



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

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Dear Parents/Carers**

**EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES**

Thank you so much to Madame Vardy for leading a wonderful day celebrating the European Day of Languages earlier this week. Pupils particularly enjoyed learning German! So, 'Frau Vardy' will teach more German in the future. Ausgezeichnet!

**PARENT CURRICULUM EVENT**

Thank you to parents who attended Monday night's Curriculum Event. Presentations will be available on the school website from today. Feedback was very positive and there were some great discussions as a result of the event. Some parents have requested that we work even more to support parents to remain up to date with issues relating to online safety.

**Question: Do you know enough about the apps and games that your children are using?**

Parents often feel that pupils know more about the devices, games and apps that they are using than parents. This can make monitoring their use very difficult. Over the coming weeks I will provide parents with links to support parents in relation to apps and games that pupils are playing. This week's app is Musical.ly.



Click here to find out how to keep your child safe!

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/Documents/2/Thinkuknow%20Parents%27%20Guide%20to%20Musical.ly.pdf>



Click the following link for general resources for parents!

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/resources-parents>

In addition, if you would like to take part in a short online safety training session for parents, please contact Mrs Dent and she will email you a link to online training that we have purchased for parents.

**COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

Thank you to families who attended today's Celebration Worship in school. We will hold at least one opportunity for families to come and join us each half term as well as a chance to see our pupil-led worships and our Christian Value worship in

Church on the final Thursday of each half term. We do hope that you enjoyed it!

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



Thank you to all those who contributed to today's Macmillan Coffee morning. So far we have raised a fantastic £280 !!

**Harvest Festival:** Please join us at St Peter's Church on 8<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00am for Harvest service. Our Harvest Festival in school will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm. The money from selling the fresh produce, crumble, bread and soup this year will go to **Wonder Years Centre of Excellence** in Gambia and the donated tinned/packet produce will be taken to the Kings Church Food Bank in Darlington – donations of food into school would be welcomed. Please would you let the office know if you are able to attend the church service.

**CLASS 3**

Unfortunately Mrs Prudhoe has not been in school this week and will not be in school again next week. Miss Jones will teach the class again next week from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Lancaster will be in school for the remainder of the week as normal. Mrs Halliday, the class' Advanced Teaching Assistant, will be in school for the whole week. Some parents have requested the Class 3 teaching timetable so that parents and pupils know exactly what is being taught and when. This will be emailed out to Class 3 parents by Monday. If parents have any questions please speak to Miss Jones, Mrs Halliday or Mrs Lancaster or if you would prefer to speak to me I am available through the usual channels. Thank you for your support.

**SIAMS INSPECTION AND DIOCESAN REVIEW**

As you are aware, we will be having our SIAMS inspection this term. On Thursday afternoon next week, we are being visited by our Diocesan Adviser and the Deputy Director where they will conduct a short review of our readiness for our inspection. They will wish to speak to pupils, staff, governors and parents. If you available next Thursday afternoon and would be willing to speak to them, please let Mrs Dent know at the office. Thank you for your continued support.

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**



Again, please can I make parents and carers aware that we have a growing **collection of books** for pupils and families to use to support social and emotional well-being. These books are stored in the large group room by the entrance to school and parents can borrow them if they wish. There are also leaflets with links to external services. Please speak to Mrs Halliday or myself if you would like any information or simply pop in and have a look!

***As ever, I am available each morning on the school yard to chat or if you would like to make an appointment, please speak to Mrs Dent/Mrs Banks at the school office. Thank you for your continued support.***

Mr Robson

### GOVERNORS

Welcome back. I hope everyone is getting settled into the new academic year.

If you were able to attend the information evening this week you will have heard about the exciting activities in the year ahead.

We have had our first full Governing Body meeting of the year and have appointed governors to various roles and responsibilities.

For your information the Governors are:

Alison Russell (Co-opted Governor) Chair of Governors  
Georgie Sale (Associate Governor) Co-Chair  
Michelle Patterson (Parent Governor) Vice Chair Resources  
Denise Wilson Bainbridge (Parent Governor) Vice Chair School Improvement,  
Viv Waugh (Foundation Governor) Church School distinctiveness  
Kath Jones (Associate Governor) Church School distinctiveness  
Paul Knapp (Parent Governor) PSHE  
Derek Blenkharn (Co-opted Governor) Designated Governor for Safeguarding, Health & Safety and PE.  
Simon Robson as Head Teacher and Gemma McManus (Staff Governor).

All governors have additional roles in monitoring the School Improvement Plan.

There is lots of information about the Governing Body on the school website [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org)

### Parent Governor Election

You will soon be receiving a letter about the election of a parent governor.

If you are interested please collect a nomination paper from the school office or ask them to e mail it to you.

If you would like to have a chat about the role and what is involved I am more than happy to talk to you - please just let the school office know or email me directly on [cofg@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:cofg@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk).

### MAT update

The consultation for parents, staff and the community closed on the 8th September. The responses are now being collated and will be published on the school website as soon as it is ready. We will let you know when it is available.

### NETBALL TEAM

If there are any parent helpers who are available to help out with coaching our netball team weekly, one lunchtime break, please speak to Mrs Carbert or call into the office – thank you.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children.

### EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 2nd October 2017

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Individual School Photographs  
Early Years Stay & Play  
Piano lessons

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> October

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> October

Guitar Lessons

Y3/Y4 Boys Football Richmond School

Karate

### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Y3/Y4 Football

Parent Governors Election

### OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

From the beginning of this term Out of School Club sessions attended will be recorded on School Money and we would ask that parents make payment for any sessions attended **since 1<sup>st</sup> September** via School Money. Sessions attended for the previous week will show on SchoolMoney on a Monday. Anyone who needs help logging in to School Money should contact Mrs Banks in the office – thank you.

**Please pay any invoices for sessions up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 by cash or cheque – thank you.**

### KARATE

There are still some karate places available – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

### LOCAL SPORT

Darlington Spraire Lads and Lasses have been selected by the FA to promote girls football. This is an initiative to get girls from 5 to 12 to start playing the sport in a FUN manner. The club is named the SSE Queen Elizabeth Spraire Lasses Wildcats. The sessions are held at the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College playing fields on Tuesdays 4.30 to 5.30 pm. The Coaches are Dave Scott, Lauren Kent, Ella Brewster and Laura Summers.

All the girl coaches play for their QE College team and Spraire Lasses.

Although the sessions are football based there are opportunities to have FUN games.

If interested ring Dave Scott on 01325 253581 mobile 07906 071481 email [djscott251@ntlworld.com](mailto:djscott251@ntlworld.com)

### SHOE BOX APPEAL



We have been asked by Samaritan's Purse if we would take part again in their Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. This involves filling a covered shoebox with items suitable for items that would go into a box, the school will be acting as a collection point. We would also appreciate empty shoe boxes which we can make up in school. Please mark your box with the sex and age of the child it is suitable for and send it/them into school by early November.

### FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL

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charity for schools



If you haven't already taken a look at our School Angel site please do!

<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.

To date we have raised over £100 for school simply by people shopping through our page so please consider using it for shopping or booking holidays!

#### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The next confirmation course for pupils who will be in Year 6 from September will begin in September 2017 and will be led by David Lewis and Revd Jenni Lane. The confirmation service is booked for 18th March 2018 at 6.30pm. The course runs for 10 sessions and is held every other week with a longer break over Christmas.

If anyone would like to join us, or to ask a question, please call Jenni on 01325 377918 for further details.

#### **Christian value – Thankfulness**



Dear God, thank you for families, friends, clothes, food, water, siblings, hospitals, schools, dinner ladies and everything else in the world because not everyone has what we have. Amen

#### **Anya Shearn – Class 3**

#### **The Big Weekly Question**



When things go wrong, do you complain and blame others or do you stay positive and thankful for the good things (the blessings) in your life?

#### **St Peter's Church      Holy Communion 8am**

**CLASS 4:** Class 4 have started to write some very persuasive texts this week to encourage other children to visit East Barnby. We will be completing them next week and typing them up to create a booklet. Please come in and see our wonderful display in the large group room. We will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction involving reasoning and problem solving in Maths. We will be polishing our class worship next week in preparation for Thursday; we hope you liked your personalised scroll invitations and we look forward to seeing you all at 3pm on Thursday. As part of our art and topic work, the children will be creating life sized sculptures of soliders in the Christmas Truce on Friday. PE this week will be indoors.

The children will also start to felt some poppies this week. Please can all children bring in a hand towel and a plastic bag as it will get wet with water and washing up liquid. Also please

advise Mrs McManus of any sensitivities to washing up liquid and non-latex gloves. Thank you!

**CLASS 3:** Class 3 have had a super week this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed working with Miss Jones and have written some super diary entries in the role of a character from our class text. They will continue to improve them next week for their final draft. In Maths the children have worked extremely hard to grasp the concept of rounding and reading Roman Numerals this week. We will be working on our mental methods and written calculations for addition and subtraction next week.

**CLASS 2:** What a super week in class 2. The children took part in their first Christian Value worship this week (The Thankful Coat). All of the children did a great job.

Our welly walk was a success and we collected some fantastic autumn leaves for the display in class. We have also created a pictogram to show what we found.

Next week we will be looking at adding and subtracting in multiples of ten in Maths and writing war time poetry through our senses in English. The new class text we will be looking at is 'where the poppies now grow' by Hilary Robinson and Martin Impey.

#### **EARLY YEARS:**

The children in early years have had a very busy week this week. On Monday Mrs Vardy came into class and taught us some French. The children really enjoyed this and enjoyed the croissants for snack even more! They have also been very busy acting as police officers and solving mysteries that have happened in the classroom. We are really looking forward to a visit from a police dog today. I hope all parents' are now up and running on Tapestry. Please let me know if you need any further assistance with this. I look forward to seeing parents and other family members at the Stay and Play session on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children will be selling homemade cakes to raise money for new reading scheme books.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:** (Y6) Janey Hindmarch (Y5) George Kipling (Y4) Anya Shearn (Y3) Leanna Honeyman (Y2) Ifedayo Orukotan (Y1) Poppy Harrison (Rec) Isabella Hutchinson

#### **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](http://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 and Online Safety Leader: **Mr Robson**

Deputy Designated Senior Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford**.

The nominated safeguarding governor is **Mr Blenkharn**.



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. If you would like to share your views online, please click the following link to register. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>. Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to visit our website at [www.croftprimaryschool.org](http://www.croftprimaryschool.org) and our Twitter account @croftcofe!