



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

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

Only 3 weeks until the Christmas break. I hope you have a lovely weekend making your first preparations!

**ADVENT EUCHARIST SERVICE AT CROFT SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm**

Please come and join us for our Advent Eucharist service, which will be led by Rev. Jenni Lane on Tuesday afternoon. All are welcome!

**CANDLE SERVICE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm**

Although Class 3 lead the service, it would be wonderful to have as many children join them as possible to help boost the singing from all classes. It is such a lovely service, please do all you can to attend!

**ASSESSMENT WEEK**

Next week pupils will be completing their PUMA (Maths), PIRA (Reading) and GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) tests to assess how children are getting on with work in their new year groups. The children have worked really hard this term. It will be a good chance for them to see how much progress they have made so far.

**FAMILY LUNCH**

We look forward to welcoming families to our Family Lunch week from Monday. We do hope you enjoy your lunch experience! Please arrive just before 12 noon. If your child is normally on packed lunch but is having a school meal as part of Family Lunch week it would be a help to the kitchen if you would add their meal choices for that day on School Money – thank you.

**SEWING IN CLASS 3**

Thank you to the family members who came into school on Wednesday afternoon to do sewing with our Class 3 pupils. Everybody had a fantastic time. We will be trying to provide more opportunities for pupils to share their learning with parents and family members in the future!

**KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY**

| Date                                  | Time                               | Event  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 12.00-12.30pm                      | Family Lunch Week                              |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec                   | KS1 5-6.15pm                       | Friends Disco                                  |
|                                       | KS2 6.30-7.45pm                    | Friends Disco                                  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec                   | 4pm                                | Candle Service                                 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec                  | 2.30-4.00pm                        | Christmas enterprise Event                     |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec                  | 6pm                                | Nativity on the Farm                           |
| 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           |
| <b>Spring Term</b>                    |                                    |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan                   | Staff Professional Development Day |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan                   | <b>PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>     |  |

**Have a great weekend everybody!**  
**Mr Robson**

**SCHOOL MONEY**

Today is the deadline for ordering lunches on School Money for the last 3 weeks of term. Please complete choices as soon as possible if you haven't already – thank you.

School Christmas lunch is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – children who normally have a packed lunch and would like Christmas lunch that day should have returned their slips to school by today.



**Write a poem about nature or your local environment.**

Thank you so much to everyone who has handed in their competition entries.

The closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> December it isn't too late if you would like to enter too.

You can choose to rhyme or not rhyme, write your poem out like a shape or simply line by line. There's no right or wrong, it's entirely up to you!

**CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - SCHOOL ANGEL**

Don't forget to use School Angel for all your online Christmas Shopping. We have raised over £500 for computer equipment so far using the School Angel website. Simply go to School Angel and find Croft School then click on the shop you require (some of which are listed below) and order as normal – a donation from the online store then goes to school. Please tell your friends and family! <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>



**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

We have had great fun this week making lots of penguin themed things - next week we look forward to even more Christmas activities and continue to prepare for the Enterprise Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We would be very grateful for donations of prizes for the OOSC children's tombola – thank you.

**FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL**

Just one week to go until the school disco!! Thank you so much to those people who have offered to help. However, we URGENTLY need more volunteers in order to be able to offer all of the activities planned. PLEASE if anyone (mums/dads/granddads/aunts/uncles) can spare a couple of hours to help it would be really, really appreciated. Please return all money and tickets orders to the office ASAP so we can plan numbers. We also still need more white lights and extension cables (on loan and will be returned to you on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>).

Any questions please just ask!

**ST PETER'S CHURCH WITH CROFT CHRISTMAS TREES NATIVITY**

There will be a Nativity on the Farm at Grange Farm, Croft Christmas Trees on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. There will be a prize for the best-dressed child – we look forward to welcoming lots of shepherds, kings and angels! Refreshments will be available too.

## **CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

This year's School Disco run by Friends of Croft School will be held on FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER!!



## **SCHOOL E-MAIL ADDRESS**

Our school e-mail addresses have recently changed – if you wish to contact the school by e-mail please now use the following address – thank you.

[admin@croft.dalesmat.org](mailto:admin@croft.dalesmat.org)

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

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| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> December   | NO Discoverers  |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> December  | Eucharist 2.45pm<br>Piano Lessons                       |
| Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> December  |   |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> December | Linden Court Carol Singing Class 4<br>Guitar Lessons    |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | Friends Disco<br>EYFS & KS1 5-6.15pm<br>KS2 6.30-7.45pm |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> December   | Candle Service 4pm                                      |

## **Christian Value – Compassion**

*'He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.'*  
Psalm147:3

**Church Service** St Peter's Church Croft, 8am Holy Communion

**CLASS 4:** This week we have been calculating the area of rectangles, triangles and compound shapes in maths. Meanwhile, in English, we have written short stories building suspense and tension. In addition to this, we have all been working hard to rehearse for our much anticipated Christmas production. PE was fun and frenetic, with circuit training and bench ball.

## **CLASS 3:**

This week in English we have been doing some drama work. Our topic is an argument between a brother and sister - a great topic to get the children's imagination flowing. In maths we have been using different methods to divide numbers. These have kept us on our toes and made us really think! Our science has been all about planning a scientific enquiry. Next week we will be carrying out our plans. This will involve eggs, coke, milk and orange juice! All part of our topic on teeth. On Wednesday the children had the chance to learn some sewing skills. We are so thankful for all the help we received. The children really enjoyed it and are very proud of their beautiful finished purses.

**CLASS 2:** This week we have been looking at The Polar Express a little more, exploring the text in greater detail. The outcome of our work, was that would all would write to Santa and use this as an opportunity to write for purpose. We up levelled our writing to ensure that it was perfect and ready for Santa. I have to say, the letters are up to now, fantastic and by far the funniest letters I have ever read. I am proud of the children for their efforts and for their selflessness. Mums, Dads and siblings were well thought of also. We have come to the end of our topic on money in Maths

and will be looking at multiplication and division for the next two weeks. Scripts for the Christmas performance will be home tonight. Please practise as much as you can. Thank you in advance for the support. Have a great weekend!

## **EARLY YEARS:**

This week the children have really enjoyed learning all about firefighters. Next week we will be looking at the nativity story. The Reception children are very excited about our trip to the panto on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. We really need **3 parent volunteers** to come and help. Please come and speak to me if you would be able to accompany us on the day. On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December we will be having a stay and play session from 9:10-10:30am. This will start with a short singing performance in the hall where we will tell the nativity story followed by festive activities in the classroom. **All foundation children are also part of the Foundation and KS1 performances on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December.** Reception children had a letter sent home yesterday informing you about their part in the **Foundation and KS1** Christmas performance. Nursery children will be singing and can come in their normal clothes that day.

## **HEADTEACHER AWARDS**

(Y6) Lily Janes (Y5) Alex Preston (Y4) Leo Wrightson (Y3) Will Preston (Y2) Josh Ellis (Y1) Hannah Clarke (R) 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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