



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

26th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

Please can I remind parents and carers, that for obvious reasons, dogs are not permitted on the school premises. Thank you for your support.

END OF SCHOOL DAY PROCEDURE

The playground is very busy at the end of the school day. Please can we request that parents and carers collecting pupils wait patiently until the teacher/TA reaches the bottom of the steps and allows the member of staff the time to physically see individual parents so they can safely hand over children. This way staff can be confident that your child is safe and collected by the right person. Thank you for your support and patience with this.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Next week in OOSC we have so much planned for the half term holidays, Monday we are full, however we still have spaces on Tuesday and Wednesday so if you are stuck for how to entertain your children or feel like having a day to yourself you can contact the club on 722615. We are open 8am - 6pm or we offer half day sessions at a great price of just £16.00.

Our after school sports sessions are nearly full with only 2 spaces left for the dance class. I hope the parents enjoyed the children's performance of Cats on Tuesday I thought they all did a fantastic job. Well done!! Our multisports session is also filling up quickly as well, so please hand your forms in asap to guarantee a place. When we return back to school our activities will be celebrating bonfire night and also remembrance Sunday.

Please can I remind everyone that parents **MUST** accompany their child to the OOSC door and handover to a member of the OOSC staff at drop off time. Children must not make their own way into OOSC from either the playground or the roadside. Thank you.

It is important that these procedures are followed to ensure the safety of our children. From next half term, parents will be required to sign in their children on arrival at the OOSC so that we can ensure that all pupils have arrived safely. If you have any questions about this or any other matters, please speak to Kerry.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last week we had a wonderful afternoon at Richmond School competing in this year's Cross Country Championships. Our children did really well and were a credit to the school. Five of our pupils ran so well that they got into the finals! These pupils are: Fiona Oloaye, Alex Preston, Emilia McClellan, Kitty Sodje-Waugh and Heidi Campling! That's at least one pupil from each year group. What an achievement! Thank you to Mr Campling and Mr Robinson for their help on the day.

WANTED – CABLE REEL!

Early Years would like a medium size cable reel for a resource in the classroom. If you are able to help with this please come and speak to us. Thank you.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Autumn Term – First Half		
26 th Oct	3.30pm+	School Closes for Half term Holidays
Autumn Term – Second Half		
5 th Nov	9.00am+	School re-opens
9 th Nov	9.00-10.15am	Remembrance Service and Community Celebration Worship
16 th Nov	9.00-3.30pm	Children in Need Day

12 th Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
14 th Dec	9.00-3.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 th Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
18 th Dec	12.00-1.15pm	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
19 th Dec	10.30-11.00am	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
19 th Dec	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
20 th Dec	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Compassion
21 st Dec	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service
21 st Dec	3.30pm+	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

It has been a very positive start to the year at Croft School. Our children are working really hard and it is beginning to show in the progress they are making and work they are producing. Have a lovely half term break! ☺
Mr Robson

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be delivered after half term and will be open from Tuesday 13th November, after school until 4.15pm, up to an including Monday 19th November.

SCHOOL MONEY

Statements have gone out this week showing outstanding amounts due on School Money – please can all overdue amounts be settled before we return to school on Monday 5th November – thank you.

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform day! £97.46 was raised for the Friends of Croft School.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER!! Information to follow.....



SCHOOL ANGEL

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your shopping. Our School Angel fund has now reached over **£450** 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>



These are 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.

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 5th November 2018

Mon 5 th November	SCHOOL OPENS NO Discoverers
Tues 6 th November	Piano Lessons
Weds 7 th November	
Thurs 8 th November	Guitar Lessons
Fri 9 th November	Power Down Pete assembly

Christian Value – Generosity

'If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share!'
(W. Clement Stone, businessman, philanthropist and author, 1902-2002)

Church Service

11am Morning Prayer, St Peter's Church, Croft

CLASS 4:

Class 4 have had another exceptionally busy week and have finished the half term in a superb manner – working hard until the final day. This week, we have finished our excellent letters from the trenches and have also applied our mathematical skills to solve challenging World War One themed maths problems. Over the holidays, please could children complete their online maths homework and also be learning their times tables. This is an imperative skill which brings many benefits. There are some websites listed below, in the Class 3 section, which may be useful. Have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming you back for another busy and exciting half term.

CLASS 3:

We have kept class three busy until the end of half term! Our letters are now completed and will be on display in the hall and our classroom after the holidays. In maths we have been learning about the word 'inverse' and how this helps us to check our answers are correct. Please practise times tables as frequently as possible at home. All Year 4 children will have to sit an on-screen check from June 2020 (we may volunteer to take it from 2019). They will be expected to know their times tables up to 12 x 12 and will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. Collins have provided an online test simulator that will help children to practise their times tables so they are fully prepared for the check. It's free, and you can use it as often as you like!

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/primary-mathematics-times-tables-test-simulator> There is also a useful APP that we use in school called DK Times Tables.

The children have been working in pairs to design a model trench this week. They will be making their trenches on the first Thursday back after half term (8.11.18). The children can bring any extra materials from home to help them with the making process. In PE we used the skills we have learnt in a game. We had lots of fun playing as part of a team. Have a super holiday. See you in November!

CLASS 2: This week we have completed our maths topic of addition and subtraction and the children have a good understanding of the different strategies they can use when working on these calculations. We have completed our letter writing and we all know how to structure a letter. In science, we continued looking at animals and what they eat. The children are able to use scientific vocabulary including, carnivore, herbivore and omnivore in the correct context. After half term we will begin looking at multiplication and division in maths and we will begin doing some geography. Have a wonderful break ☺

EARLY YEARS:

The children have really enjoyed reading the story 'Room on the Broom' this week. We made tasty 'witch's soup' on Thursday which the children really enjoyed. After the holidays will be looking at bonfire night, remembrance and the Hindu and Sikh festival of Diwali. In maths we will be focusing on money. Reception children will also be starting PE, **please ensure your child has a PE kit.** Reception children have an autumn activity book which they can complete over the holidays. A polite reminder that children should be in school by **9:00am** on a morning if you arrive after this time you must enter through the main school office. Thanks again for all of your contributions to Tapestry. We have had some parents asking who is able to view individual posts. Only the parent/carer and teaching staff can view a child's individual observation or an observation that is added by the parent themselves. If it is a group observation the parents' of the children tagged in the observation will be able to view it. Have a lovely half-term everybody!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Amy Lillie (Y6) Natasha Thornton (Y5) James Dobson (Y4) Tom Ellis (Y3) Isla Thomas (Y2) Ethan Maughan (Y1) Lytske Hamstra (R)

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 Blenkharn.



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