



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

26th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally the snow has shifted and we are back to normal. Thank you for making sure that your children were well-prepared for the winter weather.

CLASS 3 AND CLASS 4 VACANCIES

It is the closing date for applications to be received for our Class 3 and Class 4 teaching positions on **Wednesday 31st January**. The selection process will take place on **7th and 8th February** meaning that by half term, we will hopefully have appointed an experienced lower KS2 teacher to work alongside Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Halliday in Class 3 and an experienced upper KS2 teacher to teach and lead the Class 4 team. I will do everything possible for the successful candidate for the Class 3 position to begin their role as soon as possible after the appointment is made. The successful teacher appointed for the Class 4 position will begin their role as soon as Mrs McManus begins her maternity leave which should be after the Easter holidays. It is sensible that both positions are created for a fixed term and for the length of Mrs McManus' maternity cover in the first instance. This will be until at least 2019.

It is a huge challenge for all schools to find and employ the highest quality teachers. I have personally toured the school and met with several candidates over the past two weeks in a search for the right candidates for our children. There seems to be a good degree of interest and I will inform you of the appointment we make as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WORSHIP AND PARENT FORUM

Don't forget that families are invited into school on **Friday 2nd February** from **9.00-10.30am** to take part in our usual half termly community celebration worship followed by tea and coffee in the large group room. This event will also include an opportunity for parents to chat informally to governors, staff and myself, and to share their thoughts and ideas about fundraising and remembrance for the Percovich family and also to meet Damian Cubb, CEO of the Dales Academies Trust.

PETS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please can I remind families that dogs are not allowed on the school premises for matters of health and safety. Thank you for your cooperation and support with this.

EUCCHARIST SERVICE

There will be a Candlemas Eucharist Service led by Reverend Jenni on Thursday 1st Feb at 2.45pm. Doors will open at 2.30pm. We would love to see as many families attending as possible! Please come along and join us.

FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!



Even if you do not currently use twitter, please consider getting an account just so you can keep up to date with things that are happening. We only post to people whose families are known to the school! Click here to get your own twitter account! Ctrl and click here www.twitter.com!

SCHOOL MONEY

Please note that today was the deadline for pre-ordering menus and paying for lunches for the next 3 weeks of term. Please ensure that you have done this before the weekend – thank you.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE RECORDINGS

A huge thank you to Miss Holton and Mr Craig who recorded our Christmas productions in December. These are now available to download – please call in at the office for details and the password you will need to access the downloads. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and these will be put into the School's WOW experiences fund.

Have a fantastic weekend everybody!

Mr Robson

SPRING TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
1/2/2018	9.15-11.00am	Y6&Y6 Science Workshop, Richmond School
1/2/2018	2.45pm	Candlemas Eucharist Service
2/2/18	9.00am – 10.30am	Community Celebration Worship and Parent Forum
6/2/18		Safer Internet Day KS1/KS2 Fire Awareness Talk
9/2/18		SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
19/2/18	2.00-7.00pm	PARENT CONSULTATIONS

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 29th JANUARY 2018

Mon 29 th January	Discoverers
Tues 30 th January	Piano Lessons
Weds 31 st January	
Thurs 1 st February	Candlemass Eucharist Service 2.45pm Y5 & Y6 to Richmond School Science Transition Guitar Gymnastics (after school)
Fri 2 nd February	9am Community Celebration Worship Cricket & Dodgeball (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.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

St Peter's Church Morning Prayer 11am

Christian Value – Perseverance



Bible Reading: Offer yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

Charlotte Shield – Class 4: My grandma respects me and I show a lot of reverence to her. She also respects my achievements and I really respect her.

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

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



What do you do to help others persevere in life?

CLASS 4: Class 4 have written some wonderful balanced arguments this week based on our novel, Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be moving onto writing the next chapter in our English sessions next week. In Maths the children have gained confidence when working with fractions; next week we will be looking at multiplying and dividing fractions and solving problems. We are looking forward to our Science Visit to Richmond School where we will be looking at chemical reactions. PE is on Tuesday next week and will be indoor.

CLASS 3: The children had an amazing day yesterday exploring Arbeia Roman Fort. They became archaeologists for the morning and dug up pottery shards, ancient building materials and even fragments of bone that explained what the Romans ate. They also took part in a creative workshop and sketched artefacts that were displayed in the museum to create a 'Roman frieze'. Next week the children will be focusing on Roman Myths and Legends in English and in Maths we will be moving on to measurement. Our PE day is Wednesday.

CLASS 2: This week we have been working on writing our newspaper reports after interviewing last week. The children have written some fabulous facts about the Great Fire of London. In Maths we have been looking at recognising coins and adding and subtracting money. In Science the children have been looking at habitats and sorting different animals into categories. I am hoping (weather permitting) to take the children out on a short walk to hunt for habitats next Wednesday afternoon. Please could all children have wellies in school if possible. I can do Maths books are on order and will be sent home as soon as they arrive. All year 2 children should complete page 27 for next week. Homework so far this half term is superb. Thank you for all of your support.

EARLY YEARS: The children really enjoyed talking about different jobs this week and sharing what they would like to do when they grow up. A lot of the children also did some beautiful writing about this! Carrying on with the theme of jobs, next week we will be reading the story 'The Jolly Postman and Other People's letters'. In Maths we will be looking and 'ordering two or three items by length or height.' In the final week of term we plan on going to the postbox to send letters to our favourite characters from our own chosen book, just like in the story! We would be very grateful for a parent helper or two to assist us with this. Please let us know if you would be able to help out! Thank you to all the parents who are taking the time to read everynight with their child, this really makes a big difference.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Sean Craig (Y6) Ellen Newton (Y5) Martha Bainbridge (Y4) James Dobson (Y3) Chloe Wilford (Y2) William Ford (Y1) Annabel Newton (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 Blenkharn.



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