



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

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018**

Dear Parents/Carers,

One week to go everybody!

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A group of children have literally just returned from Richmond Council Chambers where they have been taking part in a debate against other schools – the motion was **Is social media a danger to children?** Our team performed brilliantly – Grace Crawford and Max Ferguson were chosen to present our argument and gave good solid speeches and responded well to questions from other teams. Ella Janes, Gracie Hancock, Jack Priestley and Luca Petch all asked well considered and relevant questions to the other teams taking part – well done to you all. Although it was a close competition, we are delighted to tell you that the team from Croft were chosen as winners of the 2018 North Yorkshire Debating Competition! In addition to success in the competition they were all very excited that they got to meet the Mayor of Richmond and wear his very expensive chain!

**SIAMS**

I am very pleased to say that we had our SIAMS this week. Thank you so much to all of the parents and grandparents who came into school to speak to the Inspector. Your support was extremely helpful. The day was a real celebration of how hard staff at the school work to provide the best possible care for our pupils and support for our families. I am very hopeful that the report will be with us before the Easter break and I will share the report with parents and families as soon as it arrives. The Inspector spoke of the following key strengths during the feedback:

- Strong leadership and management
- Pupil achievement and progress is consistently high
- Highly inclusive culture and excellent support for pupils with Special Educational Needs
- High quality opportunities for pupils, staff and families to develop spiritually
- Excellent relationships with parents and families
- High degree of involvement of pupils in the leadership of collective worship

We were absolutely thrilled with the outcome of the inspection and when the report is officially published you will be made aware of our overall grading.

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENT**

Thank you to the parents who attended last night's information event for parents. Staff took parents through some key ways to support their child's learning and looked at the standards that pupils are required to work at to meet end of year expectations as part of the new curriculum. Thank you to parents for being brave and having a go at the tough Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests! I provided an update at the beginning of the evening to parents about recent school developments and I will add my presentation to the website for parents to view. We realise that 5.30pm may not be an ideal time to hold events for everybody - therefore, we are going to look at other ways to work with parents in this way. More information to follow!

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

This morning's collective worship was lovely. Thank you to all of the family members who came into school to share it with us. It was lovely to see so many of you stay back for a cuppa and a chat.

**FAMILY SCHOOL LUNCH**

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who shared a school lunch with the children on Tuesday. It really was a lovely experience and

we will aim to do this at least once every half term. The bangers and mash were amazing!

**WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**



[www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks](http://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks)

This week many of our pupils and staff wore odd socks to take part in a Down Syndrome awareness day. We had not requested donations but some very kind people brought money in and we managed to raise £17. Thank you for your support everybody!

**SPORT RELIEF**



Pupils have taken part in various sport and fitness related activities and we finished with Footy Friday today. We raised a wonderful £102.20 for Sport Relief. Also, well done and thank you to **James Dobson (Y3)** for being so thoughtful and organising a Star Jump fundraiser in school and raising money for the Kings Centre, a local charity based in Darlington who help people get their lives back on track. James managed to raise a fantastic £46.35. Well done James!

**CROSS COUNTRY FINAL**

Contratulations to Emilia McClellan, Alex Preston and Luca Petch who got through to the finals of the County Cross Country Championship at Dalby Forest. Alex and Lucca came in in a very respectable 25<sup>th</sup> place and Emilia finished 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great achievement. Watch out for their names in the future!

Could all T –shirts worn at the Cross Country event at Richmond School a couple of weeks ago pleased be returned washed to school as soon as possible – thank you.

**SCHOOL MONEY**

Could anyone who uses the Out of School Club please log in to School Money and pay any outstanding balance/arrange payment via Childcare Vouchers as soon as possible – thank you. We hope to have next week's sessions on before we finish for the holidays - please ensure that there is no money outstanding for the OOSC when we return to school after the Easter break.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April is the next deadline for ordering lunches on School Money.

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB NEWS**

The Out of School Club will be running a cake stall at the enterprise fair next week and we will be baking Monday and Tuesday in preparation for this. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated too! Thank you....Please note that there will be no Gymnastics next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

Monday	Baking for Enterprise Fair
Tuesday	Baking for Enterprise Fair
Wednesday	Cake Stall at Enterprise Fair
Thursday	
Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED

If you would like to attend any of the sessions please book with Kerry on 01325 722615.

**ENTERPRISE FAIR**

The Easter Enterprise fair will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 – 4.00pm.

The children will be making some wonderful creations to sell and will be learning all about enterprise, using their Maths skills as they do so.

The Friends of the School will be providing refreshments and a cake stall; there will also be a Raffle and Tombola.

Any donations for the stalls or offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Please let Mrs Dent or Mrs Banks know in the office.

If you have anything for the Raffle or Tombola, please send it in to Mrs McManus before the fair. Thank you.

We will be using the funds we raise towards the refurbishment of the school library.

**MESSAGE FROM PCSO JORDAN WALLACE – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER**

I have visited a few times at school drop offs/pickups to look at the issue of parking. Residents parking alongside the road only leaving a single lane for vehicles to pass and obvious increased traffic at school times makes it a difficult situation. I have advised the school to contact the highways department to possibly get clearer road markings to help combat the issue. As the police we can come and enforce parking on the pavement with words of advice, the issue of tickets and even fines to parents whose vehicles are causing an obstruction and will continue to monitor this closely.

**DON'T FORGET TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER – We post a lot of interesting things on there... It's easy to create an account!**

**WE NOW HAVE OVER 62 followers – please get an account and follow us!**



Have a lovely weekend everybody.

**Mr Robson**

<b>**SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS**</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Event</b>
28/3/18	2.30pm-4.00pm	Easter Enterprise Fair
29/3/18	2.30pm	Easter Service LAST DAY OF TERM
16/4/18		TRAINING DAY
17/4/18		School open to Pupils
20/4/18		Menu pre-ordering deadline on School Money
24/4/18		Mini Tennis KS2
25/4/18		Swimming Lessons start for 10 wks
27/4/18		Junior Maths Challenge – Richmond School
1/5/18		NSPCC Safeguarding Assembly & Workshop
7/5/18		School Closed – May Bank Holiday
14/5/18		SATS week
25/5/18		School closes for half term

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Discoverers
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 SATs Club NO Piano Lessons
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Community Christian Value Worhsip 9.15am St Peters Church NO Y6 SATs club
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Lunch 12 noon Easter Service 2.30pm St Peter's Church Guitar NO Gymnastics after school
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term SCHOOL CLOSED

**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**  
**Christian Value – Justice**

**Morning Prayer 11am**

**CLASS 4:** We have completed some descriptive writing focussed on Pandora's Box this week. Next week, we will be looking at editing and redrafting this, before publishing it in various ways. In Maths we have been recapping measures and converting between units. Our focus next week, will be angles and using a protractor. We will be busy making and baking for the Easter Fair next week and preparing for the Easter service and the final community worship of the term. PE will be on Wednesday and children will need suitable outdoor PE kit.

**Please note, there will be no SATs club after school this week (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March).**

**CLASS 3:** Class 3 have really enjoyed seeing some sunshine this week. Spring is on the way! We have completed our colour poems and worked on using inverted commas in our writing (speech marks of old!). In Maths we have continued working with decimals, dividing by ten and one hundred. We have had a go at creating our own branching data bases as part of our computing lessons. Not as easy as we first thought! Next week we are looking forward to Easter. We have the Easter enterprise to prepare for and also our Easter service. We look forward to seeing you there. Please practise lines over the weekend. The children have been given new spellings to be tested on the first week back after Easter. There will be no test next week.

**CLASS 2:** This week we have been looking closely at our class text "George's Marvellous Medicine". We have begun writing our own version of the story.

In Maths we have taken our learning outside for some practical measuring sessions. The children have shown good reasoning skills. Next week we will be creating some exciting gifts to sell at the Easter Enterprise Fair, alongside preparing for our Easter Service in church. As a grand finale to our London topic we will be watching Paddington 2. If you prefer that your child is withdrawn from this session please let me know. Homework and 'I can do Maths' are handed out on Friday and should be returned on Wednesday.

**EARLY YEARS**

The children had a fab week this week learning all about Easter and making Easter nests on Tuesday. I hope they all enjoyed eating them at home! In Maths the Reception children are really beginning to get the hang of 3D shapes. A home learning task will be in their home learning books this week. Please could all Nursery busy books be handed in next week as an activity will be added to complete in the holidays. Next week will be a very busy week with lots going on therefore there will be no PE. Please feel free to take home your child's PE kit for washing. I hope to see as many of you as possible at next week's events.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS** Sean Craig (Y6) Charlotte Shield (Y5) Martha Bainbridge (Y4) Evie Banks (Y3) Rupert Jewkes (Y2) William Ford (Y1) Toby Sherwood Parkin (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 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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