



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

8th December 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,
Only **2 more weeks** until we break up for Christmas holidays!

****PARENT SURVEYS****

So far I have received 44 surveys which is approximately 60% of families in school. Please can I ask that any parents who have not completed the surveys to please find a couple of minutes over the weekend and return the surveys by **Monday**. Both surveys have been emailed out again today. If you would like a hard copy, please ask at the office! **THANK YOU**

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Date	Timings	Event
10/12/17	4pm	Candle Service, St Peter's Church
13/12/17	2.30pm-4.00pm	Christmas Enterprise Event
13/12/17	6pm	Nativity on the Farm, Grange Farm Croft Christmas Trees
15/12/17	All day!	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/17	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 1
19/12/17	Midday	Christmas Lunch
19/12/17	6.00-7.15pm	KS2 Christmas Production 2
20/12/17	10.30-11.00am	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 1
20/12/17	2.30-3.00pm	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Production 2
21/12/17	9.15-9.30am	Community Christian Values Collective Worship (St Peter's Church)
21/12/17	afternoon	Christmas Parties
22/12/17	2.30-3.15pm	Carols Around the Tree Service

NASIR MOSQUE VISIT AND ISLAM WORKSHOP

Pupils had a fantastic day yesterday learning about Islam. The day started with a KS2 visit to the Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool. Pupils had a tour around the Mosque and learned lots about the differences and similarities between Islam and other faiths. Thank you so much to Mrs Ford, Mrs Shearn, Mrs Hancock and Mrs Campling for their help. In the afternoon, all pupils in the school took part in an Islamic workshop and used their creative skills to further develop their understanding about the Islamic faith. Pupils then shared what they had done, and found out, as a whole school. It was a fabulous day! Here are some comments from the pupils...

'I enjoyed how welcoming the people were...' Jack Grainger Y5

'I enjoyed going in the prayer rooms...' Olivia Curbeson Y4

'It made me think how similar Islam and Christianity are.' 'I enjoyed washing myself the way Muslims do before they go to the Mosque. It was extremely fun.' Ella Janes Y6

FOLLOW CROFTCOFE ON TWITTER!

PLEASE JOIN US ON TWITTER – YOU'RE MISSING OUT!
More has been posted on Twitter this week showcasing some of the wonderful things going on in school.



Even if you do not currently use twitter, please consider getting an account just so you can keep up to date with things that are happening. We only post to people whose families are known to the school! Click here to get your own twitter account! Ctrl and click here www.twitter.com!

HEADLICE

We currently have cases of headlice in school – please check your child's hair. Please can I remind parents that pupils with headlice must be treated before they return to school. Once treated, pupils are free to return. Thank you.

SCHOOL MONEY PAYMENTS

Please ensure that all outstanding money for school lunches and the Out of School Club is paid as soon as possible. Friday 15th December is the deadline for payment of this term's school lunches so please add on £21 (£2.10 per day) to pay for lunches up to the end of term – thank you.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Our School Council would like to offer pupils the opportunity to wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Friday 15th December and donate £1 to Save the Children. If taking part, pupils are to wear their **normal school uniform** and a **Christmas jumper** of their choice. We do not expect parents to purchase jumpers for their children - it would be fabulous if children could make their own!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support the school and following our school uniform policy.

You are now able to order school uniform on line from Emblematic Ltd who are our current uniform suppliers. Postage is free for orders delivered to school. Items can be viewed and ordered at: <https://studentuniform.co.uk/croft146>

Please note that we do still have a number of jumpers, cardigans and waterproof coats in stock in school.

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. Have a lovely weekend everybody.
Mr Robson

ST PETER'S CHURCH WITH CROFT CHRISTMAS TREES NATIVITY

There will be a Nativity at Grange Farm, Croft Christmas Trees on Wednesday 13th December from 6pm. Refreshments available. Children welcome to dress up as shepherds, kings or angels.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

DISCO TONIGHT!

KS1 – 5.00PM – 6.15PM

KS2 – 6.30PM – 7.45PM



CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

There will be a production of Cinderella at The Croft Hotel on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £4 for children and are available from Sue Coates on 721014/susan1.coates@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Please remember to take a look at our School Angel site as you start to do your Christmas Shopping..... Our School Angel fund has now reached over £200 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>





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.

CRAFT WORKSHOPS

ilearncreative will be running Creative Explorers in Croft Village Hall for Pre-Schoolers starting Monday 15th January 9.15am – 10.45am. Cost is £24 for 4 weeks and booking is essential. For more information please see the posters on our school noticeboard or contact Denise on 07971 343249 or email ilearncreative@gmail.com.

Christmas Enterprise Fair

The Christmas Enterprise Fair will take place on Wednesday 13th December in the school hall from 2.30pm. The children’s work will be available for sale and there will be other stalls including cakes and jewellery. If you are able to help by supplying cakes or biscuits for the café or by manning a stall please see Mrs McManus. We would also appreciate any donations for the raffle or tombola. Thank you and we look forward to seeing as many people there as possible.

EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 11th DECEMBER 2017

Mon 11 th December	Y6 Christmas Cake Making Discoverers
Tues 12 th December	Y6 Christmas Cake Icing NO PIANO
Weds 13 th December	Christmas Enterprise Event 2.30-4.00pm Nativity on the Farm, Grange Farm Croft Christmas Trees
Thurs 14 th December	Guitar Zumba
Fri 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Boxercise

LUNCHTIME SPORTS

Monday	Multi Sports with Nathan Fisher
Tuesday	Football with Mr Robinson
Wednesday	KS2 - Tag Rugby with Nathan Fisher KS1 – Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby
Thursday	High Five Netball with Mrs Jewkes
Friday	Sports Crew with Mrs Marksby

Full PE kit is required for all sessions including football boots and shin pads for football and rugby.

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- School Production tickets
- Out of School Club News
- Breaktime Drinks
- Christmas Lunch

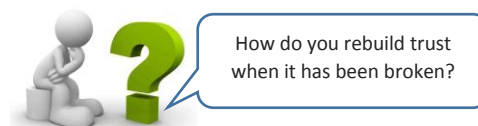
St Peter’s Church Candle Service 4pm

Christian Value – Peace



Reading: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guide your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ. *Philippians 4:6-7*

THE BIG WEEKLY QUESTION...



CLASS 4:

The children have completed their Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling assessments this week. They have worked hard and have shown a dedicated and determined attitude. In Art, the children have worked with Mrs Donoghue to create some wonderful moving figure sketches. You will be able to see them soon as this will be the artwork on the calendars this year.

Next week is a very busy week, with Year 6 making Christmas cakes on Monday and Tuesday morning and lots of art and crafts activities going on to prepare for the Enterprise Christmas Fair. Please ensure you keep practising lines for Pantastic as the shows are rapidly approaching!

CLASS 3:

The children have been really busy completing their assessments for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths this week and have shown perseverance when doing so. We had a fantastic time on Thursday visiting Nasir Mosque in Hartlepool and taking part in lots of different activities during the Islam workshop in the afternoon. Thank you to all the helpers who joined us for our visit. It is our Candle Service on Sunday at 4pm. Please can children aim to be there for **3.40pm** to change into costumes and get ready. We can't wait for you to join us for this special service. Thank you!

CLASS 2:

This week we have completed the final drafts of our descriptive stories based on a house in the middle of the ocean. The children have been very creative and used some super adjectives. We have been looking at “Mog’s Christmas Calamity” during reading this week. The children have created some fabulous story maps to retell the tale. This is on Youtube if you want to have a look. I know some of the children have been watching it at home. We have completed some practical sessions in Maths this week to gain a deeper understanding of the properties and the differences of 2D and 3D shapes. Next week we will begin our Christmas Enterprise Maths looking at the four operations through money. We are all very excited about the seaside picnic. We have spent time this week learning the words to our seaside song and adding the Makaton actions. This was a challenging task for all, but the children have done a fantastic job.

EARLY YEARS:

The children have really enjoyed learning all about the nativity story this week. The children have really enjoyed playing in the role play area acting out the story and also writing about what happened in the story. In Maths the children really impressed me with their mathematical language about weight. Well done all! Next week we will be focusing on ‘Father Christmas’. Please see the ‘What we are learning’ sheet for more information on this. Do not forget that this Wednesday morning is a stay and play morning. **Join us from 9:00-10:30.** The children (and Mr Robson!) have been working hard on their performance and they cannot wait to show you. We will be selling festive treats and decorations made by the children to raise money for a climbing frame.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: (Y6) Jake Priestley (Y5) Charlotte Shield (Y4) Grace Olaoye (Y3) Riley Jackson (Y2) Heidi Campling (Y1) Sasha Patterson (Rec) Darcy Todd

ART GALLERY:

Miles Ferguson's fabulous portrait of "Ronaldo" has now been added to the gallery. Well done Miles. All parents are welcome to come in and see the wonderful artwork on display; these mini-masterpieces are available to purchase fully framed.

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 Persons are: **Mrs McManus and Miss Wilford.**

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



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