



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

7th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

PARKING

It is of utmost importance that our pupils remain **safe** on their journeys to and from school. As we are now in the winter months, the roads around school will be more congested, meaning drivers may need to set off slightly earlier to get to their destinations. Also, it is now even more important that parents park away from the school where possible and use the parking facilities at The Croft Hotel and the Village Hall so that there are less vehicles near to the school. Please can I again remind parents of the advice that I wrote to you about recently:

- **Park at the Croft Hotel** and walk to school (*only 220 adult steps from the school gate with approximately 40 parking spaces*)
- **Park at the Croft Village Hall** and walk to school (*only 150 adult steps from the school gate with approximately 10 parking spaces*)
- **Car share** so that there are less vehicles during pick up and drop off!
- **Park efficiently** so that more cars can get parked
- **Do not park on yellow lines, zig-zags** or in the school's car park entrance
- **Do not park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs** or **across residents' driveways or private roads**
- **Do not block the road at any time** - emergency vehicles may need access
- **Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off**, even for a few seconds

Please put pupil safety first. **Thank you for your continued support.**

MEET AND GREET

I am out on the yard every day to meet and greet pupils. It's a really lovely way to start the school day and there are always some very happy faces to greet! Please can I remind parents that pupils need to be in school and in their classes by 9am each day to take the register. Staff always have learning and activities ready for pupils as they enter the room. It's a great way for pupils to confidently start their day! Thank you for your support with this.

CANDLE SERVICE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

It would be lovely to see as many pupils and families as possible at this weekend's Candle Service at St Peter's on Sunday at 4.00pm. It is always a beautiful service. I look forward to seeing you there!

FAMILY LUNCH WEEK

Family lunch week has been a great success! We have been working really hard trying to get children to try more things, eat their vegetables and finish their meals! We have improved so much. On Monday, 68 pupils (and adults) finished all of their school lunches! We have had some excellent adult lunchtime role models this week. Mr Pyrah and Mr Hamstra were awarded lunch time stars of the day by our pupil lunch time monitors. They commented that they were 'happy', 'encouraging the children to show good manners and eat their vegetables and they ate all of their lunches too!

CHRISTMAS DISCOS

Tonight it is our KS1 and KS2 Discos. Mrs Jewkes and her team have been in school all day preparing. I am sure that the children will have an amazing time tonight. I look forward to seeing you all there!

CHRISTMAS ENTERPRISE EVENT

On Wednesday 12th December, we invite you to our Winter Enterprise Event. Pupils have been busy being creative, designing and making wonderful things to sell to their customers! All proceeds will go back into the class WOW funds to help pay for fun and exciting things in the Spring Term. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



It is Christmas Jumper Day next Friday! Please do not feel the need to go out and buy anything – we would prefer it if pupils made their own! However, we would appreciate a donation for taking part.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	Event
9 th Dec	4pm	Candle Service
12 th Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
12 th Dec	6pm	Nativity on the Farm
14 th Dec	9.00-3.30pm	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 th Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
18 th Dec	12.00-1.15pm	Christmas Lunch
18 th Dec	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
19 th Dec	10.30-11.00am	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
19 th Dec	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years / KS1 Christmas Production 1
20 th Dec	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Compassion
21 st Dec	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service
21 st Dec	3.30pm+	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Spring Term		
7 th Jan		Staff Professional Development Day
8 th Jan		PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Have a great weekend everybody!
Mr Robson

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOXES



All the shoeboxes have now been delivered to the processing centre in Birmingham where volunteers are working very hard to get them packaged up for the lorries to deliver them to children in Liberia, Ukraine, Romania, Albania and Serbia. Can you spot your shoe box in the picture?

SCHOOL MONEY

Please can all outstanding amounts be paid on School Money before the end of term. Paper statements will be going out next week – if you have any queries regarding any balances owed please contact Mrs Banks. The Spring Term menu will be on School Money by the end of next week. Reminder e-mails will be sent over the Christmas holidays asking you to log in to School Money and choose meals for the first 3 weeks of term. Please can choices be on the system before Monday 7th January – thank you.

POETRY COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered our poetry competition. The entries have now been posted. Fingers crossed there is a winner amongst them!

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

Next week in the OOSC, we will be continuing with our Christmas crafts, which will include some gorgeous Christmas cards, candy cane mice, snowflake tree decorations and handmade wrapping paper & tags.

We will also be getting ready for the Christmas Enterprise Event where we will be holding a children's tombola and our name the Christmas chocolate moose teddy. Many thanks to those who have donated prizes for our tombola we really appreciate it.

The multi sports session on Monday 17th December has been cancelled due to the stage being up for the KS2 performances. The dance session will still go ahead as normal. We would like to invite parents to attend a small performance that the dance class has been mastering. Doors will open from 4.10pm and the performance will start at 4.15pm. We hope to see you there.

FRIENDS OF CROFT SCHOOL

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the disco today. You can never have too many, so if anyone still fancies helping out just let us know. Hopefully it will be a wonderful night for children and adults alike!

Our next request....We need raffle prizes and cakes for the Enterprise Event next week. Please let us know (via the office, Facebook, or playground!) if you are able to help. We will have our own stall so please pop along and say hello!

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 12th 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.

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

TWITTER

YOU ARE MISSING OUT IF YOU ARE NOT FOLLOWING US ON TWITTER!

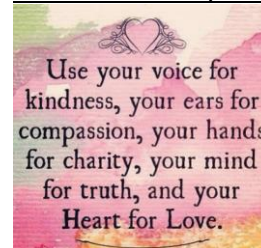
Each class also has a twitter account now too!
It's easy to create an account! @CroftCofE



EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 10th December 2018

Mon 10 th December	Discoverers
Tues 11 th December	NO Piano Lessons
Weds 12 th December	Christmas Enterprise Event 2.30-4.00pm Nativity on the Farm 6pm
Thurs 13 th December	Reception visit to Georgian Theatre, Richmond
Fri 14 th December	Guitar Lessons Christmas Jumper Day

Christian Value – Compassion



Church Service St Peter's Church, Candle Service 4pm

CLASS 4: Another extremely busy week in Class 4. The children all showed grit and determination this week as they completed their 1st PUMA, PIRA and GAPS assessments of the year. They should all be very proud of themselves. As well as this, we have been working hard on our Christmas performance and also held a lovely carol service for the residents at Linden Court on Thursday. Year 6 also took part in a Christmas cake competition, which involved each child baking and decorating their own cake. I am pleased to announce the winners: 3rd place – Scarlett Farrow, 2nd place – Grace Crawford and in 1st place – Lily Janes.

CLASS 3: It has been assessment week in class three this week. We have been really proud of the effort all of the children have put into their work tests - well done class three. We have also had time to set up an experiment testing the effect of different liquids on our teeth (we have used eggs!!). It has been fascinating to watch how they eggs have changed colour. We may think twice before picking up a glass of orange juice! We have also managed to squeeze in some rehearsal time for the candle service on Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there. We would be grateful if children from class 3 could arrive at 3.40pm, leaving enough time to change into costumes and get into positions. Thank you. Also, don't forget it is Christmas Enterprise next Wednesday afternoon.

CLASS 2: This week we have been working on our assessments. The children have done a superb job and worked very hard on the first tests of the year. We have started looking at ways to take care of the class elf and make sure that he is doing all of the right things. Next week we will produce a booklet on how best to do this, using careful instructions. In maths, we will continue looking at multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We have been using Percy Parker to help. Links for these can be found on seesaw. Our enterprise goodies are well under way and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Keep checking the app for information about Christmas parties, performances and all things Class 2 related. Have a great weekend.

EARLY YEARS:

The children have really enjoyed learning all about the nativity story this week. Lots of children are able to remember and recall the story. Next week we will look at Father Christmas and writing letters to him. There may even be a little elf around causing trouble! There will be no PE for Reception now until after Christmas if you would like to take your child's PE kit home to be washed you are welcome to do so. It is a very busy week next week with lots going on. Reading books will still be changed but children may not be read with in school as often as normal. Please keep up the reading as much as possible at home!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

(Y6) Charlotte Shield (Y5) Katie Henshaw (Y4) Leanna Honeyman (Y3) Hugo Davies (Y2) Syd Pyrah (Y1) Miles Ferguson (R) Bradley Swift

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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