



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

31st March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

CLASS 3 CHRISTIAN VALUE WORSHIP

Thank you to all of the families who attended this week's Class 3 Christian Value Worship around 'FORGIVENESS'. Your feedback was really useful. Thank you for taking the time to do this – it is really important to us. Class 4's worship will take place after the Easter break!

EARLY YEARS

I am very pleased to announce that **Mrs Prudhoe** intends to return to work after the Easter holidays. Mrs Prudhoe has now made a full recovery from the problems that she has had with her back and will take over from Miss Derbyshire in a full-time capacity immediately after the Easter break.

I must take this opportunity to thank Miss Derbyshire for her commitment to the children of Croft School over the past few weeks. She has provided excellent continuity for our children and we will miss her when she moves on from her temporary role.

I must also thank **Miss Derbyshire and Mrs Little, Mrs Hinley and Mrs Robinson**, for organising such a successful 'Easter Stay and Play' event yesterday. The children had a wonderful time and feedback from families was fantastic. It seems that the adults had an amazing time too!

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 to parents after the Easter break!

TAG RUGBY

Well done to the pupils in Year 6 who competed in the inter-schools tag rugby tournament this week.

'Unfortunately, we did not win any matches but we tried really hard and we enjoyed it!' Luke Millar (Year 6)

What more can I say! Well done and thank you to staff and any parents who supported the event.

Y3 FRENCH WORKSHOP

Thank you to Madam Vardy for leading pupils from Croft, Great Smeaton, Appleton Wiske and South Otterington in a French workshop yesterday in school. Pupils had a fantastic time collaborating with from other

small village schools. I believe that Madam Vardy spoke in French the whole time!

KARATE

A new 10 week block of Karate will be starting on the first Friday after the Easter Break. Please speak to the office if your child would like a place.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

Thank you to Mrs Waugh for leading a beautiful Mothering Sunday Service last weekend. Pupils who read poems and prayers touched the hearts of all who attended. Thank you to parents and to staff who took time out of their weekend to attend.

EASTER

As we build up to Easter, Mrs Brown will be leading the children through the Easter Story in a short collective worship each morning. Pupils will also be given the chance to take part in Easter related activities - some of which they may bring home! On Thursday, we will again be in St Peter's Church for this half term's Christian Value Worship led by Mrs Waugh. The service will begin at 9.15am. All are welcome!

We will finish the term as usual with our Easter Service in Church. The service will begin at **2.30pm**. Parents of pupils who are unable to attend the service can be collected from school at the usual time.

Have a brilliant weekend everybody. Only one week left until a well-deserved break!

Mr Robson

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.

Growth Mindset Information Evening for Parents

We will be holding a Growth Mindset information evening for parents on Monday 3rd April from 5.30 – 7pm. The children from years 1 to 6 have spent this half term learning about Growth Mindset and how it can help when facing a challenge, both in and out of school. You should have received your invitation from the children this week. We are very lucky to have Chris Jones, a Growth Mindset expert, coming to speak at the event. Chris has worked with staff and had a really positive impact here in school. We also have a Growth Mindset pupil team who will be speaking about their experiences and what they have learnt. This event will be a celebration of the work the children have produced across the half term and we look forward to seeing you there.

Easter Fair

Following the success of the Christmas Fair we will be holding an Easter Fair with an Art and Enterprise theme on Wednesday 5th April from 2.30-4.30pm. Children from across the school will be taking part in Art activities based on the work of Catherine Rayner.

As you know children are making items to sell at the Fair. We have been asked by parents who will not be able to attend, if it would be possible to purchase their child's craft item before the fair, or for it to be kept until parents arrive at home time. That is absolutely fine – please ask your child's class teacher or telephone Mrs Dent in the office.

We will be making a few extras too. Any donations for the cake stall and raffle would be very welcome.

CLASS 4: Next week, we will complete our lovely Easter art ready for the Easter fair. Year 6 will be revising grammar and punctuation topics in preparation for the SATs after Easter and Year 5 will be writing a biography about Edmund Hillary – the inspirational mountaineer, who showed traits of a growth mind-set.

Book bags will not be needed on Friday next week, spellings and homework will come home on Thursday.

CLASS 3: This week in Class 3 the children have been completing some Maths investigations using different strategies to add and subtract. They have enjoyed leading these investigations and have done a fantastic job in identifying number patterns.

We have put our inference skills to good use this week, using images of Captain Cook's ship the Endeavour. This was a super activity which really engaged the children.

Next week we will be making a start on our Easter activities in preparation for the fair. The children will be working hard to create some Easter treats to sell.

Book bags will not be needed on Friday next week, spellings and homework will come home on Thursday.

Please ensure all children always remember their spelling books.

CLASS 2:

Next week we will be continuing work on multiplication and division in Maths and getting really secure with written methods. In English we will be linking our writing to our Easter Fair activities, such as writing instructions on how to make an Easter garden. The children will do their spelling test on Thursday next week so they will not need their book bags on Friday.

EARLY YEARS: We have had another great week in Early Years. We have continued our topic of growth by reading The Enormous Turnip. We have acted out the story, drawn story maps and produced fantastic written versions of the story. In Maths we have looked at estimating. But the highlight of the week was the stay and play session yesterday afternoon – the children loved showing parents, grandparents and siblings around our indoor and outdoor classroom. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon and want to thank you for your support and for joining in with all the activities we had organised.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Luke Millar (Y6) Janey Hindmarch (Y5) Bea Neale (Y4) Charlie Turnbull (Y3) Elsie Boyd (Y2) Louie Petch (Y1) Antonella Percovich (Rec)

Good News!!

30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

From the beginning of the summer term (25th April 2017), children living in North Yorkshire or those children who were registered in our nursery before 23rd January and live in another authority may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare.

This will be available nationally for all eligible children from 1st September 2017.

If you are interested in accessing the additional free childcare or would like further information about eligibility criteria please contact Mrs Dent in the school office as soon as possible on 01325 720528. **Deadline for on-line applications is 31st March 2017.**

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

Friends of Croft School will be running a second hand uniform and children's clothes stall at the Easter Enterprise Fair- please leave any donations at the school office. We hope that you are still keeping your Lenten promises and filling your boxes!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The Easter Holiday Activity Programme is available and we are now taking bookings. We are still offering the reduced rate of £20 per day and £10 for the flexible half day rate. Simon Carson Sports School will be operating two days of the holidays offering football, cricket, hockey and basketball coaching – this will run from 10am – 12pm and then 1pm – 3pm. We will also open on the training day, Monday 24th April.

We would really appreciate any old paper napkins as we are collecting them to use in a craft activity.

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 3RD APRIL 2017

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| Mon 3 rd April | Discoverers Growth Mindset Parents Evening, 5.30-7.00pm |
| Tues 4 th April | SATs Club Piano lessons |

Weds 5th April Easter Fair 2.30pm
 Thurs 6th April Easter Community Service
 9.15am
 Y3 French Workshop in school.
 Guitar Lessons
 Fri 7th April Easter Service 2.30pm
 NO Karate

PE TIMETABLE

| Class | ACTIVITY |
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| Early Years | Learning to move in different ways and to safely negotiate space. |
| Class 2 | Gymnastics & Dance |
| Class 3 | Dance & Hockey (outdoor kit) |
| Class 4 | Gymnastics & Hockey (outdoor kit) |

Future Inter-School Competitions

Swimming Gala Wednesday 26th April
 Mini Tennis Wednesday 10th May
 Athletics Competition Wednesday 7th June

CHRISTIAN VALUE Forgiveness

St Peter's Church 8am Holy Communion



Alexandra Knapp – “It is important to put the past behind us so we can live happily without the past haunting us.”

Reading: The Lost Son Luke 15:11-32

DALTON ON TEES CRAFT FAIR

A Craft Fair is being held at Dalton Village Hall on Saturday 22nd April, 1-5pm. Entry is 50p per person, children free. There will be a wide range of stalls – for more information or if you would like a stall please contact Beccy Dixon on 01325 498042/07703129776 or email her at beccy260@hotmail.com.

EASTER FUN RUN & GAMES FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

Hurworth Grange Community Centre is holding an Easter Fun Run and Games Day on Friday 14th April to raise funds for the Children's Heart Unit at the Freeman Hospital, Newcastle. Admission for the Fun Run is £1. Other activities on the day include Chocolate Tombola, Name the Bunny, Easter Trail, Easter Bunny Penalty Shoot Out. There will also be tea and cakes available. Please note that all children must be

accompanied by an adult. For more information please contact 07568493020.

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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