



# HEADlines

Croft Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary:

2021

### Autumn Term

- Lineker Swimming  
continues every Tuesday
- Half Term – 18 to 22 Oct
- School reopens – 25 Oct
- Crazy Hair fundraising Day  
– 29 Oct
- Fundraising Used Book  
Sale – 29 Oct
- Parents Evening – 1 Nov  
3.30-7.30
- Parents Evening – 2 Nov  
3.30 – 5.30
- Children in Need Day –  
19 Nov
- Non Uniform Day – 3 Dec
- KS1 Nativity – 7 Dec  
afternoon
- KS1 Nativity – 8 Dec  
evening
- Save the Children Xmas  
Jumper Day – 10 Dec
- School Xmas Fair – 11 Dec
- School closes – 17 Dec

2022

- School reopens – 5 Jan

What a month! School has been incredibly busy with so much fun, learning and friendship.

#### Coaching project

Our coaching project is well underway. The children are learning all about The Big Question within their learning. This is developing their understanding of their learning. We are working on the children taking notes in their lessons so that they see the sequence of their learning. It is really wonderful to see how this impacting on their understanding, learning and their language. Thier questioning skills are progressing fantastically well. This project runs all through the school. It is lovely to see them focused and challenged through this project. The teachers are working incredibly hard to ensure every child is flourishing in their learning.

Our Head Girl and Head Boy have been incredible this term in supporting myself, Mrs Faulker, all the staff and the children. I would like to thank Isla-Jade and Max for being such brilliant role models! We will announce our new Head Girl and Head Boy for Autumn term 2 after half term break.

As a staff, we have looked very carefully at our values in school. We have simplified these and made them more appropriate for our children. They are now:

#### Curiosity:

At Croft school, we aspire to create curious learners who not only ask questions but actively seek out the answers. We instil our pupils with a strong desire to know or learn something new and build on their existing knowledge.

"Curiosity is the engine of achievement." Sir Ken Robinson

#### Respect:

Having self-respect by feeling good about who you are, the choices you make and the impact you have on others. Showing respect to others by interacting in a way that showing you care and value them. \_

"Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love." Miguel Angel Ruiz

#### Opportunities:

We want our children to know what opportunities are out there and to have the self-belief to create their own opportunities by trying new things and exploring the limitless possibilities that are available to them.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr Seuss

#### Future:

Broad horizons and high aspirations are imperative for our children. We nurture the love of learning so they can aim for their personal best.

"The best way to predict the future is to make it." Abraham Lincoln

#### Togetherness:

At Croft School we encourage all children to feel included as a team with their class peers, the rest of the school and village community. Togetherness gives us the chance to build on our strengths, shared skills and create a sense of belonging. We are united through friendship, experiences and a sense of belonging. Whether that is at school, at home or in the community, we work together for the good of others. We care, value and support each other, recognising that everyone has a responsibility to trust, support and enable the success of others. As an African Proverb states "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

The children have responded very positively to this change, and we are embedding these values throughout our curriculum.



Here is an image of the new trim trail we are raising money for, it will be going along the edge of the playground so that the children can use it when the field is closed during the winter months.

### **Trim trail.**

I am delighted to inform everyone that we have been awarded a local grant from Blaby district council towards our new trim trail. We are busy coming up with ideas to raise the rest of the funds for this project. Our first fund raising day will be our Crazy Hair day and Book Sale. For our Crazy Hair day, the children can come with crazy hair but please ensure the children come to school in uniform. The Book Sale will run from 2.30pm on this day. All parents and carers are welcome at this time. **Please bring in donations of good quality books.** These can be children's books and grownup books. Our year six children will run this event in the hall. These will run on the 29th of October. All monies raised will go directly to the trim trail. we are suggesting a donation of £1 for Crazy Hair.

We are also busy organising a parents and carers mud run! This will be great fun and I hope lots of you join in! This will be held on the 15th of January 2022 so please keep this date free so you can join in, get very muddy and raise lots of money for the children. We are setting up a JustGiving page for this project. Details to follow.

### **Parents Evening**

We are running our Parents Evening differently this year. We feel able to run this face to face now but please be considerate of other people during these evenings. All appointments will be in the hall with your child's teacher. Parents/carers will enter through the Foundation Stage doors where refreshments will be sold. I will be based in this area for the evening. Parents will be called into see the teacher at the appointment time. Exiting is through the main doors where a questionnaire will be there to fill in if you wish to. We hope this will ensure appointments do not over run.

### **Children in Need**

Children in Need is happening on the 19th November. We are encouraging all children to wear spots on this day!

### **Christmas**

Christmas will be soon upon us, and we are busy planning! Our Key Stage One play will be performed on 7th December in the afternoon and on the 8th December in the evening. Tickets will be sold during next half term so please keep an eye out for more information.

Out School Christmas Fair will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

On the 16th December we will be carol singing around Croft! This will take place in the early evening and invite you all to take part in singing carols around the village. There will be refreshments back at school. Please look out for more details later in the term.

Save the Children are running their Christmas jumper day on the 10th December.

Have a lovely half term  
Rachel Roberts