



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all the staff at Cromford Church of England Primary School

Brass Concert (6th December)

Thank you to all who came to the brass concert. The children played and sang with a great deal of enthusiasm and enjoyment. It is lovely to watch their progress.

Pantomime (8th December)

We really enjoyed our visit to the pantomime. The children joined in with the fun and behaved fantastically. Thank you also to the PTA for funding the coach for this event.

Christmas Fair (9th December)

The Christmas Fair was again a great success. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the event and to everyone who came to support us. We raised approximately £577.

Christmas Play (13th and 14th December)

Our performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action' were really well attended. The children sang, danced and acted brilliantly.

Christmas Activities (16th December)

Our thanks to St Mary's Church for coming and providing a morning of Christmas Activities for the children.

Carol Service, (19th December)

The children treated us to a lovely Carol Service. They sang and read really well. It was good to see so many friends, family and members of community there.

Staffing

We wish Miss Michelle Hill well as she moves on to a new job in January and would like to thank her for all her work with us this year.

I'm pleased to be able to tell you that we have appointed Mrs Helena Beaumont to the post of Class Teacher in the Juniors. She will be teaching all day Thursday and Friday morning. Mrs Beaumont is an experienced Primary School teacher and she has already been into school to get to know the children.

Learn, aspire and achieve in a caring Christian environment

Remember to look at our school website - www.cromfordcofeschool.com

The school is now on Twitter, @CromfordPrimary - please follow us.

School lunches - 2.00 per day, £10.00 per week,

If your child is ill please telephone the school before 10.00 am on the first day of absence.

We are currently advertising for a Specialist Teaching and Learning Assistant. Please follow the link <https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk> to view the advert.

Thank you to Callum Robinson (Mrs Robinson's son) for making the story telling chair.

Attendance

Thank you to everyone for your help in improving our attendance rates. I'm pleased to say that we are seeing an increasing number of pupils here for at least 95% of the time.

School Lunches - Theme Days

School Catering are offering theme day lunches on the following dates:

Thursday, 26th January - Chinese New Year (Pork or Vegetable balls with sweet and sour sauce, rice or noodles, sweetcorn and carrots, naan bread/mandarin ice cream or organic yoghurt or fresh fruit)

Friday, 10th February - Friendship Day (Chicken or vegetable wrap, chips, sweetcorn and salad selection/cookie or organic yoghurt or fresh fruit)

Thursday, 2nd March - World Book Day (Sausage or vegetarian hot dog, diced potatoes, baked beans and peas/carrot cake or organic yoghurt or fresh fruit)

For children who have a packed lunch only - please complete the slip below if you would like your child to have a lunch on either of these days.

Private School Fund

The private school fund is audited by an independent auditor once a year (usually in September) and then is presented to governors at the Full Governors meeting. The report from the auditor is signed by the Chair of Governors.

Please note there are brochures in the foyer about Spring courses at Derbyshire Eco Centre.

Inclement Weather

Please ensure that children have suitable outdoor wear (warm coat) and appropriate footwear. If children come to school in boots or wellingtons, please ensure that they have shoes to wear in school. To ensure that boots/wellingtons are kept together please provide a wooden peg (with child's name) - thank you to Mrs Louise Taylor for this practical idea.

If we have to close the School due to snow please listen to:

Radio Derby - 104.5 FM / Capital FM - 95-106 FM / Peak FM - 107.4 FM

or check their websites. We will inform parents by text and via our website or Derbyshire County Council website, www.derbyshire.gov.uk. Please let us know if you have changed your mobile phone number.

After School Club, 3.30-4.30 pm - Monday to Thursday

Activities are:

Monday - Sport

Tuesday - Dance

Wednesday - Forest Schools

Thursday - Creative art/crafts

Please note reception children will be able to attend After School Club from January. Cost: £2 per child per session. No charge for Sports Club on Mondays. If you are unable to meet these costs please speak to either Mrs Foster or Mrs Hamilton.

The club will start on **Wednesday, 4th January 2017.**

Please complete the slip below if you would like your child to attend the After School Club.

If you are able to help at the Forest Schools sessions (Wednesday) or Creative Art (Thursday) please complete the slip below and we will put a rota together.

School Times

We would like to emphasise how important it is that children arrive on time for school. School starts at **8.45 am** and gates open from **8.35 am**. Children who regularly arrive late may be referred to the School Attendance Officer.

The door to the Infant Class will remain locked in the morning until a member of staff is available to supervise pupils. This is to ensure the safety of our children.

PE Kits

A number of children are consistently forgetting to bring in a PE kit. Please ensure that children bring their PE kits to school on Mondays because both Infants and Junior do sport on a Monday afternoon. The PE kit can stay in school all week.

Music lessons

Infant Class - Reception, Year 1 and 2, singing and Year 2, recorder

Junior Class - Brass - either trumpet or trombone

We ask parents for a contribution to the lessons of: For the year: £30, per term: £10, weekly: £1

Please send the contribution in a sealed envelope with child's name on the front.

Swimming

Infant swimming from Thursday, 12th January to 23rd March 2017

Thursday, 27th April to 6th July 2017

Junior swimming from Wednesday, 11th January to 22nd March 2017

Wednesday, 26th April to 5th July 2017

Dates for diaries:

December

23rd, 7.15 pm

Carol Singing (accompanied by Cromford Community Band), Community Centre

Term Dates - 2016/2017

Autumn Term

Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday, 31st October to Tuesday, 20th December

CHRISTMAS BREAK - Wednesday, 21st December to Monday, 2nd January

Spring Term

Term 3 (2017) (6 weeks)

Wednesday, 4th January to Friday, 10th February

INSET 2 - Tuesday, 3rd January

HALF-TERM - Monday, 13th to 17th February

Term 4 (7 weeks)

Tuesday, 21st February to Friday, 7th April

INSET 3 - Monday, 20th February

Easter Break - Monday, 10th - Friday, 21st April

(Good Friday - 14th April and Easter Monday - 17th April)

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the After School Club, as below:

Monday - Sport	Tuesday - Dance	Wednesday - Forest Schools*	Thursday - Creative Art

Medical information: Contact Telephone Number:

*Parents will need to complete a more detailed form for this activity.

I can help at the: Forest Schools - Wednesday / Creative Art - Thursday
..... (please print your name)

Forest Schools (Wednesdays)	Creative Art (Thursday)
4 th January	5 th January
11 th January	12 th January
18 th January	19 th January
25 th January	26 th January
1 st February	2 nd February
8 th February	9 th February

Please tick as appropriate.

I would like my childto have lunch on theme days as below:

Thursday, 26th January (please tick)

Friday, 10th February (please tick)

Thursday, 2nd March (please tick)

School lunches cost £2.00

I enclose £ Signed: