



The Croft Church of England Primary School

Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social and British Values Calendar 2020 – 2021

Be happy: aspire, believe, achieve

Happiness is... the feeling you get when you help others and contribute to the world; when you work hard at something that was difficult to begin with; when you feel safe, cared for and respected; when you feel confident in your uniqueness and know where you are going.

Philippians 4:13

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'

These are just some of the events we have planned throughout the year. This does not include most events for individual year groups. This year school was closed from January 4th to March 8th due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This meant we could not organise school visits until June and activities had to be adapted.

Dates	Events	Aims
All Year	<p>Christian Values</p> <p>Each half term children will make a presentation in Collective Worship based on the Christian Value of the half term. These include Reverence, Wisdom, Thankfulness, Humility, Endurance, Service, Compassion, Trust, Peace, Forgiveness, Friendship, Justice, Hope, Creation, Koinonia and Respect. Each value will be celebrated in the weekly Newsletter.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the meaning of the core Christian Values • To understand why it is important to live our lives according to those values • To ensure that we all practise those values everyday
All Year	<p>Celebration Collective Worship</p> <p>Every Friday children's achievements are celebrated in Collective Worship. These achievements may be curricular, a demonstration of Christian values in practice or a positive attitude. Although the whole school could not gather in the hall the service was delivered live to each classroom on Teams.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To celebrate and have pride in achievement • To demonstrate an understanding of Christian Values • To celebrate everyone's achievement together

<p>All Year</p>	<p>Social Action Programme Children will take part in an active social action programme. Social action is about helping other people, doing community action, and preparing children to be a powerful force for good. It empowers children to make a difference in their local community and develop key leadership skills. Social Action is linked to each curriculum topic.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Cultural and Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop leadership skills and to use them to change the world • To learn how to become Inspirational leaders • To learn about courageous advocacy and as a result • To identify and help to make changes in the Local Community • To identify and help to make changes in the National Community • To identify and help to make changes in the Global Community
<p>Each half term</p>	<p>Christian Value Worship in St Peter's Church When possible, the whole school community will gather in St Peter's Church. The service will be led by the children and based on a Christian Value. Each week a Christian value is shared in the school newsletter to provoke thought and inspiration.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect upon and understand the Christian Value • To use passages in the bible as examples of this value • To celebrate this with the school community in Church
<p>19th September</p>	<p>Jeans for Genes day Children will wear Jeans for the day in return for a donation. They will learn about the Charity in whole school Collective Worship and why it is so important to support those families affected by genetic disorders.</p> 	<p>Social and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the difficulties some children and their families face • To encourage children to support other children who are affected by genetic disorder

<p>26th September</p>	<p>European Day of Languages Whole school European Day of Languages. Children in each class will learn about another European country, they will learn some of the language and songs and about the culture.</p> 	<p>Cultural British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the culture of other countries in the European Community • To respect the differences between cultures
<p>10th October</p>	<p>World Mental Health Day World Mental Health Day raises awareness of Mental Health and how to look after your mental health. Children will take part in a walk for well-being.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of issues around mental health • To make everyone aware that they should ask for help if they have any concerns • To discover ways to cope with problems and stress
<p>3rd October</p>	<p>Harvest Festival As we are unable to join together in our school hall for Harvest festival this year, each class will be working hard on creating a virtual harvest for you to enjoy. This will be shared by email with parents/carers on the first day back after half term. A huge Thank You to Mrs Waugh for also contributing to our service! We are raising money for 'Christian Aid' this year. We would really appreciate you helping us raise our target of £150 for this fantastic charity. You will be able to donate by following the link below on our just giving page. Thank you so much. https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/croft-school</p> 	<p>Spiritual and Moral British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the importance of harvest • To understand that there are parts of the world where people are starving • To understand how we can support those who are in need
<p>25th October</p>	<p>Diwali Day Pupils in Early Years and Out of School Club will learn all about the Festival of Lights, Diwali, which is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs across the world.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn about Diwali and its importance to Hindus and Sikhs • To understand why and how Diwali is celebrated around the world

<p>11th November</p>	<p>Remembrance Service</p> <p>There will be a whole school virtual Remembrance Service this year. This will be recorded and sent out to the whole school community. Children will write poetry and prayers to commemorate those who lost their lives in the service of their country. The whole school will stand in silence at 11am.</p>  <p>Display of work created by the children in the school hall.</p>	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <p>British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help children understand the importance of commemoration • Respect for the service of others to their country • To understand the sacrifices people made • To understand the impact of war
<p>13th November</p>	<p>BBC Children in Need</p> <p>Children will wear pyjamas or something spotty and make a donation. They will learn about the charity and how it helps children in a shared virtual Collective Worship.</p> 	<p>Moral, Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of children less fortunate than themselves both at home and in other countries • To allow children to support other children
<p>12th – 16th November</p>	<p>Anti-bullying week</p> <p>The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is to choose respect over bullying. Following a consultation with over 800 children, teachers and members of the Anti-Bullying Alliance, it emerged that a top priority was showing that bullying is a behaviour choice, and that children and young people can set a positive example by opting to respect each other at school, in their homes and communities, and online.</p> 	<p>Moral and Social</p> <p>British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reinforce our school's anti-bullying ethos • To ensure all children are equipped to recognise and challenge bullying behaviours • To make sure children understand their role if they think someone is being bullied • To make a positive contribution to society

<p>November</p>	<p>Darlington Town Mission Group This group has been established to combat loneliness and isolation in the elderly. As the group cannot meet at present, children from class 3 will be writing and receiving personal letters to and from members of the group.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Social and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how to be caring citizens • To understand that elderly people may be isolated and how we can help to improve lives
<p>November/ December</p>	<p>Advent/Christmas The whole school will take part in a range of activities and acts of Collective Worship.</p>  <p>Mrs Banks created the lovely Advent Candle Display.</p>	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reflect upon and understand the true meaning of Christmas within the Christian faith • To develop an understanding of the beliefs of others
<p>11th December</p>	<p>Christmas Jumper Day On this day children will be able to wear a Christmas Jumper and donations will be sent to support Children’s Charities. In Collective Worship children will learn about the charities.</p> 	<p>Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of children less fortunate than themselves both at home and in other countries • To allow children to support other children
<p>December</p>	<p>As staff will be unable to accept any gifts at Christmas, they request that instead of buying gifts, you may wish instead to make a donation to the King’s Church Foodbank, which is the local charity in Darlington that we supported last year.</p>  <p>Since Covid-19 the King’s Church Foodbank has seen a 40% increase in the use of this vital emergency food resource. King’s Foodbank is also currently supporting other Foodbanks in the local area to help</p>	<p>Spiritual and Moral British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the impact that the pandemic has had on people • To understand that there are people who need support from food • To understand how we can support those who are in need

meet the current increased needs. King's Foodbank operate an 'open door' policy which is non-judgemental and non-discriminatory, where anyone, young and old, who finds themselves in food poverty can self-refer. Croft School staff feel extremely privileged to have been able to carry on working throughout this year supporting our children and families and would like to ask that our school community supports this very vital service in Darlington in place of gifts

December 4th

Rishi Sunak Visit to School



We invited Rishi Sunak, our local MP, to cut the ribbon on the new Early Years climbing frame.

Full Covid risk assessments and protocols were in place throughout the visit and the vast majority of the visit took place outdoors.

Some of our children had the opportunity to perform for him and ask questions. The children thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, and it was a superb chance to meet a member of parliament.

Here are some of the comments from some of our pupils:

'I liked his hair.' Jaxon

'I liked his tie.' Neave

'Are we going to be famous?' Daniel

'I thought Mr Sunak was going to be very strict but he wasn't. He was nice and chatty.' Poppy

'He was respectful to all our speeches.' Oliver

'He had a kind smile.' Isabella

'He was funny.' Hannah

'He was joyful and he was kind.' Syd

'He let everyone speak.' Annabel

'...this experience was phenomenal. Then we got to sing our school song and he was cheering at the end!' Finlay

'I had no idea he would be so friendly.' Felicity

'He said, before he left, those words 'aspire, believe, achieve' are so catchy!' Evelyn

'Thank you Mr Sunak for coming to Croft School.' Kitty

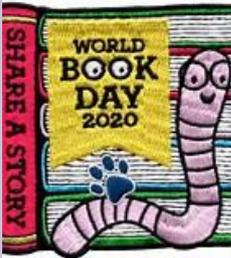
'I realised that he is a normal person with a warm smile and a big heart.' Amelie

'I thought his answers were really honest. He also wanted to know about us!' Class 4 School Council Members

We are hopeful that he will visit us again in the future.

British Values

- Children were able to ask a lot of their own questions about how decisions were made in parliament How it was decided where money was spent
- This gave them an insight into the workings of parliament and democracy

<p>February 1st – 7th</p>	<p>Children’s Mental Health Awareness Week The theme this year is 'Express Yourself' On Thursday afternoon, we will be having an 'Express Yourself Afternoon.' Children will showcase how they express themselves. They could read a poem that they have written, tell us about their favourite hobby, sing, act, dance, exercise or show us a piece of artwork that they have created. Please start thinking about what you will do over the weekend. These will be shared in class on the Thursday afternoon.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral and Social British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To emphasise the importance of mental health • To find ways to express feelings • To find activities which make you feel happy • To understand how to help and support others
<p>February 12th</p>	<p>Chinese New Year Workshop The whole school will work together to celebrate Chinese New Year in a variety of ways. They will sample Chinese food and learn about Chinese culture and celebrations.</p> 	<p>Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural British Values</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the culture and traditions of another country • To respect the differences between cultures • To learn about other faiths
<p>4th March</p>	<p>World Book Day Is a registered charity with an aim to turn millions of children into millions of readers. This is a day to provide inspiration to children to celebrate books and reading all year round.</p> <p>We would like all children both at home and in school (and staff!) to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Your child’s class teacher will share a gallery showcasing the costumes on Tapestry/seesaw.</p> <p>Every class teacher will be hosting a live story time with their class via teams on March 4th.</p> <p>We will be asking children to take part in a reading stars challenge via Tapestry/seesaw. We look forward to seeing all of the interesting places you can read! Some sharing a story tips can be found here. Your child’s teacher will share all of the pictures at the end of the week.</p> 	<p>Moral and Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve academic achievement • To improve self confidence • To aid development • To improve life chances

<p>March</p>	<p>March in March</p> <p>The March in March Team of six pupils are going to collectively walk, run, skip and jump over 26 miles each to raise money for foodbank charities.</p> <p>This will help so many local families less fortunate than ourselves through the local food bank charity 'Food for Thought'.</p>	<p>Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of children and families less fortunate than themselves • To allow children to support other children.
<p>19th March</p>	<p>Comic Relief</p> <p>Comic Relief is a UK Charity with a vision of a just world free from poverty. Children will learn about other children in the UK and the rest of the world who are less fortunate. They will raise funds to support the charity and its projects.</p> <p>Children will wear something red to support this good cause.</p> <div data-bbox="667 745 833 913" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Red Nose Day Friday 19th March, School council would like everyone to wear something red to school.</p> <p>To make everyone smile there is going to be 'Tell a joke session' on Thursday 18th March in each class. If you would like to take part, please write down your funniest joke and bring it into school by Thursday 18th March.</p> <p>Each class will vote for their favourite five jokes then they will be shared after Celebration Worship on Friday 19th March.</p> <p>Donations can be made at https://donation.comicrelief.com/</p>	<p>Social and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of children less fortunate than themselves both at home and in other countries • To enable children to support other children
<p>April</p>	<p>Silver Ladies Pen Pal Project</p> <p>Children will be writing pen pal letters to the Silver Ladies during lockdown. The project will reduce social isolation which has increased during the pandemic.</p> <p>The children will also create a little pack for the silver ladies to grow their own sunflowers. We will keep in touch with them to compare how our sunflowers are growing.</p>	<p>Spiritual, Social and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how to be caring citizens • To understand that elderly people may be isolated and how we can help to improve lives
<p>May</p>	<p>Kindness Quilt Project</p> <p>Children will create fabric appliqué self-portraits which will be sewn into the kindness quilt and displayed at the Bowes Museum between the end of July to January next year. They will be part of 6 community quilts that the Bowes Museum have been working on and will be displayed near to the reception/shop area on the ground floor so that they can be viewed without having to pay to enter the museum. This project will be led by Mrs Pyrah who also donated a copy of 'The Kindness Quilt' book from The Bowes which is for</p>	<p>Spiritual, Social and Moral</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To learn how to be kind and caring citizens • To be part of a community project to inspire kindness

	<p>school to keep.</p> 	
<p>June</p>	<p>Class 2 Visit Saltburn Class 2 children will visit Saltburn Beach as part of their curriculum topic 'The Seaside'.</p> 	<p>Moral, Social and cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve academic achievement through experience • To provide real, hands on learning experiences • To encourage awe and wonder of the world around them
<p>July</p>	<p>Class 4 Visit Grinton Moor Children will take part in a variety of outdoor activities including walks across the moors, local history and geography sessions, shelter building, fire lighting and orienteering.</p> 	<p>Moral, Social and cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve academic achievement through experience • To provide real, hands on learning experiences • To encourage awe and wonder of the world around them • To encourage self-confidence and independence • To develop team building skills
<p>July</p>	<p>Leavers Celebration and Prize Giving Year 6 pupils will perform a celebration of their years in Croft School. This will be followed by the award of prizes in recognition of attainment, achievement, hard work and personal qualities. Parents and governors will share the celebrations which will be held outdoors this year.</p>	<p>Spiritual, moral, social and cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build self-confidence by performing to an audience • To share in celebration of others successes



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