



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer break. Staff and I are very excited about the year ahead and everybody is looking forward to learning all about War time Britain as part of our whole school topic over the coming half term. Staff have got some interesting and exciting activities planned!

EAST BARNBY

As Class 4 children will be going on their residential visit to East Barnby in week three, there will be an information event held at school for parents/carers of pupils in Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 12th September. The event will take place in Class 4 from 3.45pm-4.15pm and will be led by Mrs McManus. Children will be able to attend this event. Mrs McManus will provide parents with further useful information and there will be a chance to ask any questions.

PUPIL INFORMATION FORMS

All pupils have been given a sheet containing a summary of all the data we hold in school for your child. Please can you check this and return it to school with any amendments as soon as possible. Forms without changes should also be returned. It is really important that we have up to date and accurate medical information. Please include as much information as possible so that we are fully aware of what we need to do to support your child. Thank you.

PARENT CURRICULUM EVENT

On Monday, 25th September at 5.30pm, parents/carers are invited to come into school to meet their child's class teacher, visit their child's class and find out about routines, the curriculum and how parents/carers can support their child's learning at home. The event will begin with an introduction in the school hall and then parents/carers can visit their child's class. Unfortunately, children will **not** be able to attend but we are aware that some families have difficulty arranging childcare for after school events. On this occasion, I am pleased to inform you that we are able to provide supervision for a small number of pupils so that these parents/carers can attend. Children must be registered pupils of the school and we request that parents do everything possible to find alternative childcare in the first instance as there are limited places for supervision. If you are unable to arrange childcare and you would like to attend the event, please inform Mrs Dent/Mrs Banks at the school office. Places for supervision will operate on a first come, first served basis.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure that children bring a coat with them each day as the weather can change rapidly. Thank you!

RICHMOND SCHOOL OPEN EVENING FOR Y6

Richmond School is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 26th from 7pm – 8pm to provide prospective pupils and their families with information and a chance to look around the school's departments and facilities.

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.

Mr Robson

LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Beamish Trip Class 2 & Class 3

KARATE

The next 10 week block starts Friday 15th September. Places are limited and must be booked – please ask at the school office if you are interested.

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 children e.g. crayons, pencils, notebooks, wrapped sweets, socks, soap etc. If you would like to send a filled box or have 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.

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!

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

From the beginning of this term Out of School Club sessions attended will be recorded on School Money and we would ask that parents make payment for any sessions attended **since 1st September** via School Money. Sessions attended for the previous week will show on SchoolMoney on a Monday. Anyone who needs help logging in to School Money should contact Mrs Banks in the office – thank you.

Please pay any invoices for sessions up to 31st August 2017 by cash or cheque – thank yo

The Out of School Club is pleased to see the return of our after school sports sessions.

On Thursday afternoons 3.30pm – 4.30pm we have Zumba and on a Friday afternoon 3.30pm – 4.30pm we have football. Each session is £1.00, please can you complete a form and hand it in to Kerry in the O.O.S.C. if your child would like to participate.

As part of the whole school topic *War Time Britain*, we have some amazing displays in the O.O.S.C. but we would however like some help in completing them by asking any of the children who attend the club if they have any photographs of their great grandparents in uniform who took part in the wars.

Also we are running short of newspapers, any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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

11am All Age Worship

CLASS 4: The children have started off the term by writing a short story based on a refugee to continue our work on Universal Children's Rights. We have also started to read our new novel called "My Friend the Enemy" based in World War 2. Next week we will begin a diary entry as one of the characters. In Maths we have been reading and writing numbers to one million and rounding numbers. We will continue this next week before looking at roman numerals. The children have completed some very precise poppy sketches in art, these will be used to print poppies using lino blocks. We have also started our topic finding out about the events starting World War 1.

CLASS 3:

The children have settled into Class 3 really well this week and have enjoyed reading the first chapter of our class novel 'Friend or Foe' written by Michael Morpurgo, based on WW2. They will be able to tell you all about what has happened so far. In Maths our focus for the next few weeks is place value. The children will be ordering and comparing numbers next week and counting in multiples. Please practise times tables at home as often as possible.

The children will need shin pads for PE over the next few weeks. They will be practising their football skills.

We've had a super week and we're looking forward to learning more about our topic 'War' over this half term.

CLASS 2: This week we have been settling into Class two and learning our class rules and routines. I am very impressed at how quickly all the children have adapted to their new year groups and with their attitudes to learning. It has been a great week and I am looking forward to many more throughout the year.

Spellings and homework will be given on Friday each week and new reading diaries will be issued as soon as they arrive in school. Spellings will be tested on a Friday morning and homework is to be handed in by Wednesday. If you have any questions, please pop in.

Next week we will be beginning our new topic of 'War' and I will be introducing our class text 'The Lion and the Unicorn'.

EARLY YEARS: This week we have been focusing on settling in and supporting the children to build positive relationships with the adults in the room and each other. The children have had a lovely week and have already made some new friends! Over the next few weeks I will be inviting parents/carers in for a short session so I can get to know you and your child a little bit better. I have really enjoyed my first week at Croft and I am really looking forward to all the fun we will have this year!

Miss Bleasby

HEADTEACHER AWARDS: Luca Petch (Y6)

Charlie Orr (Y5) Alfie Robinson (Y4) Finlay Wright (Y3)

Ava Holmes (Y2) Harriet Davis (Y1) Toby Sherwood-

Parkin (Rec)

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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