



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

30th September 2016

**Dear Parents and Carers**

It's been a very busy week!

**European Day of Languages**

Thank you to Madame Vardy for organising such fantastic activities to celebrate European Day of Languages! The children thoroughly enjoyed the day, learning a great deal about other cultures and languages. We look forward to celebrating European Day of Languages again next year!

**Nursery News**

From January 2016 we will be opening our Nursery every day. Morning, afternoon and full day sessions will be offered Monday to Friday. Children are eligible for 15 hours free nursery education from the term following their third birthday. Please contact Mrs Dent at school on 01325 720528 to have a look around and meet the staff in our lovely Early Years setting.

**Parental Consultations**

Parental Consultations will be held **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** and **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** between 3.45 and 6.00pm. On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** consultation timetables will be displayed at the pupil entrances for parents/carers to choose their preferred times.

**Uniform**

Thank you to parents for support with uniform so far this year! The children look brilliant. Please can I remind parents/carers that **socks should be white, black or grey** and that pupils must **bring a coat, jacket or waterproof to school every day** as the weather can change very quickly. Thank you for your continued support.

**Peter Barron**

Former editor of the Northern Echo, Peter Barron, will be coming into school on Monday morning to work with our KS2 children. Pupils will be developing their creative writing skills and writing newspaper reports! ☺

**Information Event**

The presentations from our Class 2, 3 and 4 information events last week are now on the school website. Please click news and events.

**Lunch and After School Clubs**

Obviously, we have our continuous Out of School Club Provision from 8.00-8.50am and 3.30pm-6.00pm every day. We also offer a range of clubs during lunch times and after school:

Day	Lunch	After School
Mon	Fitness Club (Mr Layfield) Recorder Club (Mrs Schmidt)	Discoverers Club 3.30-4.30pm (Mrs Jones - fortnightly)
Tues	KS2 Football Club (Mr Fisher)	Glee Club 3.30-4.30pm (Miss Rogan)
Wed		
Thurs	Recorder Club (Mrs Schmidt)	
Fri		Karate Club 3.30-4.30pm (Mr Greaves)

*If you would like more information about after school clubs, please see Mrs Dent in the office.*

Have a wonderful weekend everybody. ☺

**Mr Robson**

**CLASS 4:**

The children have really enjoyed making their cauliflower cards with Mrs Schmidt this week ready to be sent away after half term – they're lovely! The children will be completing their place value topic in Maths next week, as well as rounding off their classic fiction topic with a hot write in English.

**CLASS 3:**

The children have been looking at using powerful verbs this week in English and have implemented this into their writing of instructions. We have been practising methods of addition and subtraction in Maths and will be continuing this into next week. The children have worked hard in topic this week also, recreating dwellings from the Stone Age.

**CLASS 2:**

We had a great time on our visit to Flamingo Land Zoo yesterday and found out lots of interesting facts. Many thanks to all of the parents and grandparents for all of your help, we couldn't do it without you. Next week we will be continuing to look at information texts and how they are different from story books. We are continuing to look at the place value of digits and number names in Maths.

**EARLY YEARS:**

Next week we will be learning about harvest and 'Autumn'. If you are out and about this weekend please could you collect any leaves, conkers, etc that you find on the ground and send them into school next week. We can add them to our Autumn table for the children to observe, draw and discuss. We will be learning some seasonal songs and rhymes too. Please send in any rhymes or stories you have at home linked to the week's theme. Many thanks for your support.

**HEADTEACHER AWARDS:**

**Vinny Patterson (Y6), Sophia Kennedy (Y5), Lucy Mulcrone (Y4), Kate Priestly (Y3), Leo Wrightson (Y2), Hugo Davies (Y1), Harriet Davis (Rec)**

**EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Visit by Peter Barron to talk to Y3 – Y6 children
Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photos Glee Club Piano lessons Flute lessons Class 4 visit to Crucial Crew
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Violin lessons
Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Guitar lessons
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Karate

**LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Cl 4 trip to Crucial Crew

**INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS**

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October from 8.30 am. Anyone who has younger children and would like their photo taken individually or with older brothers or sisters should arrive at school for 8.30 am.

### **CROFT OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**

**October half term holidays Special Offer! Full day £20 or half day £10. All children are welcome.**

The Club will open from 8am to 6pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. A flexible half day will be offered too (10am to 3pm). Kerry and Emma are working on a fun packed activity programme now, which will include sports sessions with professional coaches every day. Please book early. Tel: 01325 722615 for more details or to request an activity programme.

**CHRISTIAN VALUE:** Generosity

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

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Harvest Festival in school 11<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Festival in Church 9<sup>th</sup> October

### **Class Worship - Generosity**



**Matthew Thornton – Class 4 “You don’t have to give a lot. Something small, like a smile, can be a big impact on someone.”**

**Reading: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16**

### **FLU VACCINATIONS YEARS 1, 2 AND 3**

The school nurse will be visiting school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to administer a free flu vaccine to the children in Years 1, 2 and 3. The vaccine is given to the children as a nasal spray and is a painless procedure. Protecting your child can help to prevent the spread of this potentially serious illness – more information can be found at [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu). If you would like your child to receive this vaccine please complete the consent form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

### **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 children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, soap etc. If you would like to send a filled box or have 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.

**IF ANYONE HAS A FILLED BOX THESE CAN NOW BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

### **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.

Don't forget to visit our website at [croftprimaryschool.org](http://croftprimaryschool.org)