



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

4th November 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware, this is the first newsletter that will be sent to parents and carers via email. We hope that this works for you! Obviously, it is costly to print out so many copies each week. We also hope that this change will improve our carbon footprint. If any parents or carers would like a paper copy, there will be a small number of copies held at the school office. Please pop in. The newsletter will also appear on the school notice board every Friday.

Jury Service

I am hopeful that I will not be needed for jury service throughout the whole of next week. However, until I am sent away I do not currently know when this might be. In the meantime, should you wish to speak to a member of staff, Mrs McManus is available to act in my absence. I am maintaining frequent contact with school outside of my actual time in court. Thank you for your continued support.

School Grounds

Over the previous half term we have had some concerns raised by staff and parents regarding the safety of pupils after 3.30pm. Staff have spoken to pupils today and reminded them about safety on the school grounds after school. Please can I remind parents and carers that their child/children should always be in sight and hearing distance of them whilst on the school grounds and to intervene if there are any concerns. **Pupils are not allowed around the rear of school** and should always be playing in a **safe and positive manner**. We have staff on duty at playtimes and lunchtimes to ensure that the rear of the school remains out of bounds and to promote safe play however, we cannot provide this level of support to protect children from any safety issues that may arise after we have handed them over to their parents and carers. Of course, parents and carers are welcome to remain on the school grounds after they have collected their children as it is an opportunity to meet with friends and members of the school community. Please support the school to ensure that pupils are always safe when using the school grounds.

School Lunch Taste Testing

If you would like to come into school to sample school meals, Mrs Breeze will happily prepare some samples for you. Please contact Mrs Dent at the office to arrange a time to come into school. Mrs Breeze will also arrange to have some samples available for parents and carers at future school events.



Macmillan Cancer Coffee and Cake Afternoon

Thank you so much to Mrs Wrightson and her team of volunteers for arranging this event for Macmillan Cancer Support on the Friday before half term. They raised a magnificent £161.15! Thank you to all staff, parents and pupils who contributed – we had some amazing cake entries. The

winners of the bake off were Alexandra Thompson and Emily Suffell – well done.

A date for your diary - The Friends will be holding a school disco on Saturday 10th December. Details to follow.

Have a great weekend
Mr Robson



CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Monday 12 th December	Key Stage 2 Production – 6pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Early Years & Key Stage 1 Production – 10.30am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch in school Key Stage 2 Production 6pm
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 16 th December	Carols Around the Tree

CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please bring your Christmas Card designs and order forms and payment into school by Monday 7th November – thank you.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER IS THE FINAL DAY FOR ALL SHOE BOXES TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL – THANK YOU! ☺



POPPIES

The children are selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. Please send a donation into school if you would like one.

CLASS 4: We will be starting our English topic on recounts next week by looking at a variety of different recounts and analysing their features. In Maths, we will be continuing to look at calculations and formal written methods. We will also begin to rehearse the Christmas play, which the children are very excited about. ☺

CLASS 3: We will be finishing off our English topic on instructions and explanations this week and completing our Out Write. In Maths we will be continuing with multiplication and division and using different methods to work out calculations. We will also be working with class 4 on the Christmas performance.

CLASS 2: We will be beginning our topic on fantasy stories in English. Our focus text will be “The Magic Bed” by John Burningham. In Maths we are looking at addition and subtraction. The children will be given some key maths facts to practise each week. Although they may seem simple the key objective will be fast recall without the use of fingers or counting. Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. As we will be covering dance and gymnastic units the children do not need to bring trainers or outdoor PE kit.

EARLY YEARS:

We have begun our Nursery rhymes theme with Humpty Dumpty. What a great week – egg experiments, making egg sandwiches, making Humpty Dumpty and writing instructions on how to make egg sandwiches as well as beginning to discuss

healthy eating. Wow! Next week is World Nursery Rhyme week. We will be learning "Dr Foster", "It's Raining, It's Pouring" and "Mary Mary". Our activities will link to these rhymes. Please continue to share reading books and library books at home. Thank you. Reception children will be getting new sounds again next week.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS:

Matthew Thornton (Y6), Emily Ford (Y5), Charlotte Shield (Y4), Anya Shearn (Y3), Charlotte Owens (Y2), Louie Petch (Y1), Joshua Ellis (Rec)

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 7th November 2016

Monday, 7 th November	Discoverers
Tuesday, 8 th November	Glee Club Piano lessons Flute lesson
Wednesday, 9 th November	Violin lessons
Thursday, 10 th November	Guitar lessons
Friday, 11 th November	Karate

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

None.

CHRISTIAN VALUE: Trust

St Peter's Church Holy Communion 8am

Class Worship - Trust



Jack Norris Class 4 - "If you had an allergic reaction to something, you need to trust that people will help you. For example, administering an EpiPen."

Reading: "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

FLU VACCINATIONS YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

The school nurse will be visiting school on Friday 18th 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. 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.

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.

Don't forget to visit our website at croftprimaryschool.org