



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

26th May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather has been fantastic this week but it does get really hot in school. Please ensure that pupils have applied sunscreen before they arrive at school each day and please send your child into school with a water bottle and a sun hat as there are limited shaded areas on the school site. Thank you.

RECRUITMENT

We have recruited a new class teacher to lead our Early Years setting from September 2017! We are currently finalising the appropriate checks and I will provide you with further details after half term.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

We have had several parents taking their children out of school during term time to go on holiday this year. From May onwards, pupils are often engaged in important end of year assessments and teachers are working hard to gather as much evidence as possible to show that pupils have met expectations or are working beyond this. It is a very important time of year.

We request that all holidays are taken **out of term time**. Parents and families have 175 days, including weekends and holidays to spend time together each year and all schools across the country expect that parents do everything possible to work around this.

Holidays will only be authorised if they meet 'exceptional circumstances' as outlined on the school website and applications must be received at least 6 weeks in advance of the planned holiday. Unauthorised holidays indicate that there is not a valid reason to take pupils on holiday during term time and it does not meet the school's expectations and Local Authority guidance. It is very important that parents ensure that pupils attend school every single day to get the very best out of their primary education. Thank you for your continued support.

DINNER MONEY

Statements have been sent out this week with details of lunch money owed and we would ask that accounts are brought up to date before we return after the half-term break – thank you.

If you experience any problems with the login process for SchoolMoney please do contact the office to resolve these.

FINAL HALF TERM EVENTS

Date	Event
Thursday 8 th June	Quads Kids Athletics
Tuesday 13 th June	Class 4 to Beamish
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening Check
Friday 23 rd June	Y1-Y6 Visit to Durham Cathedral – St Bede, Cuthbert and Aidan
Monday 26 th June	Book Fair Arrives
Tuesday 27 th June	Coffee morning
Friday 30 th June	Trip to Centre for Life, R & Cl2
Tuesday 4 th July	Sports Day
Wednesday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 th July	Race for Life Fundraiser
Monday 10 th – 14 th July	Transition Week – all pupils move into their new year groups
Monday 17 th July, 2pm	Strawberries and Cream Concert
Wednesday 19 th July, 2.15pm	Year 6 Leavers service and Prize Giving
Friday 21 st July, 2.30pm	End of Year Church Service
Break up for Summer!	

Have a wonderful half term break everybody. Get ready for a very busy end of term!

Mr Robson

Christian Value: FRIENDSHIP



A prayer written by Alexandra Knapp, Class 4

Dear Lord

Friendship is like a source of light it only turns on if there is enough happy electricity between you and your friends. Help us to realise how important friendship is, no matter how old, young or far away friends are they will always be there for you. Help us to turn on that light and not be left in the dark. Thank you.

Amen.

Reading: 'A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.'

Proverbs 17.17

St Peter's Church

Morning Prayer 11am

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

After the success of the Football Club we have organised another two sports clubs to commence after half term. The first is Zumba which will be running on a Thursday night 3.30-4.30pm and the second is cricket which will run again from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

SPORTS TROPHIES

Please could all trophies be returned to school as soon as possible after the half term break in time for leavers assembly – thank you.

EAST BARNBY PAYMENTS

Payment may now be made on SchoolMoney for the East Barnby residential. The initial deposit of £40 is due by 31 May. Payments of £50 are then due on 30/6 and 31/7, with a final payment of £45 due on 1/9.

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



To date we have raised nearly £100 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.

CLASS 4: We are thinking about the values we hold dearest in RE and how they lead to the actions we take. In Maths Y6 children will be continuing to investigate statistics and Y5 children will be reasoning about the sides and angles of regular and irregular polygons. In English we will be completing our non-chronological reports about Queen Victoria. Many thanks for the super effort with homework this week, the standard has been very high! Well done everyone!

CLASS 3: This week in Maths we have been working really hard to master fractions. The children have shown good understanding of ordering fractions and counting up and down in tenths and hundredths.

We have started writing letters this week in preparation for the Class 3 coffee morning fund raiser. The children have worked really hard writing letters to local businesses and will be writing to you soon!

Finally, the children have created some super Maya masks in art as part of our 'Maya' topic. These will come home once we have had chance to show them off in school.

CLASS 2: Thank you to those parents who kindly ensured all cardigans and jumpers were identifiable with names. It has helped a lot! The children enjoyed making and

eating chapatis. They had a lot of fun rolling out the mixture and flattening it in the palm of their hand. The children have really enjoyed the Maths problem solving activities this week. After half term, the children will explore the topic of capacity and weight. Have a lovely half term, everyone.

EARLY YEARS:

A very big THANK YOU to all the parents and grandparents who came to our stay and play session on Tuesday afternoon. We had a wonderful time and the children really enjoyed doing activities with you! Please remember to send in your feedback form.

Over the holiday please do some writing/ mark making and a few pictures about what you have been doing. You can use photos if you like.

After the holiday we will be starting our new theme about 'minibeasts' (little creatures).

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Sophie Wright (Y5) Max Ferguson (Y4) Charlie Orr (Y3) Kate Priestley (Y2) Mille Harrison (Y1) Louie Petch (Rec) Sasha Patterson

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

Please could all Active Kids Vouchers be sent to school as soon as possible as Sainsbury's are now no longer issuing them.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 5th JUNE 2017

Mon 5 th June	School re-opens Discoverers
Tues 6 th June	Piano Lessons Woodwind Lessons
Weds 7 th June	Swimming Lessons
Thurs 8 th June	Quads Kids Athletics 9.30-3.00pm Guitar Lessons
Fri 9 th June	Mrs Winter from SFX to visit Yr 6 children Football Club Karate

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 croftprimaryschool.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 Blenkharn.**



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