



CROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS
'Achievement for Everyone'
 Friday 10.2.12

Reminders:

Absence If your child is absent from school, please telephone school on the first day and complete an absence form sent out on Fridays. Alternatively, you can e-mail school on the morning of an absence before 10.00am. The e-mail is: admin@croft.n-yorks.sch.uk

Events after half term

- Monday:** 3.30 pm Glee Club
Tuesday: 12.40 Recorders – Class 2
 3.30 pm Discoverers
Wednesday: 12.30 Climate Cops
 12.40 Recorders for Class 3
 3.30 pm Rugby Club
Thursday: 12.40 Recorders – advanced players
 3.30 pm SATs Club Y6
 3.30 pm ICT Club Y4/5
Friday: 12.30 pm School Council

Over half term:

Class 4: We are starting our topic about the Ancient Greeks linking with the 2012 Olympic Games. We would like the children to find out how the Olympic Games began, some of the original sports and then compare them with those of today.

Class 3: Next half term we are learning about angles. It would be very useful if the children could spot right angles and those that are more or less than 90° as they travel round. In Literacy, we have been planning reports on local wild animals that live around Croft and we would like the children to write, or begin, their report over the holiday. This is due back on the Friday after half term. There will be some opportunities for them to have writing time in school.

Class 2: Over half term, the children have some Literacy and Numeracy homework and they have written a list of things to collect for making houses in DT. This is our project next half term so we would really appreciate it if they could gather these together over the holiday.

Foundation Stage:

Please return all library books the week after half term. Once all the books are back, a new selection will be ready for you to borrow.



F2: A laminated sheet has been sent home for you to practise the letter formations. Please just do a set at a time eg c,o,a,g,q,d. Either use a whiteboard pen or the directional arrows and copy onto paper. This is not something to hand in. We just need your child to use this for reference to form their letters correctly. Please keep it safe to use in the future.

F1 and F2: Next half term our topic is 'Pets'. Please talk to your child about this. They may like to do a picture, or picture and writing, to share with us. We look forward to seeing their pictures of half term in their Home-School books. Have a great holiday!

In icy conditions, please enter by the gritted paths and exit by the main school door and along in front of the Out of School Club. We appreciate this is especially difficult if you have a pram or buggy and would suggest that you walk along the grass near the hedge and up by the edge of the car park on the grass. If you have any alternative suggestions, they would be greatly appreciated.

Music: books, diaries & instruments:
 Tues Piano/keyboards
 Tues/Wed/Thurs Recorders
 Wed Guitars
 Thur Violins

Music lessons: reminder

Piano/keyboard lessons will start on the first Tuesday after half term. Two children have expressed an interest in playing the clarinet or flute but Mr Waters from the NY Music Service said there needs to be a minimum of 3 children for a group. If your child is at all interested in music lessons, please let us know. Children usually need to be in at least Y2, preferably Y3, before starting. A separate letter has been sent out and a further information leaflet from the Music Service is available in school. For those on Free School meals, reduced rates are available.

Headteacher's Awards

This week's awards for good behaviour, consideration and effort are awarded to Janey Hindmarch (FS2), Matthew Thornton (Y1), Felix Luck (Y2), Lewis Monaghan (Y3), Havana Kennedy (Y4), Robert Coleby (Y5), Luke Hughes (Y6).

Letters sent home this week:

ICT Club Y4/5

Christian Value: Hope

Reading

The best reviews this week were from Benjamin Janes, Eva Barnett and Courtney Burton with great reviewing also from Tabitha Bowes, Freya Hancock, Charlotte Rutter, Emma Barnett, Poppy Coates, Erin Partridge and Oliver Constantine. Books recommended: *Ferno the Fire Dragon*, *Max the Missing Puppy*, *The Worst Witch at Sea*, *Hello Goodbye*, *The London Eye Mystery*, *The Fish in Room 11*, *Lexi the Firefly*, *The Pony Whisperer (Team Challenge)*, *the Faraway Tree* and *Mr Stink*. Well done all of you.

Key Steps Gymnastics

A huge well done to Jacob Rutter, Olivia Carrick, Scarlett Spink and Eva Barnett for a brilliant 2nd place performance in the KS1 competition. Also, a huge well done to Charlotte Rutter, Emma Barnett, Anna Wood, Harriet Foster and Tabitha Bowes for another fantastic 2nd place in the lower KS2 competition. As always, thank you to the parents who came along to support the children and to Mrs McKinnon for coaching our teams.

Croft Out of School Club

Thank you very much to the kind parent who brought in books for our new Book Corner. They are really beautiful and the children are enjoying reading them.

We are open **Tuesday to Friday** next week.

ICT Club

What an exciting time we will have next half term! We will be editing photographs and sharing these with other schools and using animation creatively.



Dance Club

After half term we will be starting up a Dance Club for KS1 children on Wednesdays from 3.30 – 4.30 pm. Watch out for your letter!



Book Fair

We made £400 in book sales and have been able to choose £180 of books as commission. This is an excellent way to update our reading stock with new titles. Thank you very much for your support.



Head Lice

They have been spotted in school again. Please check your child's head each evening and comb hair thoroughly. Head lice can be particularly difficult to get rid of in younger children because the children play so closely together and heads touch. It is really important for **everyone** to be vigilant and is especially helpful if long hair is tied back.

Lady's Watch

A lady's Sekonda watch has been found in South Parade and kindly handed in to school. If you think it is yours, please collect it from the Office.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Appointment lists will go on the children's entrance doors immediately after half term.



Diary Dates for this term

February

HALF TERM

- 25 Sat 10 – 12 Brownie Jumble Sale
- 27 Mon 3.45–6.15 Y1-6 Parent Consultation Evening
- 28 Tues Cross Country Finals @ Knayton
- 29 Wed 3.45-6.15 **FS2**-Y6 Parent Consultation Evening

March

- 1 Thurs World Book Day. Visiting storyteller organised
- 6 Tues 6.30 pm Full Governing Body
- 15 Thur 1 – 3 Tag Rugby @ Allertonshire
- 30 Fri Close for Easter

NB: Please note that, because of the Queen's Jubilee, we have a sixth training day this year which will be on Monday, June 11th. This is immediately after the summer half term holiday in order to cause as little inconvenience as possible. We open again on Tuesday June 12th at 9.00 am. We hope this advance notice is helpful.