Mrs Halliday or myself if you would like any information or simply pop in and have a look!

*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.*

Mr Robson

**NETBALL TEAM**

If there are any parent helpers who are available to help out coaching our netball team weekly one lunchtime break, please speak to Mrs Carbert or call into the office – thank you.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children.

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 25<sup>TH</sup> September 2017**

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages Discoverers Curriculum update Evening, 5.30pm
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Richmond School Open Evening Piano lessons
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Guitar Lessons
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Collective Worship 9.10am followed by MacMillan Coffee Morning – ALL WELCOME
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/Y6 Boys Football Competition, Richmond School Karate

**LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Y5/Y6 Boys Football 29.9.2017

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

From the beginning of this term Out of School Club sessions attended will be recorded on School Money and we would ask that parents make payment for any sessions attended **since 1<sup>st</sup> September** via School Money. Sessions attended for the

previous week will show on SchoolMoney on a Monday. Anyone who needs help logging in to School Money should contact Mrs Banks in the office – thank you.

**Please pay any invoices for sessions up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 by cash or cheque – thank you.**

#### KARATE

The next 10 week block started last week. There are still places available – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

#### LOCAL SPORT

Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses have been selected by the FA to promote girls football. This is an initiative to get girls from 5 to 12 to start playing the sport in a FUN manner. The club is named the SSE Queen Elizabeth Spraire Lasses Wildcats.

The sessions are held at the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College playing fields on Tuesdays 4.30 to 5.30 pm. The Coaches are Dave Scott, Lauren Kent, Ella Brewster and Laura Summers.

All the girl coaches play for their QE College team and Spraire Lasses.

Although the sessions are football based there are opportunities to have FUN games.

If interested ring Dave Scott on 01325 253581 mobile 07906 071481 email [djcott251@ntlworld.com](mailto:djcott251@ntlworld.com)

#### SHOE BOX APPEAL



We have been asked by Samaritan's Purse if we would take part again in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. This involves filling a covered shoebox with items suitable for 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 school by early November.

#### FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



If you haven't already taken a look at our School Angel site please do!

<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.

To date we have raised over £100 for school simply by people shopping through our page so please consider using it for shopping or booking holidays!

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next confirmation course for pupils who will be in Year 6 from September will begin in September 2017 and will be led by David Lewis and Revd Jenni Lane. The confirmation service is booked for 18th March 2018 at 6.30pm. The course runs for 10 sessions and is held every other week with a longer break over Christmas.

If anyone would like to join us, or to ask a question, please call Jenni on 01325 377918 for further details.

#### Christian Value: Thankfulness



**Natasha Thornton –Class 3** “My brothers are thankful for me because I play with them even if I do not want to play the game”

**Reading:** I thank my God every time I remember you. In every prayer for all of you, I always pray with joy. **Philippians 1:3-4**

#### St Peter's Church Morning Prayer 11am

**CLASS 4:** WOW!! What an amazing week we have had! The children in Class 4 should be so proud of everything they have achieved from climbing, beck scrambling, canoeing to making their own bed and organising their teams at meal times. They have been a credit to our school and have made me so proud! Next week we will be creating persuasive booklets to encourage other children to visit East Barnby and writing descriptions of some of the sights we passed. In Maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction, including written methods and problem solving.

#### CLASS 3:

The children had an amazing time on our trip to Beamish this week and have written super recounts all about their day. Next week we will be writing a diary entry as one of the characters from our class novel 'Friend or Foe' and in Maths we will be starting our new unit focussing on addition and subtraction. Unfortunately our green screen didn't arrive on time for this weeks lesson so we will be taking our photographs next week for our propaganda posters. The children chose their background picture this week and are very excited to add them to their posters.

**CLASS 2:** This week we took part in a work shop at Beamish, preparing a parcel for a soldier in the trenches. The children had the opportunity to buy products from the old shops to prepare the parcel. When we returned to school we discussed our trip and wrote a recount of our day. In Science we have been looking at seasonal changes. Next Wednesday afternoon, we plan to take the children on a 'welly walk' to observe the changes that we see in autumn. Could all children please bring their wellies on the day?

**EARLY YEARS:** This week the children have really enjoyed reading the story 'Farmer Duck' by Martin Waddell. They were

able to extend their learning selling produce in our 'farm shop' and looking after the animals in the 'vets'. The children have also enjoyed developing their writing skills through writing 'shopping lists' or 'pet information forms'. Some of the children even designed their own tractors using 2D shapes! Following the parents' meetings this week all parents' should now have provided the school with their email address to gain access to our online learning journey 'tapestry'. From next week you should now expect at least one observation per week for your child and also a weekly update on what the children have been learning and how you can support their learning at home. We would also love to see observations from home.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** (Y6) Corbin Smith  
(Y5) Ellen Jean Monaghan (Y4) Anya Shearn (Y3) Florence  
Howe(Y2) Zac Robinson (Y1) Poppy Harrison (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.

#### **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](http://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 Blenkarn**.



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