



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**Be happy: aspire, believe, achieve**

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

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

*Only 4 more weeks until we break up for the Christmas holidays! Where did the time go?*

**SAFETY REMINDER**

Again, please can I remind parents and carers that there are no staff on the school yard until 8.50am. Therefore, we request that pupils are accompanied until this time. Older pupils school may wish to walk to school on their own, however, we would only expect this to be pupils who are in upper KS2 and preparing for secondary school. Thank you for your continued support.

**FAMILY LUNCH WEEK**

Thank you to those who are taking advantage of our upcoming Family Lunch Week. We look forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and carers in to school week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December – unfortunately we are not able to accept any more requests – but hope to have another Family Lunch Week next term if you missed out this time.

**CONQUER MATHS**

Thank you so much to parents who have made a donation towards our purchase of Conquer Maths. It is a fantastic programme and the children have told us that they really like using it. They have commented that: 'it is fun', 'challenging', 'you can see how well you are doing' and 'you get your work marked straight away!'. I would like to thank parents for your support with this.

**KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Date	Time	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00-12.30pm	Family Lunch Week
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 5-6.15pm	Friends Disco
	KS2 6.30-7.45pm	Friends Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4pm	Candle Service
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-3.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00-1.15pm	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30-11.00am	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Compassion
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3.30pm+	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

I hope you have a lovely weekend everybody.

**Mr Robson**

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - SCHOOL ANGEL**

Don't forget to use School Angel on Black Friday and for all your online Christmas Shopping. We have raised over £500 for computer equipment so far using the School Angel website. Simply go to School Angel and find Croft School then click on the shop you require (some of which are listed below) and order as normal – a donation from the online store then goes to school. Please tell your friends and family!

<http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>



**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

We have been very creative in OOSC this week making all things wintry, I am sure the children enjoyed producing their marshmallow snowmen, I hope they tasted as good as they looked!!

Next week we will making Oreo penguins, penguin masks, fimo penguin key rings, potato print penguins and plastic spoon penguins.

We are also preparing for our stall at the Christmas Enterprise event where we will be holding a children's tombola with the chance to win a cuddly toy by guessing its name. Any donations for the children's tombola would be hugely appreciated.

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

Disco Help Needed!! Calling all mums, dads and grandfolk! We need volunteers to help at the Christmas Disco on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Roles include helpers for the:

- Grotto
- Bar
- Tuck shop
- Glow stick stall
- Setting up (during the day)
- Clearing up

We need help for both the Early Years & KS1 (5-6.15pm) and KS2 (6.30-7.45pm). If you would like to help in one or more of these ways at one/both discos please let us know via the office or our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofCroftSchool](http://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofCroftSchool)). Any help little or big is really appreciate to make this a super fun night for the children (adults!!)



**WANTED**

Do you have any emergency vehicle toys at home that your children no longer want? Early Years would love them for our current topic.

**CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER!!



**SHOE BOX APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal – these have now been collected for distribution. If you missed the school collection, shoeboxes may be taken to Shoe Zone, North Road, Darlington, for the next couple of weeks.

**SCHOOL E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Our school e-mail addresses have recently changed – if you wish to contact the school by e-mail please now use the following address – thank you.

[admin@croft.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@croft.dalesmat.org)

**TWITTER**

## YOU ARE MISSING OUT IF YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER!

Each class also has a twitter account now too!  
It's easy to create an account! @CroftCofE



### EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 26th November 2018

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Discoverers
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Piano Lessons
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Guitar Lessons
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Schol Money Deadline

### Christian Value – Compassion

*'The Lord longs to be gracious to you. He rises to show you compassion.'*  
Isaiah 30:18

Church Service 11am Morning Prayer

### Art Gallery

Seth and Jaxon, from Reception class, are our two latest talented artists to have their work framed in the Art Gallery. They have been producing poppy artwork using their handprint to create the red flower. Mixing the colour green themselves, from primary colours, they then painted the stem and leaves. The results are very effective. Well done boys. You are very welcome to come and view or purchase artwork in the gallery.

### CLASS 4:

This has been another fantastic week in Class 4. In maths, the children have been calculating the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes and have successfully re-drafted a newspaper report relating to our class novel, Beowulf. Further to this, they have produced some fantastic pieces of art this week including beautiful pear calendars and Anglo-Saxon inspired clay jewellery. Remember next week is PE. Please remind the children not to wear studded football boots.

### CLASS 3:

Another productive week for class three. In maths we have been learning about factors and arrays. In English we have been writing our final draft for our leaflets about outdoor activities - we will never be bored outdoors again! In science we have focused on the function of our teeth learning about the reasons they are different shapes. Next Wednesday afternoon is our sewing afternoon. If you have kindly said you would be able to help thank you so much. We know the children will really benefit from having many hands! Please can we remind you that PE will be outdoors whenever it is possible so ensure children come with appropriate clothing. Thank you. Last but not least, our annual candle service will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm. Please could you inform us if your child will not be attending the service. Thank you.

CLASS 2: This week we have been looking at money and recognising coins. The children have been adding coins together and playing some interactive games on coin sorting. We will continue to look at money over the next week in preparation for the Christmas Enterprise Fair. The children will learn how to pay for items that they buy and how to check change. In English we have been looking at the Polar Express. We have spent some time looking at the story and sequencing it as well as looking at similes from the story. The children made up some of their own and did an amazing job. We have really got underway with preparations for the Christmas performance this week and I'm sure the children will have told you about their parts. Lines will be coming home to learn very soon. Could I please ask that all children bring a pair of joggers in on Monday that can be kept in school all week. As the weather is getting colder, the children will need warmer clothes for PE. Thank you.

### EARLY YEARS:

The children have really enjoyed learning about real life heroes this week. Next week we will continue this theme and will be looking at firefighters as this is something the children have shown an interest in. Thank you to Mrs Chapel who came into school this week from the Dogs Trust who spoke to the children about being safe around dogs. A date will soon be arranged for an Early Years Stay and Play Session where we hope to entertain you with some Christmas songs! As the weather is getting colder please remember to ensure your child has warm clothing in school as our outside area is open most of the day. Those children with a reading book please remember to bring them into school every day and read regularly at home.

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

(Y6) Ellen-Jean Monaghan (Y5) Nienke Hamstra (Y4) Millie Harrison (Y3) Ifedayo Orukotan (Y2) Syd Pyrah (Y1) Ruby Sandall (R) Lytske Hamstra

### 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 People are: Miss Wilford & Mr Williams.

The nominated safeguarding governor is Mr Blenkarn.



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