



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

28th April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Easter break. This week has been a short week for pupils and next week includes a Bank Holiday too. In fact, this is a short half term. It will be half term in only 4 weeks time!

MEET MRS MCMANUS AND MRS BREThERTON!

Mrs McManus and Mrs Bretherton have made a really good start to life in Class 4 and Class 2. There will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's new class teachers on **Friday 5th May**. Mrs McManus and Mrs Bretherton will be available in their classes after school until 4.30pm should any parents wish to pop in and meet them!

AFTER SCHOOL

The weather is changing and it is lovely that our pupils are able to use the school grounds after hours again. As a school, we welcome this as long as we can ensure that pupils remain safe and that school is able to continue without disruption to its educational provision. Our Out of School Club use the playground, play equipment and the field after school for planned activities each evening. Out of School Club staff wait until 4pm before they take the children out and they will lock the gates of the playground until their outdoor activities have finished. Entrance to the school office and the Out of School Club will still be available via the main entrance gate.

We fully welcome the opportunity for families to use the school grounds at appropriate times. However, we request that pupils do not use balls, scooters and bikes on the playground before school and between 3.30pm and 4pm for safety reasons and that they remain visible to their parents.

Many of our children have learned to ride their bikes or improve their basketball skills on a Saturday afternoon or during the school holidays and the grounds are a wonderful resource for the local community. Thank you for your continued support.

SWIMMING GALA

Some of the children from Class 3 and Class 4 took part in a Swimming Gala at Richmond School this week. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part and we finished 9th out of 13 primary schools. Eva Barnett and Charlie Smith were able to showcase their fabulous swimming skills by taking part in a demonstration for all the schools there. Kate Priestly came first in her heat for butterfly and Valentina and Pietro Percovich both came

second in their freestyle races. Jack Maxey stepped out of his comfort zone by trying a butterfly heat and Amy Lillie showed growth mindset by offering to do a stroke she felt she couldn't do. Sophie Wright did really well after stepping in at the last minute. Well done everyone and thank you to our parent supporters at the pool!

Swimming lessons start next week on Wednesday 3rd May – please ensure that all consent forms are returned to school and that the children bring swimming kit.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Would you like to try one of our school lunches? On the week after KS2 SAT tests, we would like to invite parents from each class into school to sample a school lunch with their children. We can cater for up to **10** parents each day. If more parents are interested, we will make arrangements to include further opportunities.

Monday 15th May – Nursery and reception parents

Wednesday 17th May – Class 3 parents

Thursday 18th May – Class 4 parents

Friday 19th May – Class 2 parents

Lunches for parents cost **£2.10**. Further information will be sent out. Please contact the office

KARATE

A new 10 week block of Karate is starting this Friday. Please speak to the office if your child would like a place.

Have a wonderful long weekend everybody and I do hope that the sun shines!

Mr Robson

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

Please could everyone bring back their Lent boxes to school on Tuesday – these can be left at the school office – thank you.

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



To date we have raised nearly £70 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: Year 5 will be problem solving in Maths next week using their knowledge of prime and composite numbers. In English we will be starting a Fantasy Fiction topic, with a focus of fantasy creatures! Year 6 will be using the final week before SATs to revise. Our focus in English will be on the subject and object, how commas change the meaning of sentences and how suffixes

change the meaning of words. In Maths we will be revising the written methods for calculation and revising calculating with fractions and percentages.

All of the children have been absolute superstars this week, I am so proud of their amazingly positive attitude towards SATs and their determination and hard work. I have assured the children that the SATs are for me to worry about and not them. They are an opportunity to show off and I have every confidence that they will. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see me. Thank you for your understanding with changing SATs club to Thursday, this will be the same for next week's final club. Mrs McManus

CLASS 3: This week we have kicked off with our new Maths topic of statistics, with the help of Premier League Primary Stars. Further information will be coming home about this soon ☺. The children have been looking at collecting data and creating graphs, which will open up opportunities for practical activities in the coming weeks.

Our History topic for this half term is Maya Civilization. We have been looking at artefacts left behind by the Mayans and have linked this topic to our writing through our class text, 'Middle World – The Jaguar Stones' by J & P Voelkel.

CLASS 2: I have had a wonderful four days with Class 2, it has been delightful! In Year 2, the children have been consolidating multiplication tables and in Year 1, reinforcing their addition and subtraction concepts. Next week, we start the topic of 'India' which will encompass, Geography, Science, Literacy and Design and Technology. The children will be cooking and dancing as part of this topic. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming weeks.

EARLY YEARS: We have started our Dinosaurs topic by reading Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We have made a story stick with ribbons to support the children visually in the retelling of the story. We have started to research dinosaurs and this will continue next week. In Maths Reception have revisited doubling and started halving amounts. We enjoyed halving the bread for snack. We will continue this as well as sharing problems. For example, share 12 apples between 3 children. Nursery children are comparing sets of objects and looking for numbers. Please support your child by looking for numbers on doors, car registrations, bus numbers, prices, etc.

We welcome a £3 donation towards snack, food and messy play activities. This is for the term. Many thanks.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Jacob Rutter (Y6) Jessica Harrison (Y5) Emily Suffell (Y4) Pietro Percovich (Y3) Elsie Boyd (Y2) Emily Clarke (Y1) Harriet Davis (Rec)

ROTARY CLUB YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION

This year's Rotary Club competition is to produce a photograph based on the theme "A Moment in Time".

Please see the poster on the school noticeboard for more details or ask at the office.

Any entries will be collected from School on the 15th May 2017 - Judging will be on the 23rd May 2017. The gallery will be open from the 27th May to the 10th June 2017 and a Prize-Celebration Evening will be held on 6th June 2017.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2017

We are now collecting Active Kids Vouchers in school and would be grateful if you could send these into the office – the collection box is located by reception.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 1st MAY 2017

Mon 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 2 nd May	Y2 SATs Club Piano lessons Woodwind Lessons Swimming Lessons
Weds 3 rd May	
Thurs 4 th May	Guitar Lessons Y6 SATs Club
Fri 5 th May	Football Club Karate

Future Inter-School Competitions

Mini Tennis	Wednesday 10 th May
Athletics Competition	Wednesday 7 th June

CHRISTIAN VALUE **Forgiveness**

St Peter's Church NO SERVICE

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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