

Croft Newsletter – September 2025

We've had a very positive start to the term. This week, we welcomed the Director of Education for the Trust along with our new CEO. During their visit, they toured the school and noted how polite and focused the children were and how confidently they spoke about their learning. Year 6 have also been on their residential to Caythorpe in Lincolnshire. A great time was had by all. The children showed great determination and resilience—especially when faced with activities that pushed them outside their comfort zones. Their attitude and teamwork were commendable throughout.

Over the next couple of weeks the children will continue to practice the songs for the Harvest service (6th Oct), we also have EYFS open morning (19th September) for prospective new starters.

Miss Clarke and Miss Down





Class updates – Let Your Light Shine *Matthew 5:12*

PRE-SCHOOL

Pre-school have had a wonderful week talking about themselves and their families. We have been working hard on how we move our bodies and that it's important to use our muscles to keep us strong!



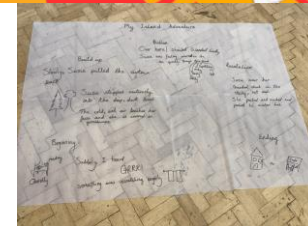
RECEPTION

We have had a fantastic week starting our full timetable! The children have been learning to count in maths, what creation means in RE, we have spoken all about ourselves and our families.



YEAR 1/2

We have had a fantastic week of creativity! Our pupils have been crafting their own island adventure stories. In science this week, we have been looking at animal diets, using the key vocabulary of Omnivore, Herbivore, and



Carnivore. Our budding musicians have been tapping, clapping, and grooving as they explore the rhythm in different musical pieces!



YEAR 3/4

Emerald Class have had a fantastic week writing character descriptions of 'Stig' - not only is the quality of their writing of a high standard, with children including fronted adverbials, prepositions and powerful verbs, but their ability to write at length is getting better every day, as is their focus and resilience - we are super proud of them all! It's been wonderful to hear the enthusiasm and excitement this week as children take part in their PE lessons with Mr Bedford. Teamwork is a real strength this week for Emerald.

And finally, children are really engaging with our History unit on the Stone Age. We've focused this week on hunter-gatherers and how archaeologists have helped us to learn about this period. Keep shining, Emerald!

YEAR 5

Topaz have worked incredibly hard in their Literacy lessons and have produced some fantastic character descriptions. They've made a real effort with their presentation and handwriting, and it's been wonderful to see their pride as they look back through their books. Their creative imaginations have truly shone through, and they've thoroughly enjoyed both sharing their own stories and listening to each other's. The positive feedback they've given one another shows brilliant teamwork and a supportive classroom environment. Well done, Topaz!

YEAR 6

Amethyst have had an amazing adventure at PGL and have returned with many stories to share – although they are all exhausted! Despite their tiredness, they have settled back into routine and are focusing on working hard. They have already made a great start on their diary entries.



Subject Spotlight

History

For our History Curriculum we use 'History Seekers.' It is designed to align with the national curriculum and aims to make history engaging and meaningful.

Enquiry-Based Learning: Lessons are structured around big questions to spark curiosity and promote deeper thinking about historical events and concepts.

Progressive Structure: The curriculum builds knowledge and skills year by year, ensuring children develop a secure understanding of chronology, cause and effect, and historical interpretation.

Inclusive and Adaptable: The curriculum includes strategies for supporting EAL learners and adapting lessons to suit different classroom needs.

This term our classes are studying:

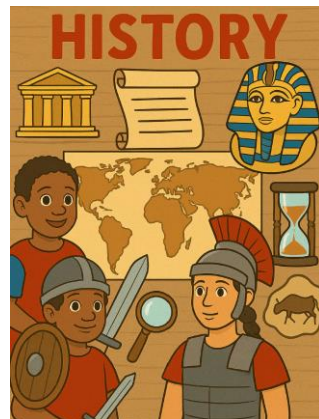
Ruby: What is my family tree?

Diamond: Historical enquiry

Emerald: Stone Age to Iron Age

Topaz: Vikings and Anglo-Saxons

Amethyst: Vikings and Anglo-Saxons



Embrace Spotlight



Joe is the central IT Manager for Embrace, supporting all schools across the Trust. He ensures reliable IT systems are in place to support teaching and learning, while also providing technical support and driving the Embrace IT strategy. Joe heads up a great team who support both remotely and in schools to ensure everything runs smoothly.



Joe is also part of the Ed-Tech team with Mrs Chadwick from Huncote Primary School, the team that helps integrate new technology into classrooms.

Outside of work, Joe loves to spend time with his family and cheering on Liverpool FC.



Friends of Croft

We are a welcoming group of parents and staff who work together throughout the year to organise fundraising events that support and enrich the experience of children at Croft Primary School.

Thanks to your generosity, we've been able to contribute to a range of valuable resources, including:

- The Active Wall
- Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies
- Buddy Bench
- Class Headphone Sets
- Contributions towards new iPads
- Easter Gifts
- Supplies for the Peace Garden

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 25th Sept 3.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend. If meetings aren't quite your thing, we'd still love your support—any help with upcoming events, no matter how small, is always greatly appreciated.

WE NEED YOU



Come and join our PTA "Friends of Croft"

Who can join?

Parents
Guardians
Carers
Grandparents
Friends within the community
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

What does it involve?

**YOU CAN BE AS
INVOLVED AS YOUR
LIKE!**

Attend meetings
Share your ideas
Help plan events
Attend events

Why join?

Help our children succeed
Improve the school initiatives
Strengthen community ties
Share your ideas
Create connections
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN US AT OUR FIRST MEETING OF 2025

Thursday 25th September 2025 at 3.30pm at Croft Primary School

Refreshments will be available. Children welcome

LAST YEAR: Our fundraising allowed us to purchase new disco lights for school discos and show productions and 7 new iPads to improve our children's learning. This year, we want to do more!

WANT TO JOIN? Amazing! Simply come along to the meeting or sign up to our mailing list at friendsofcroft@hotmail.com



Attendance

Class Attendance week beginning 8th September

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance overall
Ruby	97.7%	99.3%
Diamond	99.4%	99.3%
Emerald	99.5%	99.1%
Topaz	100%	98%
Amethyst	95%	97.9%

Diary Dates



September Tuesday 16 th am	Flu Immunisations
September Friday 19 th am	EYFS Open Morning – prospective <u>new</u> parents to either Nursery or Reception
September Tuesday 23 rd	Brockington Open Morning for Year 6 pupils
September Wednesday 24 th	Brockington Open Evening for Year 6 pupils
September Thursday 25 th	Friends of Croft Meeting 3:30-4:00 @ School
October Monday 6 th	Harvest Visit to Church
October Wed 1 st - Wed 8 th	Book Fayre
October Tuesday 7 th	Parents Phonic Workshop (3:30-4)
October Thursday 9 th	Spooky Film Night
October Friday 17 th	'Wear Red for Racism' day
October Friday 17 th	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
October Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th	Half Term
October Friday 31 st	Individual Pupil Photographs
November Monday 10 th pm	EYFS Open Afternoon
November Monday 11 th	Anti Bullying Week
November Friday 14 th	Children in Need Day
November Friday 28th	Trust INSET Day – School Closed
November Saturday 29 th	Christmas Fair
December Monday 1 st	Christingle
December Wednesday 3 rd	Parents Evening
December Thursday 4 th	Parents Evening
December Wednesday 10 th	Christmas Service at Church
December Thursday 11 th	Christmas Disco
December Friday 12 th	Fundraisers Doughnut Treat
December Monday 15 th	Nativity Ruby
December Tuesday 16 th	Diamond Xmas Performance
December Friday 19 th	Christmas Holidays
January Wed 7 th pm	Pantomime Performance (in school)

Wraparound and Clubs

Breakfast Club

We are now able to offer Breakfast Club provision from 8am each morning – this is £3 per session and can be booked through the school office.



Afterschool Clubs

We have an exciting array of afterschool clubs:

Monday – Cookery

Tuesday – Pottery

Wednesday- Art & Craft or Multi-sports

Thursday – Football or Lego

Friday – Youth Club



We can also offer short stay wraparound charged at £1 per 15mins

Please contact the school office for further information and to book places.

MACMILLAN



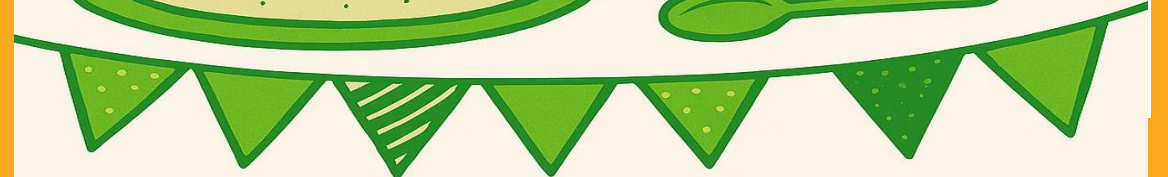
CAKE SALE

**FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
AFTER SCHOOL
ON THE PLAYGROUND**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO MACMILLAN

Please could all children bring in cakes that Friday morning.

If you would like a tin or box returned, please label them.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Adopting SAFE & HEALTHY ONLINE HABITS

Everyone has so much going on in their lives, and that includes children: from exams and deadlines to anxiety and mental health struggles. It's quite easy to send memes, make jokes and vent online about the things that irritate us, but when was the last time you – or your child – took a moment to share something kind or positive instead? In fact, when did you last stop and think about your family's online activities? To help keep them safe and teach them healthy online habits, we need to develop our children's digital resilience. There are lots of ways that children can become more digitally resilient, and we've pulled together some popular strategies here...

WHAT IS DIGITAL RESILIENCE?

Resilience doesn't mean being so tough that nothing gets to you, and it's not about "putting up with things" either. Instead, it's the ability to recover from setbacks. Everyone feels sad, worried, scared or upset at times: it's how we respond and adapt to these situations which is important. Digital resilience is about making choices that keep us safe and happy online, even when we're exposed to something negative or upsetting. Building your child's digital resilience will help reduce the impact of potential risks as they engage with and navigate around the online world.

REACH OUT FOR SUPPORT

- ✓ If you have a problem online, don't be afraid to reach out to specialist people or organisations that could help.
- ✓ Follow people on socials who have the same values and morals as you.
- ✓ You could always talk to a friend, or a trusted adult like a teacher or family member for some advice.

MAKE POSITIVE LIFESTYLE CHOICES

- ✓ Make time for the people and things that make you happy.
- ✓ Monitor your screen time and stick to your limits.
- ✓ On social media, follow people that make you feel good about yourself – and unfollow the ones who don't.
- ✓ Spread some positivity: post good reviews, leave encouraging comments and share good news.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

- ✓ If you see something online that upsets or worries you, tell a trusted adult about it as soon as possible.
- ✓ You could also report the content that's making you feel uncomfortable to the site or app that you saw it on, so they can look into it.
- ✓ Another option is to block the person or the account that's causing you a problem – or you could go one step further by totally deleting the app you were using.

KEEP YOUR HEALTH IN MIND

- ✓ Try to factor in regular breaks offline and away from your screen – ideally, outdoors for some revitalising fresh air.
- ✓ Exercise is a brilliant stress-buster: even a walk around the block, a bike ride or a stroll to your local shop can really work wonders.
- ✓ Be strict with yourself about putting devices away in plenty of time before bed: they can interfere with a good night's sleep, which is essential for staying healthy.

GET THINGS CLEAR IN YOUR HEAD

- ✓ Ask yourself what kindness online actually looks like. Can you remember the last time someone was kind or supportive towards you online? What did they do?
- ✓ Think about how it makes you feel when someone sends you a positive or funny message online.
- ✓ What about the opposite: has someone ever been deliberately unkind to you online? What did they do and how did it make you feel?
- ✓ If someone's behaviour online is causing you stress, try to remind yourself of all the steps you can take if a person's being unkind online.

Meet Our Expert

Cathy Jorgensen is a registered counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, working in private practice to offer counselling to children, teenagers and young adults. She is the founder of Empower Support, a mobile app focusing on mental health awareness with the goal of providing resources and solutions to schools worldwide.

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Communication

At Croft C of E Primary School, we value clear and consistent communication between home and school.

Parents and carers can contact us via:

-Email admin@croft.embracemat.org

-Phone 01455 282643

-Class Dojo.



We also use these same methods to share updates, reminders, and event dates—posted regularly on Class Dojo and included in our fortnightly newsletter.

We aim to respond to all enquiries within 24 hours, during office hours of 8:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

St Michaels and All Angels



Saturday Lunches

FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FROM 12:00 - 13:30

Join us at St Michael and All Angels Church,
Croft for a two course lunch with tea/coffee

SEPTMBER
OCTOBER

£5 per person
payable in cash on the day

NOVEMBER
DECEMBER*

First come, first served
Bring a friend and enjoy our beautiful church
and sociable atmosphere

*December details to follow as this will be a pre-book event



GUIDED BEER TASTING

Join us for a beer tasting experience hosted by a brewer with over two decades of experience in the industry.

During the evening you will be guided through a selection of beer styles.

There will also be plenty of time to learn about how beer is made at different scales of production, hear some anecdotes from the industry followed by a home brewer's Q&A session.

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 19:00

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, CROFT

TICKETS £15 PP
CONTACT CLAIRE ON 07423 041399
OR CROFTCHURCHSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

