



HEADlines

Croft Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Dates for your Diary:

2021

Spring Term

School closes – Fri 26 Mar

Summer Term

School opens – 12 April

May Day BH – 3 May

Half Term – 31 May to 4 Jun

Year 6 PGL Trip – 28 Jun

School closes – 9 Jul

Autumn Term

School opens – 25 Aug

Bank Holiday – 30 Aug

Half Term – 18 to 22 Oct

School closes – 17 Dec

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are so excited about welcoming the children back to school on the 8th March. It is going to be wonderful to have the school full once again. We are very aware that many children will be nervous about coming back in to school after such a long time at home. When all of the children are back in, we shall be focusing on their well-being and happiness. Our curriculum will focus on reconnecting and relationships. Please find below a link to a superb website to support you as families on your child's well-being. <https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>

It is not only a worrying time for children, but also for families. We are working very hard to make sure school is as safe as possible. Our full risk assessment is on the school website. The children will be washing their hands more often than before, we shall be teaching them 'catch it, bin it, kill it' motto from the government. Children will stay in their class groups for the majority of the day. Key Stage One will eat together in the hall and then the hall will be cleaned ready for Key stage Two to eat at 12.30pm. During this period of lockdown, in school children have been allowed to come to school in their PE kits on the days they are doing PE. For the rest of the academic year, we shall be continuing to do this. All teachers will remind you of the correct days for your child. Please remember that school PE kit is white or red t-shirt, black/grey/navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a black/grey/red jumper – no hoodies and trainers. All other days the children should be wearing their school uniform. We fully understand that children will have grown over the course of lockdown. Please see below for more information about a used school uniform.

We need your full support when bringing your child to school and on the pickup times. Last time we were in this situation, we did not need to stagger the start and end times of the day because all families did a super job on following our rules. Please can we all make a huge effort with this. Here is a reminder of the rules we have put into place so that everyone is protected:

1. All adults unless exempt, are to wear face coverings
2. Everyone is to enter the school via the pedestrian gate and up the path
3. Foundation Stage children are to enter via the Woodland area gate
4. All other year groups are to walk up the path to the main playground gates.
5. Children are to be taken to their classroom door and they can enter as soon as they are on the playground. The gate will be open at 8.40am so please do not get to school before this time.
6. After dropping your child off, please exit through the gates behind the mobile classrooms and walk throughout the carpark and out of the carpark gates.
7. At pickup time, please do not get to school before 3.10pm as the gates will not be open. This is to protect everyone from too many people congregating in the playground for any length of time.
8. Please wait outside your child's classroom.
9. As soon as your child's class teacher sees you, they will send your child out to you.
10. As soon as you collect your child, please leave the playground.
11. Our school carpark is only for staff parking and disabled parking. If you have a blue badge, you are able to use the carpark. Please remember that the gates will be shut at 2.50pm and they will reopen at 3.30pm.

Please remember to be considerate with parking. Do not park on the yellow zigzag line. Do not park on the bends or near the bends as it is very dangerous. Do not drop your child off at the top of the cul-de-sac whilst the engine is still running as this is really dangerous, not only for your child but for others near the car. The police continue to work with us to ensure that everyone abides by the rules.

Curriculum

There are many new programs that we have invested in recently to support the children in their learning and their well-being. We shall be producing a separate letter regarding the exciting new changes.

School uniform sale

On Thursday and Friday of this week, we will be running a uniform shop of donated school uniform. This will be held in the playground at the end of the school day. There will be tables set out with uniform. Please come and select what you need. We are not setting costs but please give a donation of what you can. This money will go directly back into the school to provide more books for our library.

Staffing news

Mrs. Marian Bodycote and Ms. Kate Jones will be joining our staff team. We are really looking forward to welcoming them into our very special team.

Ms. Sara Holden is now working from home due to the stage of pregnancy and COVID guidelines. She is still continuing working very closely with her class and as her role of SENCO. If you need to contact her, please email the school and she will be in touch. She will be continuing to meet with parents via ZOOM meetings.

Mrs. Sarah Lightbown is now working from home as she is heavily pregnant.

Bungalow news

Building work is to start very soon on the bungalow. It is going to be used as the offices for the EMBRACE central team. We look forward to welcoming them onto our school site.

World Book Day

On the 4th March it is World Book Day. If your child is in school this week, they are allowed to either dress up as their favourite book character or non-school uniform. We shall have lots of fun activities running in school. Activities that are running in school will also be on Class Dojo for the children who are at home this week.

Warmest regards

Rachel Roberts

Wraparound Care

Our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs restart on 8th March, the booking form can be found on the front page of the school website or by emailing the school office.

Polite Reminder

Scooters and Bikes must not be ridden on the school grounds under any circumstances.

The School Food Support Service is open every Friday between 10am & 2pm

If you need to make use of it, or you know anyone in the wider community who may be struggling please come along, it is completely free and confidential.

It is there to help.