



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everybody! Happy new year. I do hope that you have all had wonderful summer break.

This week has been great. Pupils and staff are getting back into routines and getting excited about the year ahead. We also welcome several new families to the school with new children joining almost every year group. It is wonderful to have you all with us at Croft School. ☺

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

I know how difficult it is to find the time with work commitments and child care to organise attendance to school events so I am providing you with as many dates as possible, as early as possible. I've included some of the activities that children will be involved in too! There is a lot going on.

Date	Time	Event
Autumn Term – First Half		
19 th Sept	9.15-9.45am	Woodland Trust Assembly for pupils
21 st Sept	9.00-3.30pm	Jeans for Genes Day
24 th Sept	5.30-6.30pm	Curriculum Information Event for Parents
28 th Sept	9.00-9.45am	Community Celebration Family Worship
28 th Sept	9.45-11.00am	MacMillan Coffee Morning
2 nd Oct	9.00-11.30am	Tempest Photographer Family Photographs
4 th Oct	9.45-10.15am	Road Safety Assembly for pupils
15 th Oct	2.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations 1
23 rd Oct	9.00-12.30pm	Year 6 Visit to Crucial Crew
25 th Oct	9.15-9.45am	Community Christian Value Worship - Generosity
26 th Oct	3.30pm+	School Closes for Half term Holidays
Autumn Term – Second Half		
5 th Nov	9.00am+	School re-opens
9 th Nov	9.00-10.15am	Remembrance Service and Community Celebration Worship
16 th Nov	9.00-3.30pm	Children in Need Day
12 th Dec	2.30-4.00pm	Christmas enterprise Event
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
25 th Oct	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

SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is always brilliant to see the children arrive back at school looking smart in their new uniforms. Together, they look wonderful and it really is great to see all of them proud of their school on the first day. Please can I remind parents that:

- **Children should have jacket with the everyday – the weather can change quickly – like today!**
- **Jewellery (necklaces/bracelets etc) and nailvarnish must not be worn.**
- **Pupils must wear all black shoes / training shoes only.**
- **Long hair must be tied back fully and hairsyles must be sensible. Shaven lines are not acceptable.**

Thank you for your continued support.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN

We have received some feedback from parents and residents regarding pupil behaviour after school hours whilst children are still on the school site. We welcome the opportunity for pupils play on the school grounds after school hours however, please ensure that your children are visible, safe and behave appropriately. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend everybody. Let's hope the summer weather reappears at some point.

Mr Robson

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Our after school sports sessions commence this week with football coaching on a Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm with Matty, which has changed from a Wednesday and dance on a Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm with Victoria. The Out of School Club are also hosting the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September 9.30am – 11.00am. Any donations of cakes or volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL ANGEL

Please remember to continue to use our School Angel site for your shopping. Our School Angel fund has now reached over **£450** and we are looking forward to using the money raised to improve our ICT facilities in school! <http://www.schoolangel.org.uk/croft-church-of-england-primary-school.html>



These are a small sample of the 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.

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 SEPTEMBER 2018

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| Mon 10 th September | NO Discoverers |
| Tues 11 th September | Class 4 Billingham Forum
Piano Lessons |
| Weds 12 th September | |
| Thurs 13 th September | Guitar Lessons |
| Fri 14 th September | |

Christian Value – Generosity

"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."
- John Wesley

Church Service – St Peter's Church

Family Service 11am

CLASS 4: Class 4 have made a wonderful start to the new academic year. Each and every one of them has approached the week with enthusiasm, hard work and determination. They have enjoyed inferring and deducing information from The Piano by Aidan Gibbons, tackling place value and rounding problems in Maths, as well as learning the importance of staying safe online. Next week, Class 4 will have PE on Wednesday so please ensure that you have your kits. A superb week – keep it up!

CLASS 3: Class three have returned to school with lots of enthusiasm. It has been lovely to hear stories about their Summer holiday adventures. In English we have been thinking about evacuees which will lead into our novel this half term - The lion, the witch and the wardrobe. Our maths

† Christian values: peace, forgiveness, justice, respect †

topic is Roman numerals which has certainly got our brains into gear. In science we have started our 'Animals and including humans' topic. We learnt two wow words in our first lesson - photosynthesis and Chlorophyll. The children have been given a new homework menu. Please can we ask that all homework is handed in no later than Wednesday. Thank you.

CLASS 2 : All of the children have made a super start in Class 2 and are excited for the challenges ahead. We spent some time looking at the brown bags and the children were intrigued by what others had brought. Thank you for taking the time to send things in. Our topic this half term is war and remembrance and we have started looking at our class text 'Flo of the Somme'. In maths we will be looking at place value. The children will be bringing home the new homework menu and a maths activity to complete. All homework is to be handed in no later than Wednesday. Weekly spellings will come home on a Friday and tested the following Friday. PE will be on a Monday and Friday. Thank you.

EARLY YEARS:

The children in Early Years have settled in so well this week. They are very quickly learning the rules and routines of the classroom. We will continue to focus on this next week. Shortly, all parents will have access to the online learning journal 'tapestry'. New parents/carers look out for an email about setting up a password. A letter will go out recapping how we use tapestry when all parents are set up. All parents/carers will also soon receive a letter informing them who their child's key worker is and what the role of a key worker means. Well done to the children for a fantastic first week back!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS (Y6) James Atkinson (Y5) Nienke Hamstra (Y4) Amelie Nelson (Y3) Riley Gilles (Y2) Sasha Patterson (Y1) Toby Sherwood-Parkin (Rec) Toby Robinson

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 Blenkarn.



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