

CROFTON NEWS

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ISSUE 1

A message from the Headteacher > > >

I am delighted to share with you our new Crofton School newsletter. We have adopted a new shorter format, but will also be sending this to you on a much more frequent fortnightly basis.

I hope this will ensure you are kept up to date on events and information about our school, and give you a regular taste of student news too. You can also stay up to date with us through regularly by checking our [website](#) and following us on [Facebook](#).

We hope to use the newsletter to pass on good news stories about our students, whether in school or beyond. So if you wish to share anything about your child's achievements more widely do let us know!

Best wishes

Mr S Harrison



DIARY DATES

Mon 2nd Dec 2019
Apprenticeship Talk 6pm
College Fair 6:30pm

Tue 10 Dec 2019
Yr 7/8 Christmas Lunch
Yr 9 Parent Drop-in Sessions
Christmas Concert 7:00pm

Wed 11 Dec 2019
Christmas Concert 7:00pm

Thu 12 Dec 2019
Yr 9/10/11 Christmas Lunch

Fri 13 Dec 2019
Non school uniform day

Thu 19 Dec 2019
Yr 7 Pantomime

Fri 20 Dec 2019
End Of term



Safeguarding Tips for Parents > > >

I am sometimes asked about useful websites for parents to use to help safeguard their children or where to go for help and advice.

I have listed a few below. I hope you find them useful.

Miss A Knight

Common Sense Media

To learn more about the games or apps your children are using, Common Sense Media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



NetAware

NetAware brings together the NSPCC and O2 to help parents understand the dangers of some social media sites and online games.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



Internet Matters

Tons of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Includes information to set up devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

The logo for Internet Matters, featuring the text "internet matters.org" in white on a green rectangular background.

CEOP

CEOP helps keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. They help thousands of children and young people every year, as well as parents and carers who have been in similar situations.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



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A Christmas Carol

On the night before Charles Dickens was born, John Dickens and his heavily pregnant wife Elizabeth, attended a naval ball in the building we now call Groundlings Theatre. At around midnight she went into labour and a few hours later, on 7th February 1812, Portsmouth's most famous son was born into the world.

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens was performed at Groundlings Theatre, Portsmouth on 21st November 2019, and we were luckily enough to be in the audience.

"It is 1866 and two of Dickens' closest theatrical companions find themselves trapped in the footlights' glare. With the rest of the cast stuck on a train, actress Frances Ternan and Dickens' faithful tour manager George Dolby take on the daunting challenge of playing over 30 characters."

It was an amazing performance. In particular we liked how the audience were included as part of the play when we were "ignorance" and "want". We especially enjoyed how the actors managed to act all those characters on their own with different voices. All the props were on stage and character transitions happened smoothly throughout the performance.

"I thought it was good!"

"It was so cool." Lewis - Year 9

"It was really magical!" Ellie- Year 9

"The performance was absolutely spectacular!" Callum HM - Year 9

"I would watch it again." Callum C- Year 9

The Student Leadership Team