



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

24th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,
What a week – we've had it all. There's been wind, rain, snow and sun all in the past few days!

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to parents and pupils for their support for this year's red nose day. The children looked fantastic. Here is the prayer that was read out by Jack Norris in Celebration Worship this morning:

Dear Lord,

Help us to think about the real reason that we celebrate Red Nose Day.

We pray for those who suffer or need help.

Help us to help others in any simple way.

Amen

Thank you for all of your kind donations. So far we have raised **over £100!**

LATENESS and ABSENCE

We have recently had our validated national data comparisons and I am really pleased to say that last year our school was below national average for absence. Well done everybody! However, so far this year, our absence rate is above last year's national figures and this could be due to pupil lateness. Did you know that all lateness is included in school absence figures? If pupils enter the school at the main entrance and are signed in between 9.00am and 9.10am, it is recorded as late (before the register closes) and if pupils arrive after 9.10am, it is also recorded as late (after the register closes) and is considered an 'unauthorised absence'. Both of these instances are recorded on the school's overall absence figures. This is the same for all schools. As a working parent of primary school children, I fully appreciate the challenges of getting children into school on time each day and there has been some traffic congestion recently due to roadworks which has clearly had an impact on pupil lateness over the past few weeks. Clearly, punctuality is a key life skill for all pupils and we encourage pupils to arrive before 9am so that learning can begin swiftly. It may be that we need to begin communicating with parents individually regarding lateness if it becomes a persistent issue. Thank you for your continued support.

EARLY YEARS EASTER FAMILY ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

Miss Derbyshire and the Early Years team will be leading an Early Years Easter Activity afternoon on Thursday 30th March. We would love families of Early Years pupils to attend! Activities will include an Easter egg hunt, Easter crafts, games and many other fun activities. Please let Miss Derbyshire know if you will be attending!

CROSS COUNTRY FINALS

Congratulations to Alex Preston and Luca Petch who competed in the highly competitive Cross Country finals yesterday at Dalby Forest. Both boys did incredibly well. Alex finished the race in 19th position and Luca completed the race in either 8th or 9th position (he was a little unsure of the exact position in the jostle for the finish line). Well done boys – this is a fantastic achievement!

KARATE

A new 10 week block of Karate will be starting on the first Friday after the Easter Break. Please speak to the office if your child would like a place.

We hope to see as many pupils and families at the ***Mothering Sunday Service in St Peter's Church on Sunday at 11am!*** Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Robson

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



To date we have raised nearly £70 for school simply by people shopping through our School Angel page – if you haven't already please do take a look at our school page <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html> if you are doing any shopping. It costs you nothing to use the charity's site which is supported by many well-known UK brands – they then donate a proportion of their profit from anything you buy.

Growth Mindset Parent's Information Evening

We will be holding a Growth Mindset parent's information evening on Monday 3rd April from 5.30 – 7pm. It will be a fantastic event and a great opportunity to learn more about the whole school topic covered throughout this half term. Your invitations from the children should be making their way to you early next week.

Easter Fair

Following the success of the Christmas Fair we will be holding an Easter Fair with an Art and Enterprise theme on Wednesday 5th April from 2.30-4.30pm. Children from across the school will be taking part in Art activities based on the work of Catherine Rayner.

CLASS 4:

This week, we have been planning and drafting our Growth Mindset reports which we will be completing next week to share at the Growth Mindset parents evening. The Year 6 children have been working really hard revising a range of Maths topics in preparation for the upcoming SATS, while the Year 5 children have been working on decimals with Miss Juden.

CLASS 3:

This week we have been using the 'SOLE' approach to answer research questions on Growth Mindset, in preparation for a non-chronological report. The children worked collaboratively in order to do this, with great outcomes.

We are approaching the end of our Maths topic of Geometry, which the children have enjoyed. We have completed a range of practical activities throughout this topic which have strengthened the children's understanding of angles and shape.

CLASS 2:

We will be completing our non-chronological reports on the theme of Growth Mindset in English next week. Our focus in Maths is division and multiplication. Please follow Class 2 on Twitter from videos of the written methods to support this, @Class2CroftCofE. We will be learning about Andy Warhol in Art to create some POP art with a brain theme!

EARLY YEARS:

This week we have continued looking at Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have really enjoyed watching the beanstalks in our classroom grow. In Maths we have been looking at subtraction, recognising teens numbers and have been measuring the Giant's foot. We have also been very busy making a special Mother's Day present. **Homework** – Share a favourite story at home and draw a picture and try to write a sentence about something that happened in the story.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Luke Millar (Y6) Emily Ford (Y5) Jenna Thomas (Y4) Natasha Thornton (Y3) Florence Howe (Y2) Emily Clarke (Y1) Ethan Banks (Rec)

Good News!!

30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

From the beginning of the summer term (25th April 2017), children living in North Yorkshire or those children who were registered in our nursery before 23rd January and live in another authority may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare.

This will be available nationally for all eligible children from 1st September 2017.

If you are interested in accessing the additional free childcare or would like further information about eligibility criteria please contact Mrs Dent in the school office as soon as possible on 01325 720528. **Deadline for on-line applications is 31st March 2017.**

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

Friends of Croft School will be running a second hand uniform and children's clothes stall at the Easter Enterprise Fair- please leave any donations at the school office. We hope that you are still keeping your Lenten promises and filling your boxes!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The Easter Holiday Activity Programme is available and we are now taking bookings. We are still offering the reduced rate of £20 per day and £10 for the flexible half day rate. Simon Carson Sports School will be operating two days of the holidays offering football, cricket, hockey and basketball coaching – this will run from 10am – 12pm and then 1pm – 3pm. We will also open on the training day, Monday 24th April.

We would really appreciate any old paper napkins as we are collecting them to use in a craft activity.

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

This year's Rotary Club competition is to produce a photograph based on the theme "A Moment in Time". Please see the poster on the school noticeboard for more details or ask at the office.

Any entries will be collected from School on the 15th May 2017 - Judging will be on the 23rd May 2017. The gallery will be open from the 27th May to the 10th June 2017 and a Prize-Celebration Evening will be held on 6th June 2017.

KS2 REVISION BOOKLETS FOR SALE

We still have some copies of the KS2 SATs Maths and English revision guides in school for sale. These cost £2 each and are available from the school office.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers in school and would be grateful if you could send these into the office – the collection box is located by reception.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 27th MARCH 2017

Sun 26 th March	Mothering Sunday Service, 11am, St Peter's Church
Mon 27 th March	
Tues 28 th March	Class 3 Christian Value Worship, 3pm SATs Club Woodwind lessons Piano lessons
Weds 29 th March	Tag Rugby, Richmond Rugby Club
Thurs 30 th March	Early Years Stay & Play Session 2pm Y3 French Workshop in school. Guitar Lessons
Fri 31 st March	NO Karate

PE TIMETABLE

Class	ACTIVITY
Early Years	Learning to move in different ways and to safely negotiate space.
Class 2	Gymnastics & Dance
Class 3	Dance & Hockey (outdoor kit)
Class 4	Gymnastics & Hockey (outdoor kit)

Future Inter-School Competitions

Swimming Gala	Wednesday 26 th April
Mini Tennis	Wednesday 10 th May
Athletics Competition	Wednesday 7 th June

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Forgiveness

St Peter's Church

Mothering Sunday Service
11am

EASTER FUN RUN & GAMES FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

Hurworth Grange Community Centre is holding an Easter Fun Run and Games Day on Friday 14th April to raise funds for the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Admission for the Fun Run is £1. Other activities on the day include Chocolate Tombola, Name the Bunny, Easter Trail, Easter Bunny Penalty Shoot Out. There will also be tea and cakes available. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact 07568493020.

1ST CROFT BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help our leaders run Brownies and Guides? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Miss Turnbull at school or e-mail croftbrownies@gmail.com

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 croftprimarieschool.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: Mr Robson
Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford.**

The nominated safeguarding governor is **Mr Blenkarn.**



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. If you would like to share your views online, please click the following link to register.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>. Thank you for your support.

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