



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

'Achievement for Everyone'

23rd October 2015

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support over the past half term. It is very much appreciated.

Curriculum and Assessment

As you know, there have been lots of changes in relation to curriculum expectations and assessment. We are currently working through new ways to deliver and assess the curriculum to meet the new government expectations. This is a big change and a challenge for all schools at the moment. In the New Year, staff and I will be holding an information evening for parents to find out more about the new curriculum and to introduce parents to the strategies that we use to teach. For general information, please use the following link if you would like to find out a little bit more: www.theschoolrun.com/primary-national-curriculum-2014 or see your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to parents for the hugely positive turn out to the Autumn term consultations. This is wonderful to see and I am really pleased that we have managed to do this before half term. If you were unable to attend, staff will be in touch to arrange an alternative appointment. I hope that parents found the report cards useful in summarising your child's current progress and next steps in learning. Thank you.

Visions and values

During the next half term we will be holding an informal event for parents to come into school and contribute to the school's development of ideas for visions, values and the future of Croft School. More information to follow! Thank you.

Defibrillator

We are currently in discussions with various parties about the housing of an emergency defibrillator on the school site. This will be available to the school and the local community in the case of an emergency. If you would like to make any suggestions or make a contribution, please speak to Mrs Dent at the office.

The Sick Children's Trust

On behalf of Mr and Mrs Bainbridge and their family, we have put up a poster on the school notice board for anybody who would like to pledge their support to 'The Sick Children's' Trust.' See the notice board for details!

Shoe Box Appeal

This week a representative from Samaritans Purse came into school to talk to the children about this appeal. Please start collecting. Boxes should be sent into school as soon as possible and by Friday, 13th November at the latest. (Collection day)

New appointments

Unfortunately Mrs Tate will now only be working with us on a relief basis from after half term. I would like to thank Mrs Tate for her commitment to the role. She has been an excellent member of the team. In place, Mrs Jones, who has been working with us on a relief basis since April, will now take over the role of Y5/6 TA on mornings and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Turnbull will join the Early Years team after ½ term.

As ever, this has been a very busy half term and staff and pupils are looking forward to the half term break. Have a wonderful week everybody. ☺

Mr Robson

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Louie Petch (Rec), Florence Howe (Y1) Harvey Campling (Y2), Charlotte Shield (Y3), Noah Boyd (Y4) Matthew Thornton(Y5) and William Brown (Y6)

Class 4: What a positive first half term! Miss Rogan and Mr Berriman would like to say a huge well done to everyone for all their hard work so far! We hope all of the children are happy with their parts for this year's Christmas production. All of the auditions were fantastic! It was certainly a difficult decision. Rehearsals will start after half term therefore, learning as many lines as possible during half term will be very helpful!

We would also like to announce that after half term (4.11.15) the author of *My Friend the Enemy*, Dan Smith will be coming in to talk to us about his inspiration behind the book, what it is like being an author and the children will have the opportunity to ask him some questions! So get thinking!! We will be coming to school dressed up as 1940s school children for the day as well.

Class 3: We will be starting our new writing topic after half term which is instructions. In Maths, we will be working on calculations. Please practise times tables over the holidays. Class 3 children will be getting their scripts for the Christmas play after half term.

Have a lovely break! ☺

Class 2: We will be starting our new topic after half term called "An Island Home." This will focus on the Isle of Coll near Scotland and the adventures of Katie Morag. Please continue to practise the LEARN ITS over half term, the children are improving their fast recall of these now ☺ They have been given their scripts for "A Miracle in Town," please support them in practising their line. Have a lovely half term ☺

Early Years

After the holiday our theme is 'People who help us'. We will begin with 'fire fighters'. Please send in any stories or rhymes with fire engines, etc if your child wishes to share one of their books. Please share any 'wow' moments your child has via orbit. We look forward to sharing and discussing your holiday activities. If you have one of our travelling bears for the holiday, please remember to email one photograph of your child and the teddy to the school email address so we can put it on our display. Please also tell us where you are. Many thanks. Have a great week ☺

Events week commencing 2nd November 2015

Mon, 2 nd Nov	Climate Cops 12.30 Glee Club
Thurs. 5 th Nov	Guitar lessons
Fri, 6 th Nov	Karate 3.30 pm Final date for Christmas Card orders

Please note that there will not be any piano/woodwind or violin lessons in the first week of the term.

Forthcoming Events

Wed. 11 th Nov	Crucial Crew Y6
Thurs, 12 th Nov	Y5/Y6 football final Y4 Anti-bullying workshop
Fri, 13 th Nov	Collection of Shoe Boxes Children in Need
16 th -18 th Nov	East Barnby Y5/6

Children's Halloween Party at Croft Village Hall

This will be held on Saturday, 31st October from 6.30 pm. When you have done your trick or treating why not come to the village hall for more fun and games. Prizes for the best pumpkin and fancy dress. £1.50 on the door gets you hot dogs, cakes, drinks and more.

Cauliflower Cards

The final date for return of Christmas Card orders is Friday, 6th November

Poppies

Poppies are now on sale in school Please encourage your child to support this worthwhile cause.

Karate

Karate is continuing on Friday evenings from 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm for Y1 to Y6 pupils. In previous terms this has been funded by school but this term we are asking parents to pay £30 for ten lessons. This will enable us to fund another afterschool sports club

St Peter's Church, Croft: 11am Morning Prayer

Confirmation classes will be starting this coming October in readiness for a service at East Cowton on April 17th 2016 at 19.00. If you are interested and will be aged 10 and upwards before the April please contact Rev. Jenni Lane on 01325 377918 or at jennilane2013@btinternet.com.

Christian Value: Endurance

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.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is given to schools to support children on Free School Meals and children of Service families to achieve nationally expected levels of achievement, wherever possible, and to ensure good progress. It is given for 6 years and when a child transfers to secondary school, it goes with them. Children aged 3 and 4 are now eligible for this funding.

Please let us know if you think your child may be eligible.

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.

Text Messaging

Please ensure that the mobile number we have for you is up to date.



Allergen Information

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 school 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 web site 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 web site at croftprimaryschool.org