



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

23rd February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term break. The children have settled back into school really well this week. This is a very important half term, particularly for our Y6 pupils, as they will now begin preparations for their end of KS2 tests which will take place just after the Easter holidays. We wish them the very best of luck with their preparations!

PERCOVICH FAMILY

Mr and Mrs Thomas have returned from their visit to Brazil to see the Percovich family. They kindly handed messages from children, families and staff at the school and I believe they were a great comfort to them. I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Thomas for doing this on our behalf.

Mr and Mrs Thomas returned with a video message from Leo, Julianna and Pietro that they had made specifically for Croft School and Community. If you would like to view the video message, it is now on an ipad in the reflection area. Parents, pupils and staff are welcome to view the video message from Monday morning.

We have some wonderful remembrance and fundraising ideas from pupils, parents, governors and staff that we gathered before the half term break. If any parents would like to add any final suggestions, please send them to your child's class teacher or the school office. Staff and pupils will begin to look at the ideas from 5th March and begin to make decisions about what we will do next.

DIOCESAN VISIT

Yesterday, we had a very positive visit from our Diocesan Adviser, Mr Simon Sloan, who was extremely complimentary about the school and its pupils. I must thank our Christian Values Team, Max Ferguson, Luca Petch, Demi Fortune and Corbin Smith for taking Mr Sloan around the school and being so articulate in the way that they described how and why we do what we do. Thank you also to our Stepping Stones Team, Jenna Thomas, Grace Crawford and Ellen-Jean Monaghan for planning a wonderful worship around Lent for all the pupils of the school to follow in their Class Worships. You all really impressed Mr Sloan. Keep up the great work! This is great preparation for our SIAMS inspection which we are expecting very soon.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – CLASS 3

Rearranged Class 3 parent consultations will take place on **Monday 26th February** as explained in the recent letter sent to Class 3 parents. Mrs Lancaster will lead the consultations and those who have appointments after 4pm will be able to meet Mrs Richford too. If you have still not had the chance to meet Mrs Richford after Monday's consultations, and you would like to, please make an appointment at the school office or pop in and meet her at the beginning or end of the school day. Mrs Richford is in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Y6 SATS INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS

Mrs McManus will be leading an evening for parents to provide information about end of Key Stage SAT tests that pupils in Y6 will be taking part in from **Monday May 14th to Thursday May 17th**. Miss Edwards will be attending the evening too. We hope that you find the information useful. This will take place on Tuesday 27th February from 5pm and will last 30mins-1hr.

SCHOOL MONEY

Today is the deadline for menu choice for the next 3 weeks on School Money. If you haven't already done so, please login as soon as possible and choose your child's lunches. Please see the note below from School Money about changes to the login screen:

You may have noticed that we have made a change to our SchoolMoney website. Now when parents go to www.schoolmoney.co.uk they will be

redirected to the new eduspot website.

To sign in, all parents need to do is select the Sign In button in the top right hand corner of the screen. A list will drop down and they need to select the SchoolMoney Parent Login option at the bottom. This will then send them to the parent login screen as normal.

JEWISH SYNAGOGUE VISIT

After a hesitant start this morning, as the bus did not arrive on time to take the children to the Synagogue, pupils, staff and volunteers had a great time learning more about Judaism. Thank you so much to our volunteers, we could not do it without you! If you would like to volunteer in any way, please get in touch with the school office. We would love your support.

JEWISH WORKSHOP

Yesterday, pupils had a very 'creative' time learning all about Judaism through arts and crafts. If you like to see some of their work please visit us on Twitter @croftcofe! If you do not have an account, please register asap!



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March this year. You will have received a pack before the holidays with all of the fun things that will be going on in school next week. Please have a look for your favourite book to bring to school and choose your favourite character to dress up as. On Thursday afternoon, there will be a reading café in the hall, if you can make some cakes please let Mrs McManus know. Come along and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake and take some time to read your book, children will be able to come and join you with a book of their choice.

READY, STEADY, READ...

To celebrate World Book Day and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between Thursday 22nd February and Thursday 1st March.

The project is being organised in conjunction with Amy Littlewood, Independent Usborne Organiser, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 70% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra **£420** in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they like.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody. I believe we are at risk of some adverse weather. I will keep you informed should we need to make any arrangements!

Mr Robson

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Sports Sessions

Simon Carson Sports Club are running gymnastics on a Thursday and Tag Rugby on a Friday – both will run for 5 weeks this half term. Tag Rugby will be held outside whatever the weather so please ensure that your child has suitable clothing and footwear. Payment for these clubs will now only be accepted on School Money – cash payments already made will show on School Money. Now that the evenings are lighter, children should be collected from the playground please.

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
27/2/18	5.30-6.30PM	KS2 SATS Information Evening
1/3/18	All day	World Book Day Reading Café 1.30pm
8/3/18	1.00-4.00pm	Cross Country
13/3/18		Full GB Meeting
23/3/18	9.10-10.00am	Community Celebration Worship and parent drop in (tea/coffee)
29/3/18	2.00pm	Easter Service LAST DAY OF TERM

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 26TH FEBRUARY 2018

Mon 26 th February	Class 3 parents consultations
Tues 27 th February	Piano Lessons KS2 SATs Parents' Meeting
Weds 28 th February	KS2 SATs club
Thurs 1 st March	World Book Day Guitar Gymnastics after school
Fri 2 nd March	Tag Rugby after school (outside)

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Mike Layfield
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Matthew Brown 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

None

St Peter's Church Morning Prayer 11am

Christian Value – Justice

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Aimee Dabel - Class 3: "Lent to me is a time to respect Christians and Jews on what they believe. To me it's hard to exercise so I am going to push myself to exercise at Lent."

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



What does justice mean to you?

CLASS 4: The children have written some brilliant non-chronological reports about the Synagogue this week. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit this morning and all of the wonderful activities in the workshop yesterday afternoon. Next week, we will be writing a short story based on a photograph stimulus. In Maths the children have started to look at decimals and their relationship to fractions. Next week, we will be multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Well done to the children who worked with Mrs Lees from All Saints school today, this will continue throughout the half term and our writing masterclasses will begin next Friday. Thank you to all the children who attended SATs club on Wednesday, this will also continue throughout the half term. Morning sessions on Tuesday and Thursday will begin next week from 8.30am.

CLASS 3: This week has been a very busy first week back. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a Judaism workshop yesterday afternoon and have had a fantastic experience at the synagogue this

morning. Next week we will be writing a myth based on the planning that we have done this week. In Maths, we will be finishing our work on measure and moving on to fractions and decimals. P.E. will be on Tuesday and Friday next week.

CLASS 2: We have started looking at fractions this week and have used different fruits to model how fractions work. The children made a class fruit salad. The new homework grid has been glued in this week and I am looking forward to seeing all of the children's amazing work. Unfortunately the year one 'I can do maths' has still not arrived, therefore, I will send home alternative Maths. Year two children will bring home SAT's practise tonight. SAT's club will begin soon and further information will be sent home inviting parents to a short presentation on what to expect.

EARLY YEARS: The children have had lots of fun this week learning all about Chinese New Year! The children wrote shopping lists so that I could go and get all of the things that we needed to make noodles. We are looking forward to cooking and tasting the noodles today! Please look out for photos on Tapestry. Thank you for your voluntary food tasting and messy play contributions of £5 for the Spring Term. Next week, following on with the children's interests, we will be looking at families and linking this to the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Where a family go on a hunt for a bear! If you have this book at home please read it with your child over the weekend.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Gracie Hancock (Y6) Jenna Thomas (Y5) Jack Maxey (Y4) Emilia McLellan (Y3) Heidi Campling (Y2) Syd Pyrah (Y1) Max Dobby (Rec)

SCHOOL ANGEL

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your 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.

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

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

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

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford.

The nominated safeguarding governor is Mr Blenkarn.



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