



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL Achievement for Everyone

25th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Science and MFL Update

Madame Vardy (MFL expert) and Mrs Lynch (Science expert) have been very busy since the start of term and are already seeing great results. I walked into Madame Vardy's lower KS2 class yesterday and the children were confidently writing using different types of pronouns in French and last week our upper KS2 pupils were dissecting organs with Mrs Lynch. Exciting stuff!

Uniform Reminder

Please can we remind parents and carers about some elements of the school's uniform policy:

1. Nail varnish must not be worn
2. Small stud earrings only
3. White, black or grey socks

Thank you for your support with this.

Advent Eucharist



Thank you to the parents who attended Tuesday's Eucharist and thank you so much to Reverend Jenni for leading the Worship - particularly as she was full of cold!

Friday Celebration Worship

Every Friday, the whole school gathers in the hall to celebrate pupils' achievements over the past week. Our worship begins at 9.10am and lasts approximately 20 minutes. Next week, we would like to invite parents and carers to the Worship so that they can get a taste of what we do. If you would like to attend next week's Friday Celebration Worship, please inform Mrs Dent or Mrs Banks in the school office.

WOW Wall

If your child ever gets their work onto the **WOW Wall** in the school hall, you are more than welcome to pop in and have a look at their amazing work!

Bullying

Please see the following useful sites if you would like to find out more about bullying:

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>

<http://www.bullying.co.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/types-bullying/>

If you have any concerns about bullying or any other behaviour matters, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Sickness bugs

We seem to have had an increase in sickness related bugs over the past week or so. We have reminded pupils about the importance of washing hands. Also, if a child has had episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea, infection control guidance stipulates that pupils should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode. Thank you for your support with this.

Only 3 more school weeks until the Christmas break. Have a great weekend everyone. ☺

Mr Robson

CLASS 4:

In Maths this week we have been focussing on completing calculations using short division. Next week, we will move onto long division. We will complete our hot write for recounts in English and start our new 'Slam poetry' topic.

CLASS 3: This week we have been focussing on using different representations to support multiplication and division calculations. This has allowed the children to challenge themselves further in Maths ☺

In Geography we have been looking at the difference between weather and climate. The children's homework in relation to this was superb!

As you may be aware we have a new selection of books in Class 3 which has really inspired the children to read more. Please continue where possible to encourage and support reading at home.

Finally, next week we will begin our preparations for Christmas, incorporating a Christmas theme into our learning.

CLASS 2: Next week we will be looking at enterprise activities linked to the Christmas Fair. We will be using a budget to create Christmas decorations and pricing up the cost of materials needed to paint a plant pot and plant a bulb. Our writing will also be focussed on our enterprise project; we will be following and writing instructions. We have started rehearsals for the Christmas performance; the children have been great so far. Please continue to practise lines, including expression, at home to help. Thank you ☺

EARLY YEARS: This week we have begun sorting materials. We are looking at objects and deciding whether they are made from paper, wood, metal or plastic. Reception children have also been working on soft, hard, smooth and bumpy/rough to describe different materials.

Next week we will be making preparations for the Christmas Fair and incorporating Maths, Literacy and Art work into this. We will continue to learn words to our Christmas songs. We will be opening a role play shop!
RECEPTION CHILDREN – Please bring an old adult T-shirt on Monday to protect your clothes!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Lola Luck (Y6), Janey Hindmarch (Y5), Emily Suffell (Y4) Alex Preston (Y3) Emilia McClellan (Y2) Emily Clarke. (Y1) Sasha Patterson (Rec)

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 28th November 2016

Monday, 28th November

Tuesday, 29th November

Wednesday, 30th November

Thursday, 1st December

Friday, 2nd December

Glee Club

Full Governing

Body Meeting, 6pm

Piano lessons

Flute lesson

Violin lessons

Guitar lessons

LAST Karate(new sessions next term)

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Snow Dragon Trip (Reception & Class 2)

School Disco

Candle Service

CHRISTIAN VALUE: Compassion

St Peter's Church Morning Prayer, 11am

Class Worship – Compassion



Sophie Wright Class 4 – “One act of compassion can change a person’s life.”

Reading: As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

St Peter's Church – Christmas Events

Xmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church.

Family Open Evening on Friday, 9th December from 6– 8 pm. Music, Refreshments, Children's Prize Giving, Christmas Bran Tub

There will be an art competition for all children on the Christmas Tree theme. Age groups will be under 5, 5-7 years, 8 and over. Entries to be received by Mrs Dent at Croft School by Wednesday, 7th December. Any size up to A3. Please put name and age on reverse.

Church open for viewing on 10th & 11th and 17th and 18th December, 2– 4 pm Refreshments available.

St. Peter's Church with Croft Christmas Trees—Nativity on the Farm

At Grange Farm, Croft on Tees on Thursday, 15th December at 6pm. Refreshments available. Children welcome to dress up as shepherds, kings or angels.

Advent Carol Service with the Choir of Polam Hall

Sunday, 27th November at 6pm. Everyone welcome

Children's Enterprise Christmas Fair

As part of their enterprise activities children will be making decorations, gifts and cakes to sell at a small Christmas Fair in school on Tuesday 6th December from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Friends of the school will be serving teas, coffees and mince pies, running a cake stall and holding a raffle/tombola. Sharron and Carol, our school cooks, will be providing tasters from our school menus and Kerry and the Out of School Club will have a stall. Any donations of raffle or tombola prizes or cakes for a cake stall (please label them with ingredients) would be welcome along with any offers to help on the day. Any funds raised will be used to update our laptops in school – thank you very much.

Friends of Croft School – SCHOOL DISCO – new date!

Letters have gone out this week to all children with details of the Friends School Disco. This will now be held on **Friday 2nd December**. Tickets are £5 each which includes a party picnic tea and a little treat to take home, plus £2 extra if your child would like to see Santa. It promises to be a really fun evening for the children, and there will also be teas, coffees and a donation bar for the parents. Please send the completed form and money back into school no later than Monday 28th November.

The Friends are very short on members and helpers this year – if you have any time to spare either to help out at the disco, or at future events, or you are interested in becoming a member

of the Friends please talk to Clarey or Ese in the playground or pop into the school office – Thank you.



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Friday 2 nd December	Friends of Croft School Disco KS1 – 5.00 -6.15pm KS2 – 6.45 – 8.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Fair 2.30-4.30pm
Sunday 11 th December	Candle Service 4.30pm St Peters Church
Monday 12 th December	Key Stage 2 Production – 6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Production – 10.30am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch in school Key Stage 2 Production 6pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th December	Carols Around the Tree

FLU VACCINATIONS YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

Please note that the school nurse has re-arranged her visit and will now be coming into school on **Wednesday 7th December** at 9.30am to administer a free flu vaccine to the children in Years 1, 2 and 3. The vaccine is given to the children as a nasal spray and is a painless procedure. Protecting your child can help to prevent the spread of this potentially serious illness – more information can be found at www.nhs.uk/child-flu. If you would like your child to receive this vaccine please complete the consent form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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.

Don't forget to visit our website at croftprimarieschool.org

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