



**CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Achievement for Everyone

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Thank you so much to those who attended this term's information evening for parents on Monday evening. Feedback was very positive. The presentation will be available on the school website very soon. The next parent information evening will be about **Online Safety** and will take place early in the New Year.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING / COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

This morning it was fantastic to see so many families at our celebration worship. It really is lovely to share this experience with parents every half term. If you haven't been to one yet, please aim to get to one soon! There is one opportunity per half term. Keep an eye out for the next one! Thank you to Miss Wilford and her team of helpers for organising a wonderful Macmillan Coffee morning. There are plenty of cakes left and still opportunities to win prizes – please pop in after school. We will let you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter! Thank you for your support.

**LUNCH TIMES**

Children have been working really hard this week to show good table manners, use their knives and forks in the lunch hall and make a good effort to eat more of their food. We had a fantastic day on Monday where over half of pupils (52) finished everything on their plates! Each day a star of the day is selected and pupils can earn additional playtime for trying hard with this! It seems to be having a very positive impact so far.

**VILLAGE SEEDS PROJECT 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE**

The Village Seeds Project are having a five year anniversary celebration and thanksgiving service at **St Peters Church** in Croft on **Sunday 30th September at 4pm**. Kath Jones does so much for our school including leading worship, discoverers group and Christian value lessons in class. All of the schools that Kath visits will be involved in some way. Children from Croft will be singing and reading prayers of thanks. ***It would be wonderful to see as many people from our school as possible there to celebrate.*** Please could you let Mrs Banks in the office know if you will be able to attend the service so we can begin to prepare with the children. If you would like to know more information about The Village Seeds Project, please visit <http://www.dacym.co.uk/village-seeds-project/>.

**GIN AND CHEESE FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. 6pm – 8pm**

Please come along with your family and friends to enjoy Mason's Gin and Shepherd's Purse Cheeses. Tickets £10 to include 3 gin tastings (or 2 alternative drinks) and cheese sampling. There will be a produce stall, raffle, refreshments and licensed bar. Children under 16 free and there will be activities for young children. All proceeds towards the toilet/kitchen facilities. Tickets from church members or telephone 01325720589.

**ST PETER'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Please come along to the service at 11.00am. Children from school will be asked to sing and read prayers. Our school Harvest Festival will take place the following Thursday.

**KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Date	Time	Event
<b>Autumn Term – First Half</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	9.00-11.30am	Tempest Photographer Family Photographs
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.45-10.15am	Road Safety Assembly for pupils
9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	afternoon	'Robin Hood' performance for whole school.
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00-3.30pm	World Mental Health Day

15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations 1
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2.30-3.30	School Harvest Festival
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	9.00-12.30pm	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Generosity
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm+	School Closes for Half term Holidays
<b>Autumn Term – Second Half</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am+	School re-opens
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00-10.15am	Remembrance Service and Community Celebration Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00-3.30pm	Children in Need Day
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-3.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00-1.15pm	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30-11.00am	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Compassion
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	3.30pm+	School Closes for Christmas Holidays

**FLU VACCINE**

All children in Reception to Year 5 been given an NHS letter in respect of the flu vaccine which will be given in school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please follow the instructions on the letter to give consent if you wish your child to receive the vaccine. The link to the consent page is [www.hdff.nhs.uk/flu-consent](http://www.hdff.nhs.uk/flu-consent) and the school code is HG394. **The deadline for giving consent is 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Our school photographer will be in school Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October taking individual and family photographs. Pre-school age children who would like to be photographed with their older brothers/sisters may come in to school from 8.30am that morning.

**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

I would like to say a huge "Thank You" for all the donations of cakes and raffle prizes, and to everyone who attended and supported the Macmillan coffee morning. Thank you also to our local businesses who donated some fabulous gifts. We will let you know what we have raised next week! Next week in OOSC we will be concentrating on our autumn displays including paper craft owls, a badger collage, pom pom bats, furry spiders and prickly hedgehogs. I would also like to thank Mrs Ellis for the owl pellets she collected for us, the children really enjoyed dissecting them and identifying all the little bones they contained. The October half term programme is now out and we hope you agree that the holidays are again packed with lots of great activities, especially our trip to Adventure Valley near Durham, this is a great venue with indoor and outdoor play areas, animal petting areas, loads of Halloween fun and each child will receive a pumpkin.  
Kerry

**FOREST SCHOOLS UPDATE**

Last Wednesday we had a visitor from the Woodland Trust who gave the children an insight into the work of the Woodland Trust and how planting and caring for trees contributes to caring for the environment. Children from Class 4 spent a fun afternoon in our Forest School area collecting and identifying leaves. They also decorated the trees with clay, making clay faces with the natural resources. The school received 2 points towards our Green Tree School award from our assembly, and listened to a story called "The Man who Planted Trees" by Jean Giono. It shows how one person's actions can make a huge difference both to the environment and to other people.

Have a great weekend everybody! I hope this lovely weather continues. ☺

Mr Robson

**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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018**

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Discoverers
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Photographer in School from 8.30am Piano Lessons
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Guitar Lessons
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Road Safety Assembly Y3/Y4 Boys Football

**Christian Value – Generosity**



**Church Service** 4pm Village Seeds Project Anniversary Celebration Service, St Peter's Church, Croft

**CLASS 4:** Another wonderful week in Class 4. We have been learning about multiples and applying mental maths strategies to more challenging problems. In English, we have started writing a story based upon a soldier's time in the trenches during The Great War. In Science, we have been learning about the functions of the different parts of the circulatory system and even walked around a giant heart on the playground to reinforce our understanding.

**CLASS 3:** Another busy week in class three. We have been continuing using inverted commas in our story writing. We have also been working on editing and redrafting work using writing conferences to think of ways to improve. In maths we have been learning about rounding to 10 and 100. We learnt a great rhyme to help us remember. In science we have been making our own skeletons. Next week we are going to learn about the scientific names for each of the bones.

**CLASS 2:** This week in maths we have been looking at sorting and grouping objects and recognising numbers up to 100. We will begin looking at addition and subtraction next week. We have been looking at nouns, verbs and adjectives to prepare the children for writing extended pieces. They have worked hard to understand the different concepts. We

have been busy preparing for our first class collective worship this week. We have been looking at the story of Zaccheus and the tax collector. The children were very nervous but did an amazing job. Next week we will be focusing on preparation for writing and creating some wonderful war art.

**EARLY YEARS.**

The children have really enjoyed cutting and writing out birthday wish lists this week. Next week we will be moving onto a new theme 'farms and healthy eating' this has stemmed from the children's interest in farms. Please see the 'what we are learning' sheet for more information on this. In maths we will be continuing to focus on counting and confidently recognising numbers 1-10. We have now moved our observations completely on to tapestry and will no longer have paper learning journeys, so expect to see a lot more on there! The children will continue to have maths and writing books to prepare them for continuing through the school. Please come and chat to us if you have any questions about this. Also, please add any achievements at home too.; we really like seeing these and they help us in assessing your child.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS** (Y6)Scarlett Farrow (Y5)Natasha Thornton (Y4) Florence Howe (Y3) Emily Clarke (Y2) Ava Bainbridge (Y1) Max Dobby (Rec) Max Akers

**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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