



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

6th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

DIOCESAN REVIEW:

Yesterday we were visited by our new Diocesan Adviser and the Deputy Director. They conducted a review to support us as we prepare for our forthcoming SIAMS inspection. They found a lot of strengths! They were very complimentary of our support for all children's needs, our links to the Church, relationships at all levels, the behaviour and confidence of our pupils and the rich and vibrant learning environment that we are developing at Croft Church of England School. They left us with some suggestions to take our distinctiveness as a Christian School on further which you will see develop over the coming weeks and months. I must say a huge thank you to Mrs Lancaster and staff for all of their hard work in preparation for the visit. Also, the School Council, Christian Values Team, Discoverers Club and all of the other pupils who spoke to our visitors yesterday. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents who took time out of their day to come and answer questions and support the school and those who wrote to the school too. If any parents have any comments or suggestions, please contact the school.

CLASS 4 COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

There was a fantastic turnout yesterday to Class 4's collective worship around Thankfulness. Our pupils did an excellent job and their retelling of 'The Good Samaritan' was very thought-provoking. As ever, there will be opportunities for parents of pupils in other classes to attend their Christian Value Worship as the term progresses.

£1 COINS

As you are probably aware, the old style pound coins cease to be legal tender from 15th October. As a result of this, from Monday 9th October we will no longer accept the old style coins as payment in school.

SCHOOL MONEY

Please ensure that any money owed for lunches since the start of this term is paid (preferably on School Money) no later than Friday 20th October – thank you. Balances are available by logging on to School Money – the weekly cost of lunches is £10.50 and drinks 80p.

Outstanding balances for O.O.S.C. attendance from 1st September were sent out at the beginning of this week by e-mail and text via our SchoolMoney system. Can we ask that these amounts are paid on SchoolMoney as soon as possible – thank you.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please join us at St Peter's Church on 8th October at 11:00am for Harvest service. Our Harvest Festival in school will take place on Thursday 12th 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.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer was in this week and the children were sent home with the proofs and order forms. Could we ask that orders are received in the office no later than 20th October please – thank you.

ONLINE SAFETY



Do you know enough about youtube? Do you know what your child is watching on youtube? Do you know about privacy settings? Click the following link to find out more...

<https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=6&ved=0ahUKewjMu4DytdvWAhWjBBAKHefKCLoQFghBMAU&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.thinkuknow.co.uk%2FDocuments%2FThinkUKnow%2FParents%2FH2%2520guides%2F21%2FYouTube%2520Parents%2527%2520Guide.pdf%3Fepslanguage%3Den-GB&usq=AOvVaw1adlWihAtCdyR7khjHtzNY>

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING



Don't forget, 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. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Mr Robson

MAT UPDATE

Please note that the Academy Consultation outcome documents are now available to view on the Website.

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Our October holiday programme is now out and we are taking bookings.

Our after school sports sessions have been hugely popular and these will be continuing after the half term.

New forms will be available next week and will be handed out to all the children.

We are still outstanding a few children's sports money – please will you hand this into the school office or to O.O.S.C. as soon as possible. Just to remind parents it is only £1 per session per child. Many thanks.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

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.

Alison Russell

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.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 9th October 2017

Mon 9 th October	Discoverers Y1 Audio Screening
Tues 10 th October	Piano lessons
Weds 11 th October	Y5/Y6 High 5 Netball Richmond School 1-4pm
Thurs 12 th October	Harvest Festival in School, 2.30pm followed by produce sale. Guitar Lessons
Fri 13 th October	Y5/Y6 Girls Football Richmond School – 1-4pm Karate

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Y5/Y6 Girls Football

Y5/Y6 High 5 Netball

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

FUNDRAISING – SCHOOL ANGEL



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

St Peter's Church Harvest Festival 11am

The Big Weekly Question



How can you be thankful for the challenges that you've experienced? What did you learn from them?

CLASS 4: Thank you to everyone who attended our class worship on Thankfulness on Thursday, the children did a wonderful job of planning and delivering our value. Next week we will be preparing for our Harvest Festival by researching our chosen charity. We are looking at multiplication and division in Maths and we are finding out more about Pal's Battalions in English and topic. Outdoor PE kit is needed for Wednesday.

CLASS 3: The children have used their senses to write some amazing poems this week based on the War and have improved their editing and improving skills to make them even better! In Maths they have been working on their calculations and have grasped how to use the column method really well. This will continue next week and we will be applying our skills to solving problems. It is our school Harvest Festival on Thursday so please practise lines over the weekend. English and Maths homework needs to be handed in on a Wednesday.

CLASS 2: This week we have been looking at the importance of animals during the War and the children have heard all about 'Sergeant Stubby'. We will continue with our work on War this coming week, looking further into life in the trenches. The children have created some beautiful poppy art this week, which is displayed on the classroom wall ready for Remembrance.

We have had some fantastic homework in class again this week. Please keep it coming. Lots of children have had the opportunity to show this off on the WOW wall. Thank you for all your support with these fabulous projects.

EARLY YEARS: It has been another busy week this week in Early Years. The children have really enjoyed learning about Autumn. They have had the opportunity to create leaf printed paintings, leaf rubbings and look for signs of Autumn in the outdoor environment. The children really enjoyed the 'stay and play' afternoon, thank you for all donations, we really appreciate this. Next week the children will be performing a song at Thursdays Harvest assembly. We will also be making soup to sell, all donations will go to our international link school in Gambia. We look forward to seeing you there!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Sean Craig
(Y5) Amy Lillie (Y4) Harvey Campling (Y3) Leo Wrightson (Y2) Will Preston (Y1) Florence Sewell (Rec) Miles Ferguson

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 and Online Safety Leader: Mr Robson

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

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



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