



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

25th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

FLOWER FESTIVAL SERVICE

Thank you to all the children who attended the Flower Festival at church on Sunday. The children sang beautifully and made us very proud. Well done to everybody involved!

SWISS STUDENT TEACHER

After the half term break, we welcome Mr Schori to the school for a 3 week placement. He has strengths in PE and German. We wish him the very best of luck during his time at the school!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

I am pleased to say that Miss Wilford has returned in Out of School Club this week – she has the following news:

Ms Wilford's message:

We are currently in the process of improving our sports sessions. This may result in no sports club being run the first week after the half term break. I am working hard to ensure that the level of coaching that the children receive is outstanding and will try to organise something as soon as possible and inform parents. Children who received letters after Dance/Gym on Thursday please disregard them.

As the weather has improved the Out of School Club has lots of exciting activities planned and this means that we will be using the school grounds. As a result of this from next term the gates to the playground will be locked from 3.50pm to ensure the safety of the OOSC children.

BRITAIN'S GOT TALENT



Congratulations to Max and his band 'Made up North' who appeared on Britain's Got Talent last weekend.

Click on the following link to read the article that appeared in the Northern Echo earlier this week:

http://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/16240399.Darlington_lad_10_shines_on_Britain_s_Got_Talent_with_Made_Up_North/?ref=wa

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Mr Paul Knapp will be standing down this summer at the end of his term of office. We are very grateful to him for his hard work and support of the school during his years as a governor.

If anyone is interested in becoming a parent governor please speak to Mr Robson or Mrs Russell or any member of the Governing Body. We are happy to have a chat about the role and what is involved. A letter will be sent out after half term requesting nominations.

SCHOOL MONEY

Paper statements have been sent out this week which show balances owed on School Money for various items – please can these balances be cleared before we return to school on Monday 4th June – thank you. The next deadline for pre-ordering menus on School Money is **Friday 8th June**.

GUITAR LESSONS

We have had a very busy couple of weeks in school and guitar lessons have been unable to take place for the last two weeks – the guitar teacher will make up these missed sessions next term.

ROAD SAFETY

Please can all parents remind their children of the importance of crossing the road safely, particularly if they are walking to school. We will be reinforcing this by talking to the children in assembly.

TWITTER

We have posted on Twitter this week. Don't miss out everybody!

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



Have a fantastic half term break everybody! We will see you all again on Monday 4th June.

Mr Robson

ART GALLERY

Charlotte Shields is the latest budding artist to to have her work displayed in the Art Gallery. She has produced a beautiful jellyfish on cotton muslin using a batik technique, which involved washable glue. Through careful observation, she has produced a stunning jellyfish using blue and orange as complementary colours. Well done Charlotte.

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Date	Event
25/5/18	School closes for half term
6/6/18	Quads Kids Athletics
25/6/18	Book Fair delivered
25/6/18	KS2 Science Ambassador visit in school
6/7/18	Leavers Party 5pm
10/7/18	Reports to Parents
12/7/18	Sports Day 2pm
16/7/18	Strawberries & Dreams Concert 2pm
18/7/18	Leavers Assembly 2.15pm
19/7/18	Croft's Got Talent 1.30pm
20/7/18	Leaver's Service in Church 2.30pm
	SCHOOL CLOSES

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 4th June 2018

Mon 4 th June	
Tues 5 th June	Piano Lessons
Weds 6 th June	Quad Kids Athletics KS2 Swimming Lessons
Thurs 7 th June	Guitar Lessons Gymnastics after school
Fri 8 th June	Football after school

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. Please see the uniform policy for PE kit requirements.

Christian Value – Service

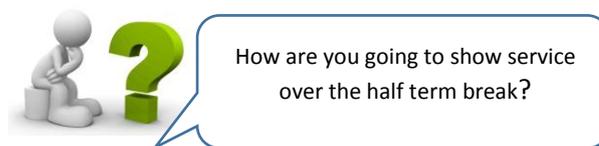
Church Service – St Peter's Church – 11am Morning Prayer

Healthy Packed Lunch

Just a reminder that a child's packed lunch should be balanced and include healthy choices. Sweets and chocolate bars are not allowed. It should always include a main savoury snack, for example a sandwich.

Bible reading:

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 2, 3 AND 4

Can Do maths books will be collected in this week and replaced with other maths homework after half term for the rest of the Summer term. Thank you for all of the hard work you have done with your children at home.

CLASS 4: We put a more sinister twist on the big write this week in class 4. Our classroom was shaped into an evil, dungeon-like room to get us in the mood for our dark prince and princess story. Everyone came up with fantastic vocabulary and created amazing pieces of work! Our research skills have also been put to the test, looking into Ancient Greece. Everyone has had great fun working together to make inferences about what life may have been like back then. Class 4 will be doing Art with Mrs Donoghue during the first week back. We will be linking Art to the Ancient Greeks. Hope you all have a lovely half term week.

CLASS 3: Class three had a very different start to the week with the classroom being transformed into Croft Castle. They were assigned the important task of writing a newspaper report for the wedding of the new Duke and Duchess of Sussex. We had a fun morning using reporter note books to research and of course ended the day with a slice of lemon and elderflower cake! In maths we have been tackling the tricky topic of time. We have been so impressed with how well everyone has persevered - well done. Our science topic asked children to think about environmental changes and the impact these have on animals. The children showed great insight and came up with ways we can make a difference. The children are enjoying completing the Archbishop Youth Trust Award activities. Please continue to complete as many challenges at home with a reflection of the task. It was class three's turn to lead community worship on Wednesday morning. They read poems and prayers they had written themselves. A really lovely end to the half term. Have a lovely half term holiday.

CLASS 2: This week we have all been busy with our BIG WRITE. On Monday morning all of the children walked into a castle and created a fairy tale based on the royal wedding. We had some fantastic ideas, from knights with swords, witches with magic spells and Meghan turning into a frog. What fantastic imaginations. In maths the children have been working on multiplication and division word problems. When we return we will be looking at Geometry: position and direction. Miss Hirst will complete her teaching placement this week. The children and staff have really enjoyed having her in school and hope that she will come back in the future. PE after half term will be athletics and will be outdoors. Have a lovely week off!

EARLY YEARS: The children have really enjoyed reading little red riding hood this week and making wanted posters for the 'Big Bad Wolf'. Thank you to all the parents' who helped the children with walking to church on Wednesday. This is greatly appreciated. All children have some home learning ideas to take home which can be completed over the holidays. Children will be given extra books for over the holidays, please don't forget to read with your child as often as possible during the break. All children received a new library book this week. A reminder for new parents': children can choose a new library book every week to take home. This is a book to be shared with an adult (for example as a bedtime story) and intended for children to read themselves. Library books will be changed every Wednesday, if your child is not in school this day please come and chat to us and their book can be changed on an alternative day. If you do have any library books at home which have not been returned, please bring them back into school. Have a great half-term break!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS (Y6) Corbin Smith (Y5) Charlie Orr (Y4) Alfie Robinson (Y3) Anna Curbeson (Y2) Will Preston (Y1) Matilda Waugh (Rec) Darcy Todd

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>



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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 Person is: Miss Wilford.

The nominated safeguarding governor is Mr Blenkharn.



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