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# HEADlines

Croft Church of England Primary School Newsletter



## Dates for your Diary:

2020

### Autumn Term

FOCS Advent Trail – 1 to  
24 Dec

NSPCC Xmas Jumper day  
– Fri 11 Dec

School closes – Fri 18  
Dec

2021

### Spring Term

School opens – Tues 5  
Jan

Half Term – 15 to 19 Feb

School close – Fri 26 Mar

### Summer Term

School opens – 12 April

May Day BH – 3 May

Half Term – 31 May to 4  
Jun

PGL – 28 Jun

School closes – 9 Jul

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy term with so much packed in! The children have been working very hard in their classrooms. I have been so proud of how the children and the staff have coped during these extremely difficult times of COVID. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for the support you have shown for the school. There has been lots of very kind messages that have been given to myself and staff. These are hugely appreciated. Thank you for showing such kindness.

As you know, Mr Green has joined our Croft family recently. He has already become an integral part of our team. Thank you for all giving him such a warm welcome on the gate when he has been stood with me. He has felt very welcomed.

Our Christmas preparations are going well. The rehearsals for our Key Stage One production are nearly finished and filming will take place next week! We had a very quiet decorations day without parents and carers being in. We certainly missed you all! Over the course of the next two weeks, we have two online pantomimes for the children to watch. One has been paid for by the school for the children and one has been very kindly donated by Desford Free Church for the children. In school we are watching the Christingle service that has been designed by the church. We are also involved in the church's assembly that they have recorded for schools.

We need your PEACE photos! As you all know from our previous newsletter and Classdojo, we wish to do a photography exhibition on the idea of PEACE. Please send us your photos of what makes the children and your family feel peaceful. You can either email the photos and we can print them off at school or send the photos in to school. Please send them in as soon as possible.

### Christingle

The church are very kindly delivering Christingle packs for every child in school for families to make Christingles at home. Within the pack there is a Just Giving website for donations if you feel as though you are able to contribute. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StMaryStMichael>  
Within the packs is the link to the Christingle service that is being held online <http://tinyurl.com/bacsschristingle> which you can watch at home.

### National Assessments

The government has now published news of how they are running the formal assessments within primary schools for this academic year.

Key Stage Two SATs – these are going ahead apart from the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test.

Key Stage One SATs – are not going ahead but teachers will still assess the children in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Phonics Assessment – The Year One Phonic Assessment will still be going ahead.

Primary performance data will not be published for this academic year.

If you have any more questions – please do not hesitate to ask me.

Over the course of this term, as a school, we have purchased a memorial bench for Mr Whittaker. If you wish to see it, it is currently in the Woodland area but soon we are moving this to the field for the children.

Warmest regards  
Rachel Roberts



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## NOTICE BOARD

### Friends of Croft Advent Trail

Lots of local residents are taking part to light up the village and spread some festive cheer, a full list of houses taking part is available from the school office.

### Wraparound Care

The booking form for January is now available on the school website or from the office, don't forget we are able to take Childcare vouchers and Government vouchers

The Official Christmas Jumper day is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Children are invited to wear their most festive jumpers/tshirts/reindeer antlers etc in support of the NSPCC, there is a voluntary donation of £1 to take part with all proceeds going straight to the NSPCC



A Massive Thank you to the lovely people at Oakberry Trees in Dunton Bassett for donating the beautiful Christmas tree.

And also a huge Thank you to the School Governors for giving up their weekend to decorate the outside of the school, it looks lovely and festive.

### Christmas Prize Draw

Although we cannot hold our usual end of term Christmas raffle this year during the Infant Nativity, we are still holding a 'Christmas Prize Draw'

The staff have very kindly been donating items to make a huge hamper full of goodies.

There are also several other lovely prizes to be won.

Tickets can be bought from the school office during morning drop off or by sending in the correct money in an envelope clearly marked with your name.



### A Gift from Croft Church

We all realise Christmas is not going to be the same this year, and one of the sad casualties of Covid restrictions is the Christingle service on Christmas Eve up at church. We simply cannot pack in all of the families that we usually do.

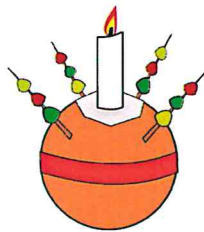
But never fear! We have put our thinking caps on! So, if you cannot come to Christingle at church this year, it is coming to you in school and at home!

Firstly, a fun virtual Christingle assembly will be shown in every class at school! Then, a gift bag will be sent home with each student with lots of good things inside to make a Christingle at home and more! Just add fruit!

There will be a card inside the bag with a link to a Christingle service that the whole family can watch too!

We hope you enjoy this gift from us, and that if you feel you would like to make a contribution to the Childrens Society who work with children and teenagers that have difficult home lives and those who have run away and are extremely vulnerable, there is a QR code to give a donation. But that is completely up to you.

There will be two services in church over the Christmas period. A late evening communion service at 10pm on Christmas Eve and a Family Communion service on Christmas Day at 10am. Space is limited for these because of restrictions to keep everyone safe so perhaps contact Revd Sharon if you would like to book a place!



Happy Christmas from Revd Sharon and Revd Laura and all the team at Croft Church!

