



CROFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Achievement for Everyone

5th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Last Friday's Macmillan coffee morning was a huge success. Thank you for your support with this. Thank you to Mrs Wilford for leading the organisation of it. We raised almost £500 which for our little school is an amazing achievement!

ROBIN HOOD

The children have made a very positive and hard-working start to the year. We are having a big push on pupils 'trying their hardest' and 'being independent'. As a reward, we have arranged for a theatre company to come into school on Tuesday to perform Robin Hood for the whole school. I am sure that they will have a lovely afternoon!

LUNCH TIMES

Pupils are still trying really hard to make a good effort with their meals, show good manners and use their knives and forks! It's been another very good week -on Thursday 63/90 pupils finished all of their meals! There will be an opportunity for families to come and enjoy a school meal soon...

VILLAGE SEEDS PROJECT 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Thank you to Mrs Lancaster for organising a lovely service at Church on Sunday and thank you so much to the pupils and families who attended the service. Their singing and prayers were really lovely and a great testament to the work of Kath and the Village Seeds project. If you would like to know more information about The Village Seeds Project, please visit <http://www.dacym.co.uk/village-seeds-project/>.

GIN AND CHEESE FESTIVAL AT ST PETER'S CHURCH

Friday 12th October. 6pm – 8pm

Please come along with your family and friends to enjoy Mason's Gin and Shepherd's Purse Cheeses. Tickets £10 to include 3 gin tastings (or 2 alternative drinks) and cheese sampling. There will be a produce stall, raffle, refreshments and licensed bar. Children under 16 free and there will be activities for young children. All proceeds towards the toilet/kitchen facilities. Tickets from church members or telephone 01325720589.

ST PETER'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL ON SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER

Please come along to the service at 11.00am. Children from school will be asked to sing and read prayers. Our school Harvest Festival will take place the following Thursday.

Croft Harvest Festival 18th October 2.30pm

Preparations are underway for our school Harvest Festival. This year we will be raising money for our link school in Gambia (The Wonder Years of Excellence) and left over food donations will be given to the food bank in Darlington. The children will be making delicious soup, bread and apple crumble so please come along to enjoy! We would be extremely grateful if you could begin to bring donations into school to sell and donate the week beginning 15th October. Any donations given to St Peter's will also be brought down to school.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Autumn Term – First Half		
9 th Oct	afternoon	'Robin Hood' performance for whole school.
10 th Oct	9.00-3.30pm	World Mental Health Day
15 th Oct	2.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations 1
18 th Oct	2.30-3.30	School Harvest Festival
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
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

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Robson

FLU VACCINE

All children in Reception to Year 5 been given an NHS letter in respect of the flu vaccine which will be given in school on Thursday 22nd November. Please follow the instructions on the letter to give consent if you wish your child to receive the vaccine. The link to the consent page is www.hdff.nhs.uk/flu-consent and the school code is HG394. **The deadline for giving consent is 28th September.**

OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Macmillan coffee morning, we managed to raise a staggering £489.50. We do still have some unclaimed raffle prizes the numbers are: 131-135, 181-185, 211-215, 261-265, 266-270, 291-295, 296-300, 311-315, 396-400, 441-445 & 446-450. Prizes are to be collected from the OOSC.

Next week in the OOSC we will be celebrating Harvest by making Harvest baskets and wreaths, collecting apples and using them in a cooking activity, making bread and creating Mr & Mrs potato heads.

We are now taking bookings for the October half term which is filled with loads of fun activities. We have two sports sessions with ML Sports & Fitness including hockey and tag rugby.

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 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!

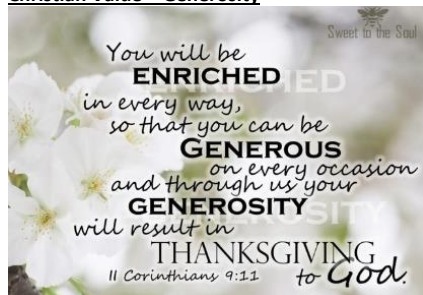
Each class also has a twitter account now too!
It's easy to create an account! @CroftCofE



EVENTS WEEK COMMENCING 8th October 2018

Mon 8 th October	NO Discoverers Y1 Hearing Screening
Tues 9 th October	Piano Lessons Robin Hood performance for whole school
Weds 10 th October	Hi 5 Netball Y5/Y6 at Richmond School
Thurs 11 th October	Guitar Lessons
Fri 12 th October	School Money Deadline Photo Order Deadline
Sun 14 th October	Harvest Festival, St Peter's Church, 11am

Christian Value – Generosity



Church Service 8am Holy Communion, St Peter's Church, Croft

CLASS 4:

Class 4 have had another fantastic week. In English, they have written and re-drafted stories to build suspense and tension. In Maths, we have been learning about column multiplication and division. In Science, the children have written wonderful, humorous stories/poems based upon the journey of a red blood cell. Next week, in Science, the children will be observing the dissection of a pig's/lamb's heart to reinforce their understanding of the human circulatory system. This is an optional activity, and children who do not wish to take part, will be provided with an alternative task. This week for homework, I would like the children to finish and return their Cauliflower cards and don't forget to bring jogging bottoms and a jumper for PE. We will be outdoors as often as we can be.

CLASS 3:

Class three have has another busy week. In maths we have been looking at rounding and negative numbers. In English we have planned and started to write our own adventure story based on adventures in Narnia. In our music session we learnt a lullaby and created repeating patterns to play under the melody. We had such fun finishing off our skeletons in science and talking about the jobs a skeleton does. Don't forget to bring jogging bottoms and a jumper for PE. We will be outdoors as often as we can be.

CLASS 2:

This week we have worked really hard learning related facts in addition and using different models to represent them. In English we have been writing the story of the Christmas Truce. The children worked really hard on this and used some super vocabulary. Next week we will continue practising our handwriting and creating a news report on WW1. In science we will be looking at different animals and how they are grouped. Please continue to look at our Class 2 posts on the seesaw journal and see what the children have been up to this week. Finally – homework is handed out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday. Homework is marked on a Wednesday ready to be returned on Friday. We cannot guarantee that homework will be marked if handed in after. Thank you!

EARLY YEARS.

The children have really enjoyed learning about farms this week. We will continue with this topic next week and alongside this we will be looking at autumn. Lots of the children have started noticing the changes in the weather and environment. A reminder that our stay and play session is this Wednesday from 8:50am-10:30am. We are raising money for a climbing frame for the setting so far we have £86 raised. To raise money the children will perform 'swiggle while you wiggle' for you on Wednesday and we would be very grateful for any small donations. 'Swiggle whilst you wiggle' helps children to develop strength in their arms and upper bodies in preparation for writing. The Reception children have an activity in their

home learning books this week. We would love to see evidence of their homework on Tapestry.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS (Y6)Rhys Patterson (Y5)Amy Dabell (Y4) Fin Wright (Y3) Heidi Campling (Y2) Poppy Harrison (Y1) Ruby Sandall (Rec) Felix Bethell

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.



Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. If you would like to share your views online, please click the following link to register. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>.

Thank you for your support.

Don't forget to visit our website at www.croftprimarieschool.org and our Twitter account @croftcofe!